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Campaign Finance Reform

These laws are intended to act as safeguards to prevent corruption. In 2012, Shaun McCutcheon, a activist, sought to donate more than was allowed by the federal aggregate limit on federal candidates. And yet this week, a 5-4 Supreme Court that Congress passed in 2002 in this tradition in the case.

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Rather than having one body charged with oversight over the law, the Clerk of the House, the Secretary of the Senate, and the Comptroller General of the United States General Accounting Office GAO monitored compliance, which made enforcement difficult. All must face the problem of the role and influence of money in politics, but each answers this problem with different values and policies. Stevens predicted that if the public believes that corporations dominate elections, disaffected voters will stop participating.

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In reaching its conclusion, the Court seemed either to be applying strict scrutiny--or something very close to it. It took another decision, by the U. On March 20, the Senate passed the bill by a vote of 60 to 40.

Citizens United Explained

Federal Election Commission—and found it telling that the majority, when citing such cases, referenced mainly dissenting opinions.

Citizens United v. FEC

Cornell Journal of Law and Public Policy.

Campaign Finance Reform

In , the Roberts Court struck down a key provision of the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act BCRA that limited independent political expenditures made by corporations, associations, and labor unions. In addition to preventing outright corruption, campaign finance regulation thus seeks to limit the undue influence of money in politics.

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Union members voluntarily give money to the PAC independent of the union. If you don't find the information you need, please contact our elections team at 303-364-7700 or. The panel produced more than 1,600 pages of mix-and-match opinions that upheld some provisions of the law but struck down others.

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