

## Political Action Committees PACs

c.1945 to Current

<p><b>Traditional PAC</b> (originated in the 1940s) Who participates: Individuals Employees of a business (e.g. AT&amp;T) Members of an Interest Group (e.g. National Assoc. of Realtors) Members of an Association (e.g. Teamsters Union)</p>	<p>Limited contributions to candidates &amp; political parties No contributions allowed from general treasury of corporations or from unions dues Direct advocacy For or Against a candidate (independent of candidate) Disclosure requirements Subject to state &amp; federal campaign finance laws</p>
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Post 2000

<p><b>“527” Organizations</b> (began prominent political role in 2000) Who participates: Individuals/Corporations/Unions  Emily’s List Act Blue Swift Boat Veterans</p>	<p>No contributions directly to candidates or political parties Unlimited contributions from individuals/corporations &amp; unions No direct advocacy For or Against a candidate Disclosure requirements (reports to IRS not FEC) Not regulated under state &amp; federal campaign finance laws</p>
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Post 2010 Citizens United Decision

<p><b>Super PAC</b> (originated in 2010) Who participates: Individuals/Corporations/Unions  American Crossroads Club for Growth Freedom Works Restore Our Future Priorities USA</p>	<p>No contributions directly to candidates or political parties Unlimited contributions from individuals/corporations &amp; unions Direct advocacy For or Against a candidate (independent of candidate) Disclosure requirements</p>
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<p><b>Hybrid PAC &amp; 501c Organizations</b> (originated in 2011) Who participates: Individuals/Corporations/International Subsidiaries/Unions Non-Profit Civic &amp; Social Welfare organizations  Chamber of Commerce Cross Roads GPS Citizens For Greater America</p>	<p>No contributions directly to candidates or political parties Unlimited contributions from individuals/corporations &amp; unions Unlimited contributions from international subsidiaries No direct advocacy For or Against a candidate but can contribute to Super PACS f or direct advocacy For or Against a candidate No Disclosure requirements</p>
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