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## Sanders Ahead of Biden, but Not Trump, in Money Race. Still Trails in RCP National Average

The question Joe Biden and Elizabeth Warren must be asking is this:

How is it possible that an [apologist for Soviet communism and friend of Cuban and Nicaraguan Reds](#), who spent a large part of his young life [barely employed and living like a Bohemian bum](#), is not only a serious contender for the presidency but also raising more money than us?

Whatever the answer, Bernie Sanders pulled in nearly \$35 million in his fourth-quarter fundraising effort for 2019 and leads fellow Democrat contender Joe Biden by about \$50 million for the year.

The only candidate who beat Sanders in the money game? The Donald, with nearly \$50 million in Q4. But his fundraising powers aren't helping Sanders' get votes. Today, he dropped a little further behind former vice president Joe Biden, the undisputed frontrunner in the Real Clear Politics average of national polls that measure voter support.

### The Numbers

If money is the measure of support, however, Biden is the clear loser, and Warren even further behind. [Forbes magazine pulled together](#) news reports to provide a complete snapshot of the race for money.

Sanders raised \$34.5 million in Q4, a massive 36-percent increase over his \$25.3 million for Q3. Some 1.8 million donors sent an average \$18.53 to the elderly socialist.

[Sanders raised](#) \$74.4 in Q1-3, which means he hauled in \$108.8 million for the year.

Biden, [Forbes reported](#), raised 24.7 million, an increase of about 30 percent over his Q3 total. Last quarter, he raised \$19.1 million.

Added to his Q 1-3 \$37.8 million, Biden raised \$62.5 million for the year.

Sanders leads Biden in the money race by \$46.3 million.

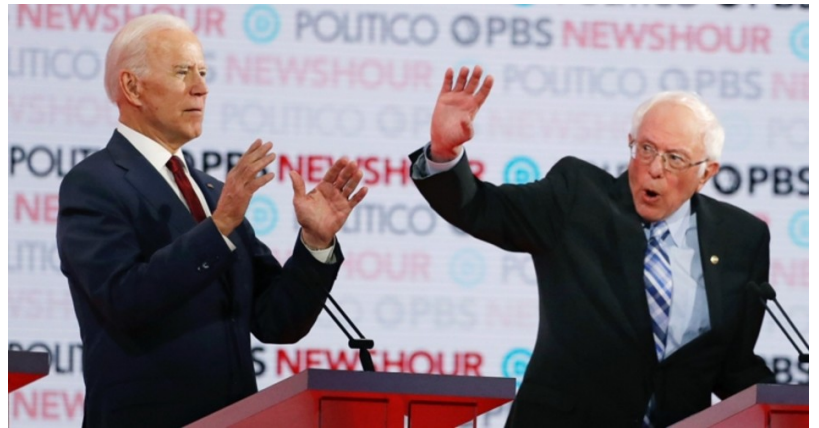
Warren's number for Q4 isn't available, but [Fox News reported](#) that the campaign expects less than she raised in Q3.

"Warren raised nearly \$25 million in the third quarter but appeared to be scrambling to reach \$20 million in the fourth, as her campaign made the unusual move of releasing its total to date early in order to drum up more cash," the network reported.

For Q1-3, [Warren collected](#) \$60.3 million.

But then comes President Trump.

He raised \$46 million in Q4, [Forbes reported](#), and posted \$143.7 million for the year. [He raised \\$97.7](#)





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[million](#) in the first three quarters.

But Trump's budget is much bigger than that, of course. Adding in associated Trump efforts, *Forbes* reported, brings his sum to more than \$300 million.

### **Last RCP Totals**

All that money Sanders raised, though, isn't helping him against Biden, [who still leads him](#) in the RCP average of national polls by 10 points, 28.6-18.6.

The latest two, *Economist/YouGov* of December 28-31 and Morning Consult December 23-29, put Biden up by 10 and 11 points.

The last time Sanders pulled even with Trump was an Emerson survey of November 17-20, and as *The New American* reported yesterday, Biden hasn't lost a poll since a Quinnipiac survey in October.

Never has any candidate seriously threatened Biden's lead in the RCP national average, although he has fallen behind in RCP's measure of polls for the all-important Iowa Caucuses and New Hampshire primary.

In Iowa, [homosexual mayor Pete Buttigieg leads Sanders](#) 22 percent to 20. Biden is third at 18.8.

[Biden sits in third](#) in New Hampshire as well. Sanders leads Buttigieg in the Granite State 19-17.7. Biden is polling at 14.3 percent.

Iowa votes on February 3, New Hampshire eight days later.

### **Trump vs. Democrats**

The top Democrat candidates, Biden, Sanders, and Warren, [generally lead Trump](#) in RCP's general election average, but some of those polls are close to if not within the margin of error.

And a [USA Today/Suffolk poll](#) in mid-December put Trump ahead of all the Democrat candidates.

The president is also performing well [in state polls](#).

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