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Q. Is Bob Hope the richest actor in show business? Did he contribute more to the Nixon 1972 campaign than any other show person?—Moses Albright, Cleveland, Ohio.

A. Republican Bob Hope, richest actor in show business—estimated wealth \$300 million—contributed \$50,000 to the Nixon campaign in 1972. Others in show business, not actors, contributed more. For example, Jack Warner, last of the Warner Bros., contributed \$100,000 to Nixon. Ted Ashley, chairman of Warner Bros., contributed \$137,056. Jules Stein, the eye-physician-turned-band-booker who founded MCA, contributed \$117,822. Taft Schreiber, also of MCA, and once Ronald Reagan's agent, contributed \$66,102. Jack Wrather, owner of the *Lassie* TV series, contributed \$84,059. Producer Hal Wallis contributed \$7500.