

## George Allen “Special”

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### Ad Justification

Claim	Backup
It's been said that Senator Allen sees the world “through oil-covered glasses.”	During a December debate, Senate candidate Tim Kaine “suggested that Allen was too close to traditional energy industries— voting for subsidies for ‘Big Oil’ — to be open to alternatives.” Kaine added: “We can’t have oil-covered glasses and look at everything that way.” [ <a href="#">Washington Post</a> , 12/7/11]
Allen voted three times to hike his own pay.	Allen voted “for three congressional pay hikes” while he was senator. [ <a href="#">Lynchburg News &amp; Advance</a> , 12/9/11; HR3338, <a href="#">Senate Vote 360</a> , 12/7/01; HR5005, <a href="#">Senate Vote 242</a> , 11/13/02; HR2989, <a href="#">Senate Vote 406</a> , 10/2/03]  Allen’s salary went up almost 20% while he was in the Senate- from \$141,300 to \$165,200. [ <a href="#">Dirksen Congressional Center</a> ]
Allen is “part of the culture of corruption in Washington.”	According to the Lynchburg News and Advance: “Allen’s come under fire from several tea party-affiliated candidates as being part of the culture of corruption in Washington.” [ <a href="#">Lynchburg News and Advance</a> , 12/9/11] <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Allen voted against landmark bipartisan campaign finance reform legislation to ban unregulated soft money contributions and limit corporate spending in elections. [HR2356, <a href="#">Senate Vote 54</a>, 3/20/02; S27, <a href="#">Senate Vote 64</a>, 4/2/01]</li><li>• In the midst of congressional scandals in 2006, Allen voted against a bipartisan amendment creating a Senate Office of Public Integrity. S2349, <a href="#">Senate Vote 77</a>, 3/28/06]</li><li>• Allen voted against strengthening restrictions on lobbyist gifts to members of Congress. [S2349, <a href="#">Senate Vote 80</a>, 3/29/06]</li></ul>
George Allen has one of the worst environmental records ever.	<b>George Allen has a long history of anti-environment votes.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Allen supported irresponsible anti-environment budgets such as FY05, FY06 and FY07 budget resolutions which each included \$3 billion decreases in funding for environmental programs and safeguards like funding for the</li></ul>

