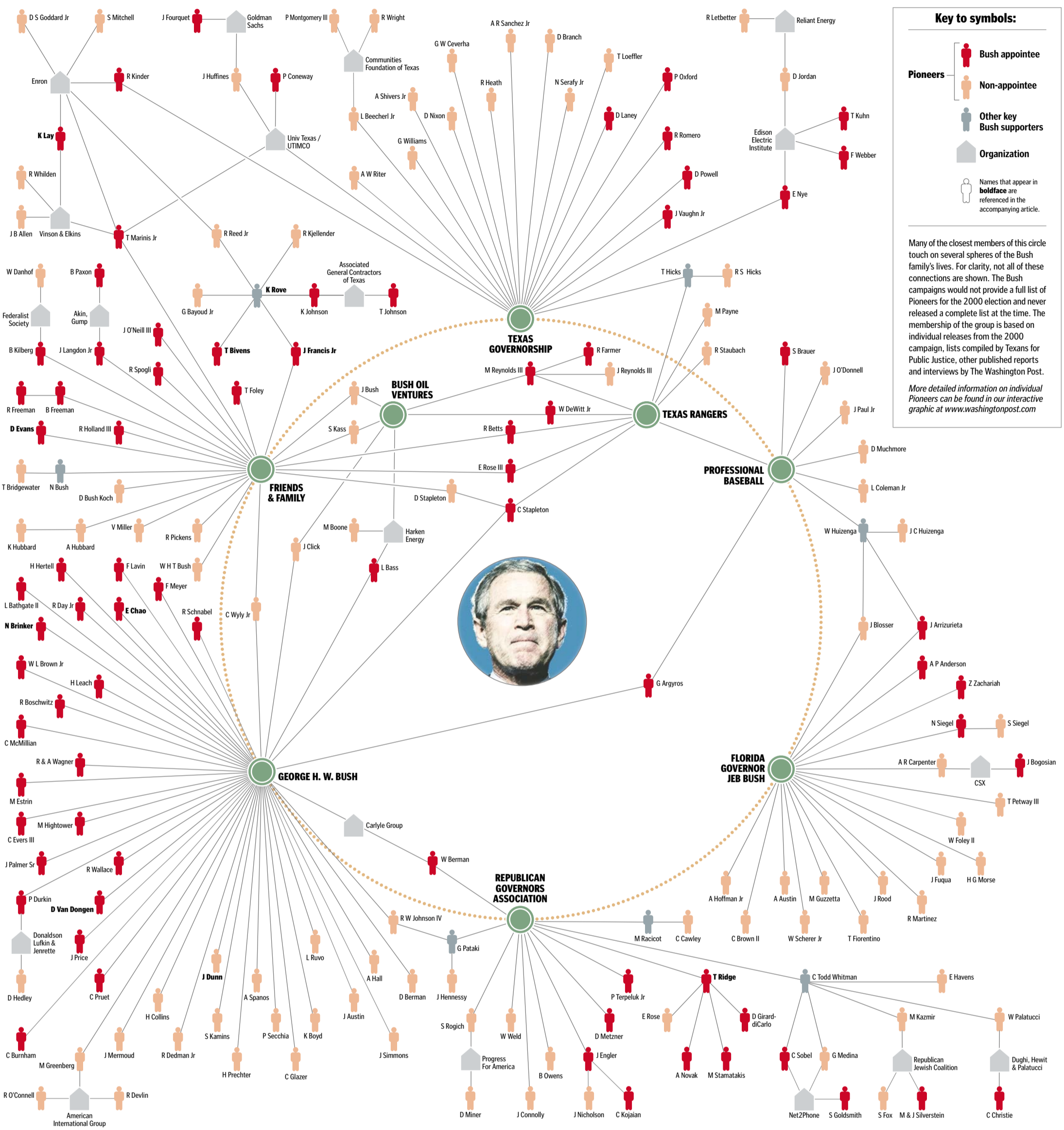


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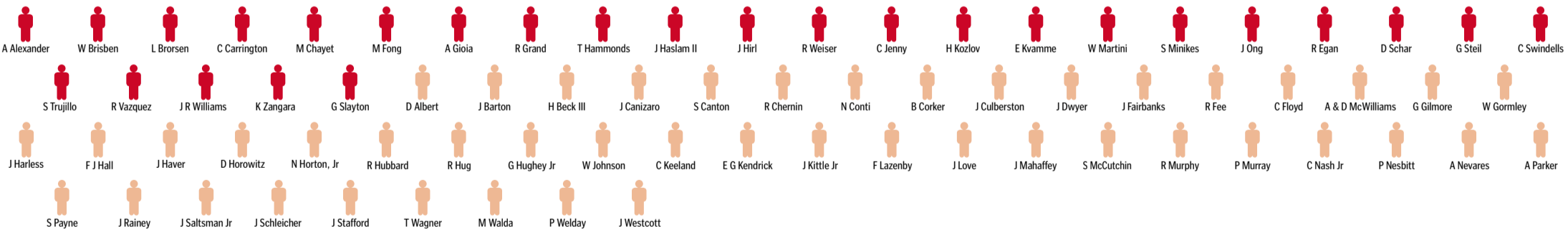
Spheres of Influence

George W. Bush reached into each of the spheres surrounding his life to find fundraisers for his first presidential bid. These *Pioneers*, who raised a minimum of \$100,000 each in individual contributions of \$1,000 or less in 2000, have changed the face of national campaign finance. They helped him raise a record \$96.3 million and allowed him to turn down federal matching funds that would have limited his spending during the primary elections. For Bush, they include classmates from Yale and Harvard, childhood friends, investors in his early

business ventures and contacts made through the Republican Governors Association and his partial ownership of the Texas Rangers baseball team. He also drew from his family's storied political life, tapping appointees and fundraisers from his father's presidential bids, his brother's