

The Political Geography of Campaign Finance

**Fundraising and Contribution Patterns in
Presidential Elections, 2004–2012**

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