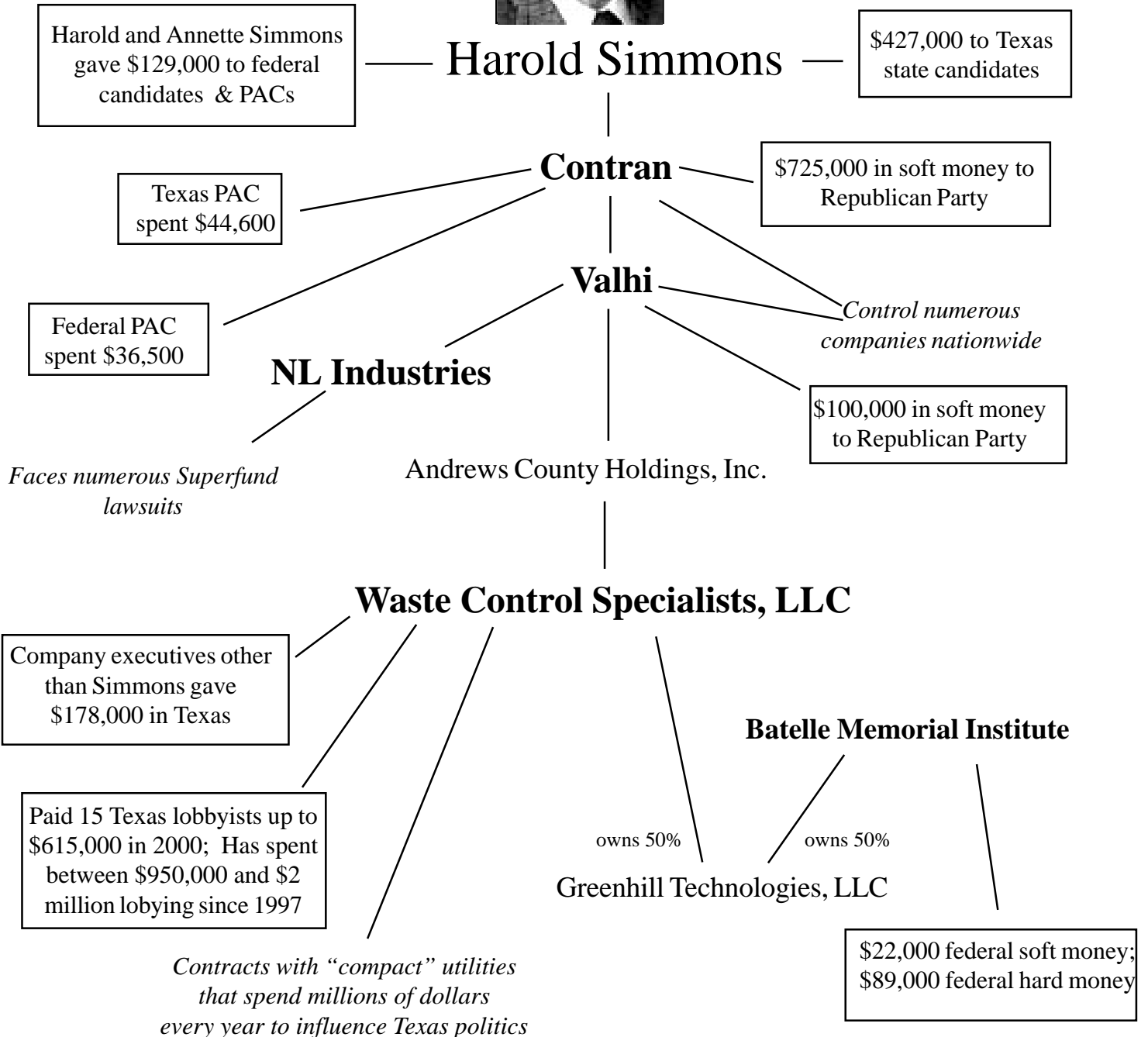


Simmons Empire Political Spending, 1997-2000



In the 1998 & 2000 election cycles, Harold Simmons and his empire contributed over \$1.6 million to Texas and federal candidates, and spent a comparable amount to lobby Texas politicians.



Through his Contran and Valhi holding companies, Harold Simmons controls numerous companies encompassing sugar, chemicals, oil, aerospace metals and nuclear waste.

All data cover 1997-2000, unless otherwise stated. Sources: Texas Ethics Commission and Center for Responsive Politics.