

FEC Figures Show LaRouche With Broadest Base of Support

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Lyndon LaRouche is first among all candidates for the Democratic Presidential nomination in the breadth and depth of his base of support in the population, according to the latest, February 2004 Report on fundraising which every Presidential campaign must file with the Federal Election Commission.

With 36,281 “individual itemized contributions,” LaRouche leads Sen. John Kerry and the rest of the current candidates both in the nation as a whole, as well as in every one of the 15 states still to hold primaries before the Democratic Convention in July. In the “Super Tuesday” states, LaRouche had the highest number of contributors in the four largest—California, Maryland, New York, and Ohio, while Kerry led in Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Vermont. Moreover, besides being number one in the *number* of individual contributions nationally, LaRouche also leads all other candidates in absolute *amount* of individual contributions in Montana, Nebraska, and South Dakota.

The FEC requires every candidate to report as “individual itemized contributions” any contribution by an individual who has given \$200 or more to a candidate. Thus, this figure uniquely provides an objective tool to compare the breadth and depth of each candidate’s base of support, since it measures *both* outreach to new supporters (the \$2,000 limit on individual contributions requires continuous outreach to new supporters), and also indicates the continuing, active support of “old” contributors.

It is beyond obvious that such a hard core base of support for LaRouche, identified down to name and address, could only exist as a small part of a far larger *unidentified* base of support in the population. In an honest election, the support of the much larger, unidentified base would manifest itself in a big LaRouche vote. Exactly this happened in March 1986, when two LaRouche associates won the Illinois Democratic Primary for Lieutenant Governor and Secretary of State, and rocked the political establishment of the United States. Well-known pollster Michael McKeon had warned the Democratic National Committee even then, that LaRouche enjoyed a hardcore 25% base of support in much of the United States, which was capable of winning elections when mobilized.

TABLE 1
LaRouche Is Number One in Individual Itemized Contributions

	# of Cumulative Itemized Contributions	Cumulative Individual Contributions*	Matching Funds Received January 2004
LaRouche	36,281	\$ 6,735,378	\$ 838,848
Kerry	25,899	23,611,216	—
Edwards	18,836	17,724,534	3,368,039
Kucinich	6,215	5,430,327	735,665
Sharpton	1,859	416,190	—

Source: Federal Election Commission.

* Total individual contributions, inclusive of February 2004 Report.

Since that time, LaRouche’s credibility has only grown, through his never-wrong economic and political forecasts and world leadership.

The small size of LaRouche’s “average itemized contribution” demonstrates that many people are contributing repeatedly. For example, if a supporter gives \$25 eight times, his or her number of itemized contributions rises from zero to eight by the FEC’s calculation, and thus reduces the size of the *average* itemized contribution well below the \$200 reporting threshold.

Approximately \$5.2 million of the \$7.5 million LaRouche has raised in individual contributions is *itemized*—78%. Only itemized contributions, identified by name and address, can be attributed by state and included in the charts published here. However, LaRouche’s current \$2.3 million in un-itemized individual contributions represents a large, continuing base of support. Both the amount of the cumulative “average contribution,” and the current \$2.3 million in un-itemized contributions, show that LaRouche’s base of support is the “lower 80%” of the American population by family income-brackets—the same base that propelled Franklin Roosevelt to a landslide win in 1932.

TABLE 2

LaRouche Leads All Current Democratic Candidates in All Remaining Primary States

	# of Cumulative Itemized Contributions	Cumulative Individual Contributions*	Average Contribution**		# of Cumulative Itemized Contributions	Cumulative Individual Contributions*	Average Contribution**
Alabama				Montana			
Edwards	529	\$696,840	\$1,317.28	LaRouche	160	\$22,029	\$137.68
LaRouche	346	40,817	117.97	Kerry	14	2,945	210.36
Kerry	126	99,100	786.51	Kucinich	12	3,100	258.33
Sharpton	30	5,460	182.00	Edwards	11	8,535	775.91
Kucinich	10	3,227	322.75	Sharpton	1	25	25.00
Arkansas				Nebraska			
LaRouche	77	12,720	165.19	LaRouche	271	43,950	162.18
Edwards	73	60,970	835.21	Edwards	22	20,750	943.18
Kerry	22	7,160	325.45	Kerry	17	8,000	470.59
Sharpton	6	330	55.00	Kucinich	11	2,805	255.00
Kucinich	4	2,707	676.75	Sharpton	2	40	20.00
Idaho				New Jersey			
LaRouche	295	41,898	142.03	LaRouche	1,649	254,500	154.34
Kerry	96	59,976	624.75	Kerry	1,431	1,212,385	847.23
Kucinich	10	1,325	132.50	Edwards	398	352,650	886.06
Edwards	5	1,500	300.00	Sharpton	75	30,511	406.81
Sharpton	2	50	25.00	Kucinich	62	18,540	299.00
Illinois				Oregon			
LaRouche	1,543	155,815	100.98	LaRouche	621	98,934	159.32
Kerry	973	937,698	963.72	Edwards	201	121,655	605.25
Edwards	873	905,211	1,036.90	Kucinich	167	44,021	263.60
Kucinich	186	54,395	292.45	Kerry	122	47,215	387.01
Sharpton	51	18,355	359.90	Sharpton	9	401	44.56
Indiana				Pennsylvania			
LaRouche	567	71,697	126.45	LaRouche	2,774	420,926	151.74
Edwards	199	177,850	893.72	Kerry	675	469,854	696.08
Kerry	73	71,440	978.63	Edwards	493	512,055	1,038.65
Kucinich	17	8,665	509.75	Kucinich	65	14,912	229.42
Sharpton	8	361	45.13	Sharpton	40	22,004	550.10
Kentucky				Texas			
LaRouche	145	28,065	193.55	LaRouche	2,124	315,667	148.62
Edwards	141	175,455	1,244.36	Edwards	1,664	1,973,262	1,185.85
Kerry	54	20,775	384.72	Kerry	475	398,346	838.62
Kucinich	42	22,992	547.53	Kucinich	229	68,446	298.89
Sharpton	2	750	375.00	Sharpton	55	5,747	104.50
Louisiana				West Virginia			
LaRouche	264	34,085	129.11	LaRouche	71	15,245	214.72
Edwards	262	334,530	1,276.83	Edwards	35	28,800	822.86
Kerry	127	166,613	1,311.91	Kerry	17	3,275	192.65
Sharpton	39	16,660	427.18	Kucinich	11	3,438	312.55
Kucinich	4	1,200	300.00	Sharpton	1	1	1.00
Mississippi							
Edwards	181	301,160	1,663.87				
LaRouche	49	11,365	231.94				
Kerry	31	43,350	1,298.39				
Sharpton	18	6,500	361.11				
Kucinich	8	985	123.13				

* Inclusive of February 2004 Report. Includes only individual itemized contributions. The FEC requires only contributions by an individual who has contributed \$200 or more to a campaign to be itemized; i.e., identified by name and address. Thus, only itemized contributions can be attributed by state. Only 78% of LaRouche's individual contributions are itemized.

** The average individual itemized contribution, shown in the last column, can be less than \$200, because a person's transactions are zero until he or she contributes \$200; at that point, the contributor's total number of transactions are counted. In the case of LaRouche, this shows that many supporters have given many smaller contributions.

Source: Federal Election Commission.