	<p>Clean Air and Water Acts. [SCRes95, <a href="#">Senate Vote 58</a>, 3/12/04; HCRes95, <a href="#">Senate Vote 114</a>, 4/28/05; SCRes83, <a href="#">Senate Vote 60</a>, 3/16/06; <a href="#">Senate Vote 74</a>, 3/16/06]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In 2003, Allen voted against the bipartisan Climate Stewardship Act. The legislation would have required major industries, including power plants and oil companies, to collectively reduce U.S. emissions of greenhouse gases to 2000 emission levels by the year 2010. [S139, <a href="#">Senate Vote 420</a>, 10/30/03]</li> <li>• In 2005, Allen voted against instituting a new CAFÉ standard for cars and trucks of 40 miles per gallon by 2015. The new rule would save up to 3 million gallons of oil a day by the year 2020. [HR6, <a href="#">Senate Vote 157</a>, 6/23/05]</li> <li>• Allen voted against extending renewable energy tax credits. [SCRes83, <a href="#">Senate Vote 42</a>, 3/14/06]</li> <li>• Allen voted to allow oil and gas drilling in national monuments. [HCRes83, <a href="#">Senate Vote 229</a>, 7/11/01]</li> <li>• In 2003, Allen voted against \$3 billion for the Clean Water Fund. [HR2681, <a href="#">Senate Vote 449</a>, 11/12/03]</li> <li>• In 2003, Allen voted to allow the Bush EPA to ease restrictions on dirty coal plants. He voted against efforts to delay the EPA from implementing changes to new source review regulations that make it easier for dirty plants to expand their operations and increase air pollution without adopting pollution controls. [HJRes2, <a href="#">Senate Vote 12</a>, 1/22/03]</li> </ul>
<p>Allen voted for billions in special tax breaks for big oil.</p>	<p><b>Allen voted consistently to protect tax incentives and loopholes for oil and gas companies.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In 2004, Allen voted for the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 which included billions of dollars in tax credits for the oil and gas industry. [HR4520, <a href="#">Senate Vote 211</a>, 10/11/04]</li> <li>• Allen voted against eliminating a tax credit allowing oil companies to expense costs associated with exploration and development. The tax break was estimated to cost taxpayers \$2.4 billion over 5 years. [S2020, <a href="#">Senate Vote 332</a>, 11/17/05]</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allen twice rejected windfall profits tax for Big Oil in 2005. In November 2005, Allen voted against imposing a temporary 50% tax on oil company profits from the sale of any crude oil above \$40 a barrel. Revenues from the tax would be used to provide income tax rebates to consumers. The same day, Allen voted against a separate but similar windfall tax amendment that would use the revenue to provide a \$100 income tax credit for every personal exemption. [S2020, <a href="#">Senate Vote 331</a>, 11/17/05; S2020, <a href="#">Senate Vote 341</a>, 11/17/05; <a href="#">Houston Chronicle</a>, 11/17/05; <a href="#">Las Vegas Review-Journal</a>, 11/18/05; <a href="#">Environment and Energy Daily</a>, 11/18/05]</li> <li>• In 2006, Allen supported a tax bill containing more than \$5 billion in tax breaks for oil companies. In May 2006, the Senate adopted the final version of a \$70 billion tax cut package that included benefits for big oil. According to the Boston Globe, “Big oil companies won their push to keep intact accounting changes that stand to net them \$5.1 billion.” [HR4297, <a href="#">Senate Vote 118</a>, 5/11/06; <a href="#">Boston Globe</a>, 5/12/06; <a href="#">Washington Post</a>, 4/26/06]</li> </ul>
<p>Allen took almost half a million from oil companies.</p>	<p>George Allen took \$472,397 from the oil and gas industry for his campaigns for Congress and Senate, and when he left the Senate in 2006, he ranked second in Congress for campaign contributions from the energy sector. [<a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>; <a href="#">Center for Responsive Politics</a>]</p>
<p>Allen landed a cushy gig with his big oil pals, living the high life...consulting for energy corporations.</p>	<p><b>In 2009, Allen became the head of the American Energy Freedom Center, a special interest group funded by oil companies, Koch Industries and other dirty energy companies.</b> Their intent was “to stop Democratic energy and <a href="#">global warming</a> legislation and to encourage increased exploitation of domestic energy supplies including coal, offshore oil and nuclear power.” [<a href="#">New York Times</a>, 6/2/09; <a href="#">The Guardian</a>, 5/13/09]</p> <p><b>Allen has made hundreds of thousands of dollars consulting for mining companies including Peabody Energy and Alpha Natural Resources.</b> Despite being the namesake for George Allen Strategies, Allen has never registered as a lobbyist. Instead, his former staffer Paul Unger is listed as a lobbyist on all of the firm’s disclosures. [<a href="#">Washington Post</a>, 9/24/11; <a href="#">Senate Office of Public Records</a>;</p>

	<p><u>Washington Times</u>, 5/19/11]</p> <p><b>Allen refuses to release details about his consulting and advocacy work.</b> In September 2011, the Washington Post reported, “Allen has repeatedly talked about his support for coal and offshore drilling over the years, but his campaign declined to release names of donors to the nonprofit group, clients at the business he runs or what he did for the energy industry as a consultant.” [<u>Washington Post</u>, 9/24/11]</p>
Senator Allen earned a 1% from the League of Conservation Voters.	George Allen earned a 1% lifetime score from the League of Conservation Voters during his time in the Senate. He scored a 0% every year but one. [ <a href="#">LCV National Environmental Scorecard</a> ]