

<b>Political Action Committees PACs</b>	
c.1945 to Current	
<b>Traditional PAC</b> (originated in the 1940s) Who participates: Individuals Employees of a business (e.g. AT&T) Members of an Interest Group (e.g. National Assoc. of Realtors) Members of an Association (e.g. Teamsters Union)	Limited contributions to candidates & 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 & federal campaign finance laws
Post 2000	
<b>“527” Organizations</b> (began prominent political role in 2000) Who participates: Individuals/Corporations/Unions Emily’s List Act Blue Swift Boat Veterans	No contributions directly to candidates or political parties Unlimited contributions from individuals/corporations & unions No direct advocacy For or Against a candidate Disclosure requirements (reports to IRS not FEC) Not regulated under state & federal campaign finance laws
Post 2010 Citizens United Decision	
<b>Super PAC</b> (originated in 2010) Who participates: Individuals/Corporations/Unions American Crossroads Club for Growth Freedom Works Restore Our Future Priorities USA	No contributions directly to candidates or political parties Unlimited contributions from individuals/corporations & unions Direct advocacy For or Against a candidate (independent of candidate) Disclosure requirements
<b>Hybrid PAC &amp; 501c Organizations</b> (originated in 2011) Who participates: Individuals/Corporations/International Subsidiaries/Unions Non-Profit Civic & Social Welfare organizations Chamber of Commerce Cross Roads GPS Citizens For Greater America	No contributions directly to candidates or political parties Unlimited contributions from individuals/corporations & unions Unlimited contributions from international subsidiaries No direct advocacy For or Against a candidate but can contribute to Super PACs for or direct advocacy For or Against a candidate No Disclosure requirements