

Campaign Finance Talking Points

Our
Ethos

"... to purge national politics of what [is] **conceived** to be the pernicious influence of 'big money' campaign contributions..."
 "... government interest ... preventing the actual or **apparent** corruption of federal candidates ..."

Federal Election Campaign Act [FECA] (1971)

Hard Money \$1,000 to campaign
\$20,000 to party **FULL DISCLOSURE**

Soft Money Limited to "get out the vote" and "issue advocacy"

Money cannot be raised on Federal property
 Individuals can give unlimited \$ to their own campaigns.

Buckley v. Valeo (1976) Money protected by 1st Amendment
 Certain limits deemed Constitutional

BiPartisan Campaign Reform Act [BCRA] (2002)

Hard Money \$2,000 to campaign
\$25,000 to party **FULL DISCLOSURE**

Soft Money **Banned** **ALSO BANNED** "electioneering communication" 60 days before general, 30 days before primary

McCain/Feingold
 Shays/Meehan

527s
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McConnell v. FEC (Federal Election Commission (2003) UPHELD...

NO LIMITS/NO DISCLOSURE
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Money is like water ... it will always find the leak... Should we care?