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1. The **@TexasGOP** just formally declared that homosexuality is an "abnormal lifestyle choice" and Biden's victory in 2020 was "illegitimate."

What corporations financially support the **@TexasGOP**?

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**@TexasGOP** 2. **@PepsiCo** donated \$15,000 to the **@TexasGOP** on 8/15/2021

<https://twitter.com/PepsiCo/status/1532723824453632000>

3. **@GetSpectrum** (Charter Communications) donated \$20,000 to the **@TexasGOP** on 1/31/22 and a total of \$120,000 since 2016

<https://twitter.com/CharterNewsroom/status/1531736604968116228>

4. Other corporate donors to the **@TexasGOP** (totals since 2016):

**@AltriaNews** (145K)

**@AnheuserBusch** (113K)

**@ATT** (125K)

**@Chevron** (32.5K)

**@Comcast** (5K)

**@Google** (25K)

**@GM** (5K)

**@MarathonPetroCo** (100K)

**@QuickenLoans** (25K)

**@Toyota** (25K)

**@UnitedHealthGrp** (45K)

**@USAA** (60K)

**@Verizon** (115K)

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**@QuickenLoans @Toyota @UnitedHealthGrp @USAA @Verizon** 5. We contacted all of these companies last year (after the **@TexasGOP** adopted the QAnon slogan) and asked if they would continue supporting the **@TexasGOP**

NO ONE RESPONDED <https://t.co/liVnVOHHpS>



**Texas GOP** ✓  
@TexasGOP

Official Twitter account for the Republican Party of Texas.

📍 Austin, TX 🌐 [texasgop.org](https://texasgop.org) 🗓️ Born July 4 📅 Joined May 2009

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## Corporations' Political Reckoning Began With a Newsletter

- Companies stop contributions after Popular Information article
- Judd Legum's newsletter has amassed 138,000 subscribers

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More details: <https://popular.info/p/update-facing-boycott-calls-pepsi> <https://t.co/g50ekoRaFu>

Popular Information contacted PepsiCo before publication last week and received no response. But, after the story went viral online Tuesday morning, the company contacted Popular Information and claimed that the check to the Texas Republican Party had actually been issued in the summer of 2020:

During presidential election years, PepsiCo has typically made donations supporting both the Democratic and Republican conventions in several states. In the summer of 2020, we donated to both the Democratic and Republican parties in Texas to support those state conventions. The check to the Republican party was not processed until August 2021. As a result, the donation was recorded then and disclosed in a recent filing.

The problem with this explanation, however, is that corporate checks generally expire within 180 days. PepsiCo told Popular Information that it had reissued the check to the Texas Republican Party sometime in 2021, but declined to specify the date. So PepsiCo is trying to leave the impression that the check was issued prior to the passage of the state's abortion ban, while declining to actually specify the date the check was issued.

Further, at any time before August 5, 2021, PepsiCo could have canceled the check to the Texas Republican Party. It chose not to.