

BUYING OPEN BORDERS *

Foundations play a major role in the immigration debate, but none more so than the Ford Foundation, one of the largest in the U.S. (or in the world, for that matter). The foundation has long bankrolled some of the main opponents of immigration reform. Below is the record of grants to immigration-related recipients.

Ford Foundation Funding of Anti-Immigration-Reform Organizations

(Source: Ford Foundation Annual Reports, 1968-2002)

Year	La Raza ^a	MALDEF ^b	LULAC ^c	NIF ^d	NIP-NLG ^e	Year Total
1968	\$630,000	\$2,200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$2,830,000
1969	\$21,595	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$21,595
1970	\$1,953,700	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,953,700
1971	\$150,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150,000
1972	\$800,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$800,000
1973	\$485,000	\$415,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$900,000
1974	\$425,000	\$825,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,250,000
1975	\$339,996	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$339,996
1976	\$271,984	\$750,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,021,984
1977	\$200,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$200,000
1978	\$300,000	\$887,200	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,187,200
1979	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1980	\$232,500	\$742,425	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$974,925
1981	\$240,000	\$391,660	\$15,200	\$0	\$0	\$646,860
1982	\$375,000	\$900,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,275,000
1983	\$162,732	\$822,350	\$0	\$152,110	\$0	\$1,137,192
1984	\$500,000	\$1,400,000	\$0	\$142,290	\$0	\$1,042,290
1985	\$0	\$1,256,000	\$0	\$55,600	\$15,000	\$1,326,600
1986	\$25,000	\$1,300,000	\$0	\$84,000	\$0	\$1,409,000
1987	\$110,000	\$630,000	\$0	\$517,030	\$0	\$1,257,030
1988	\$830,000	\$1,350,000	\$0	\$235,000	\$0	\$2,415,000
1989	\$452,000	\$295,000	\$134,000	\$435,000	\$48,000	\$1,364,000
1990	\$262,000	\$1,575,000	\$145,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$2,082,000
1991	\$1,250,000	\$792,000	\$330,000	\$460,000	\$50,000	\$2,882,000
1992	\$109,300	\$1,545,000	\$0	\$175,000	\$100,000	\$1,929,300
1993	\$2,850,000	\$850,000	\$300,000	\$567,900	\$100,000	\$4,667,900
1994	\$0	\$1,525,000	\$0	\$535,000	\$0	\$2,060,000
1995	\$3,535,000	\$995,000	\$450,000	\$130,000	\$0	\$5,110,000
1996	\$757,000	\$2,325,000	\$0	\$800,000	\$100,000	\$3,800,000
1997	\$1,315,000	\$1,200,000	\$0	\$770,000	\$0	\$3,285,000
1998	\$1,950,000	\$2,900,000	\$0	\$500,000	\$100,000	\$5,450,000
1999	\$1,190,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,190,000
2000	8,420,000	\$6,915,000	\$0	\$1,094,000	\$0	\$16,435,915
2001	400,000	\$600,000	\$0	\$95,000	\$0	\$1,095,000
2002	425,000	\$200,000	\$0	\$700,000	\$100,000	\$1,425,000
Total	\$30,785,807	\$35,586,635	\$1,374,200	\$7,447,930	\$613,000	\$75,914,487

^a National Council of La Raza

^b Mexican American Legal Defense and Education Fund

^c League of United Latin American Citizens

^d National Immigration Forum, formerly National Immigration, Refugee and Citizenship Forum

^e National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild

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