political supporters in Florida and supporters and appointees from his six years as Texas governor. The Post found that about 170 of the 246 *Pioneers* in 2000 fell into one of these realms. Of the *Pioneers*, more than 100, or 40 percent, won a federal appointment after the election.



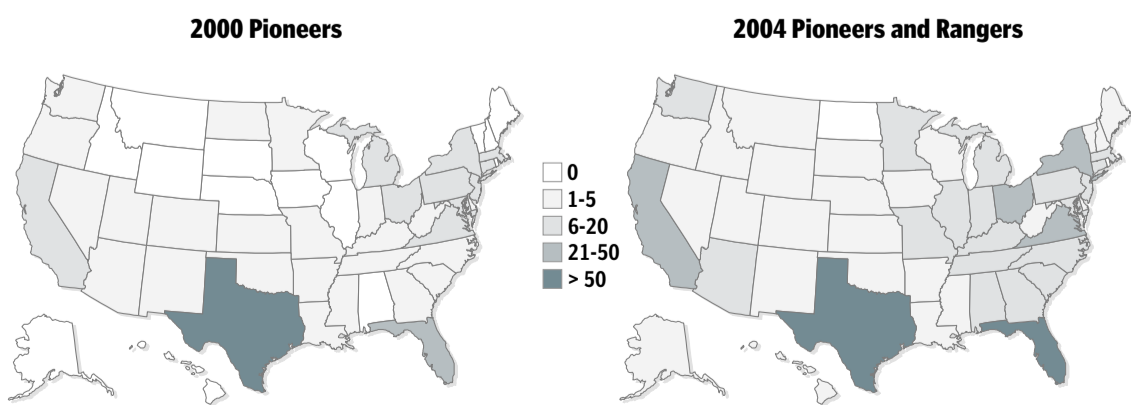
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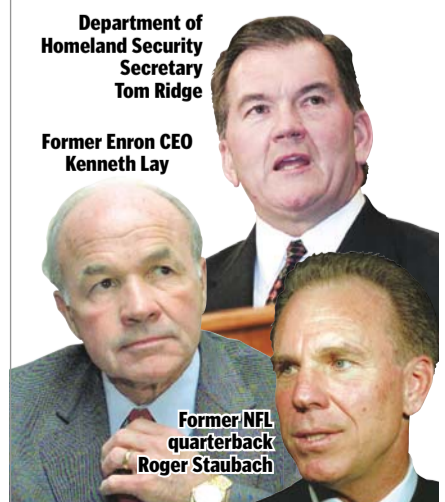
104 *Pioneers* won jobs after the election:



About half of the 246 *Pioneers* from 2000 have made it onto the 2004 Bush campaign's fundraising list of 511 *Pioneers* and *Rangers*. The campaign has broadened its reach across the country, relying less on the Bush family's powerful networks in Texas and Florida.



***Pioneers* include:**



SOURCE: Washington Post research and interviews, Texans for Public Justice, Bush-Cheney 2000 campaign, Leadership Directories, White House news releases, published reports

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