

# Campaign Finance: Legislation and Supreme Court Decisions

## Does free speech include how an individual or corporation spends their money?

- I can explain how the financing of national political campaigns affects the election process.

**Directions:** Complete the chart to identify the goals of two pieces of federal legislation and outcomes of two Supreme Court decisions. Explain how political action committees and superPACs are affected by legislation and Supreme Court decisions. Be sure to use the following words where applicable:

- Soft Money
- Limited Donations
- Direct Contributions
- Candidates
- Hard Money
- Unlimited Donations
- Indirect Contributions
- Free Speech

Legislation	Goals/Purpose	Supreme Court Decision	Outcome/Decision
Federal Elections Campaign Act (FECA)		Buckley v. Valeo (1976)	
Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act (BCRA)		Citizens United v. FEC (2010)	
PACs		SuperPACs	