

# DCCC



# Battleground Brief

## DCCC ACTIVITY:

- The DCCC generated attention with our video highlighting House Republicans' obstruction of the Violence Against Women Act:



- **“Democrats Slam Republicans Over Opposition to the Violence Against Women Act”** [Buzzfeed, [2/5/13](#)]
- **“Eric Cantor Targeted Over Stalled Violence Against Women Act”** [Huffington Post, [2/5/13](#)]
- The DCCC released its end-of-the-year fundraising report, which showed the DCCC outraised the NRCC despite being in the minority. We now begin 2014 on strong financial footing:
  - **NRCC and DCCC Start 2014 Election Cycle on Level Playing Field** “The reports cap a fundraising cycle in which House Democrats raised more money than their Republican counterparts despite sitting in the minority.” [National Journal, [1/31/13](#)]
  - **DCCC ends 2012 cycle in better financial health** “The Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee finished the year in a better financial position than last cycle...The \$1.49 million cash on hand the committee had at the end of December is nearly \$800,000 more than they had at the same time in 2010.” [The Hill, [1/31/13](#)]

- **DCCC chair: Jan. record in member donations** "Rep. Steve Israel (D-N.Y.)...told House Democrats Thursday the committee had a record-breaking month in terms of member participation, raking in roughly \$2 million from members in January. The previous best January for member donations was \$1.3 million, and it's the most lucrative start to an election cycle for House Democrats." [Politico, [2/7/13](#)]
- The DCCC reached 3 million donations last cycle for the first time ever.

## RELEVANT NEWS:

- **Democrats seek to repeat Latino success** "Democrats are planning a vigorous campaign geared toward the nation's fastest-growing voting bloc, including media rollouts in Hispanic-heavy districts across the country...highlighting issues of central importance to the community, such as education, the economy, Medicare and especially immigration." [Politico, [2/5/13](#)]
- **GOPer: Immigration reform 'about buying off lawbreakers'** "He's not the only Republican using harsh language while discussing immigration proposals, something which has party strategists nervous. Many border hawks have been railing against the plan as 'amnesty.'" [The Hill, [2/4/13](#)]
- **Can Immigration Fix the GOP's Hispanic Problem?** "Republicans need to be able to convince these voters that they understand and empathize with the issues that are the most pressing to them. However, some of the most basic tenants of GOP ideology are unappealing to the majority of Hispanics." [Cook Political Report, [1/30/13](#)]
- **House GOP Cool on Citizenship Path** "House Republicans took a skeptical view Tuesday of opening a path to citizenship to people now in the country illegally, pointing to a fundamental disagreement with a bipartisan effort in the Senate." [Wall Street Journal, [2/6/13](#)]
- **House leaders duck the press** "House Republicans passed a debt ceiling increase Wednesday with as little fanfare as ever before...House Republican leadership's record on press access has dipped recently." [Politico, [1/23/13](#)]
- **Emails raise questions about Fla. Redistricting** "New documents are raising questions about whether Florida legislators ignored rules intended to prevent political parties and incumbents from influencing...redistricting...Emails show that top Republican Party of Florida officials met in late 2010 to 'brainstorm' redistricting with political consultants." [Mimi Herald, [2/4/13](#)]
- **Eric Cantor 4.0 seeks to rebrand House GOP** "His aides concede that all he's doing is 'taking policies that have been on the shelf for a while, or back burner, and elevating them.' He's not completely abandoning Republicans' core focus on slashing spending...This isn't Cantor's first crack at repackaging Republicanism. Or second. Or third...Much of what Cantor will say Tuesday is a rehash of what he's advocated over the past few years." [Politico, [2/4/13](#)]

## BY THE NUMBERS:

- Americans overwhelmingly oppose the Medicare cuts House Republicans are pushing, according to [a new poll](#) conducted for the Kaiser Family Foundation, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Harvard School of Public Health.
  - They found that “Americans want Washington to keep its hands off their Medicare.”
- A majority support a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants, as part of a comprehensive immigration reform effort, according to a [new CNN/ORC poll](#). This leaves House Republicans out of step with most Americans and even their Republican Senate colleagues.

## CANDIDATES:

- [CO-06]—Former Colorado House Speaker **Andrew Romanoff** [will run against](#) Republican Congressman Mike Coffman in CO-06. This is a 50-50 district and will be a top target next fall.
- [NY-19]—Investor and activist **Sean Eldridge** will challenge two-term Republican Congressman Chris Gibson in NY-19. Sean is already [receiving media attention](#) for his potential run, and would be a great addition to our LGBT Caucus.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Monday, February 11, 2013**  
**Chairman Israel's New York Political Update**  
New York, NY  
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- **Monday, February 11, 2013**  
**DCCC Speaker's Cabinet Dinner**  
Boston, MA  
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- **Wednesday, February 20, 2013**  
**DCCC Dinner hosted by Raysa and Alfy Fanjul and Rep. Frankel**  
Palm Beach, FL  
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- **Saturday, February 23, 2013**  
**DCCC Lunch Hosted by Rep. Castro**  
San Antonio, TX  
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- **Saturday, February 24, 2013**  
**DCCC Reception Hosted by Rep. Cuellar**  
Laredo, TX  
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- **Sunday, March 10, 2013**  
**DCCC Dinner Hosted by Dr. John Sperling**  
Phoenix, AZ  
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- **Friday, March 22, 2013- Saturday, March 23, 2013**  
**DCCC Annual New York Issues Conference**  
New York, NY  
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