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Wealthy politicians

James Carroll's recent article ["Most Kentucky congressional members are millionaires"](#) juxtaposed the wealth of Congress with the issues of extending unemployment benefits, raising the minimum wage and income inequality in the United States. An inference is that rich congressional leaders are not in touch with the average American household and not in any place to lead on these issues.

Being rich or poor doesn't make a good leader. Most experts agree ethical leadership requires individuals dedicated to serving others and who are concerned with how their decisions impact all people. I hope voters are looking for value-based and ethically driven leaders, not the richest or poorest candidates.

The real triumphs of this story are that this financial information is available to citizens, that we can hold our elected leaders accountable when they use their official position for personal gain and that our press can report it.

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