

The Election of Republican National Committee Chair Is 'About the Money'



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The Republican National Committee ([RNC](#)) will shortly (Jan. 27) be holding its chairperson election.

I'm sorry to say, even if you have been a registered Republican and have been donating to their candidates for decades, you will not be voting. That privilege goes to but three representatives of each state or territory. That's 168 people in all.

As of now, there are three candidates for the job—incumbent Ronna McDaniel, attorney Harmeet Dhillon, and My Pillow, Inc.

CEO Mike Lindell.

[NBC](#), not always a reliable source when it comes to the GOP, is reporting discontent with McDaniel in Southern states: “From [Arizona](#) to [Florida](#), state parties are passing or considering votes of no confidence in McDaniel, demanding new leadership after three disappointing elections.”

We also have been hearing for some time about Ronna’s [lavish spending habits](#) that included more than \$500,000 in private jet expenses and \$64,000 at clothing retailers. (These figures have been disputed.)

Unfortunately, McDaniel is not alone. Her most serious competition—Mike Lindell—is evidently not getting much traction—Harmeet Dhillon, is not exactly Mother Teresa.

The Dhillon Law Group received around [\\$2 million](#) in disbursements from federal campaigns and committees since 2019 with over [\\$1.3 million](#) coming from the RNC.

Further, her firm received some [\\$814,714](#) from the Center for American Liberty, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit formed by Dhillon herself.

Now, we’re not in Nancy Pelosi territory with these figures—not even close—and I am a believer in the free market and wish people well. But there is a level of hypocrisy here.

Dhillon is a woman who once [assured us](#), “I am not a person who gets my income or my livelihood from the Republican Party. Unlike many people ... I don’t rely on the party.”

Okay, that was back in 2013, but, as H. L. Mencken famously warned us, “When somebody says it’s not about the money, it’s about the money.”

So what are we to glean from all this, since the vast majority of us will not be voting in that Jan. 27 election?

I have a recommendation to make: Do not make your political donations to amorphous organizations like the RNC. You have no control of where your money will be going or how it will be spent, or even if it is being used to support policies with which you agree. You could be working completely against what you believe in some instances.

Donate your money to individual candidates whose policies you know you approve. You can then follow the actions of those candidates to make sure they fulfill their promises.

When possible, make these donations personally at fundraisers and not online. For some time now we have all been inundated by constant political solicitations by email and text that have made those functions almost unusable for the purposes they were intended.

Online donations are increasingly difficult to track. Although you think you are contributing to one candidate, you may be donating to a group. And promises that your contributions will be multiplied by ridiculously high variables are impossible to verify and likely outright lies.

The language used in these online political solicitations make used car salesmen look good.

Use your political contributions wisely for the good of our republic. It's the sensible and patriotic thing to do.

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