Campaign Finance 307-311

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| Kind of Organization | Restrictions |
| 527 organizations | Can only use money for mobilization efforts  Can’t support a specific candidate  Individuals and corporations can make unlimited donations and contributions  “magic” words cannot be used in advertisements |
| Corp./individuals | Can donate about $100K overall to an individual candidate  Unlimited donations to 527 org. |
| PACS | Aim to elect or defeat particular candidates  Restricted funds given directly to a candidate (hard-money)  Can create 527 org.  No restrictions on soft-money |
| Party Committees | Spend unlimited amount in independent expenditures  Associated directly with major political parties  Limited amounts of hard-money  Independent expenditures must not be controlled directly or approved by any candidate’s campaign |
| Candidates | Cannot consult with independent expenditures  Cannot consult with 527 org. |
| 501c4 | Basically a 527, but don’t have to disclose their contributors |
| Presidential Campaigns | If federal funding is accepted, there is a spending cap  No federal funding, no spending cap |
| Minor Political Parties | They receive federal funding if 5% of the vote is received in the last general election |