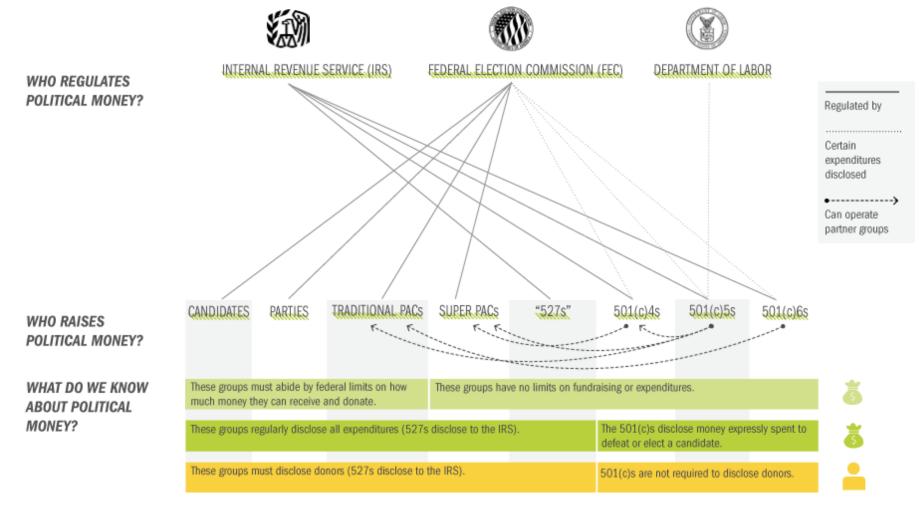
# **Campaign Finance**





### Candidates

Committees formed by individuals running for office, such as Obama for America. Subject to federal limits on contributions.

#### Parties

limits.

Political action Political parties and their subsidiaries such committees formed as the Republican to intervene in National Committee campaigns, often or the Democratic in coordination with Congressional candidates, such as Campaign Committee. the National Beer Subject to federal Wholesalers PAC. Subject to federal limits.

Traditional PACS

#### Super PACs

Groups, such as House Majority PAC, that can collect and spend money in unlimited amounts so long as they do not coordinate with or contribute to political candidates.

## "527s"

All political committees listed above are organized under section 527 of the federal tax code, but the term \*527" is commonly used to designate committees that, for technical reasons, file with the IRS rather than the FEC, such as Swift Boat Veterans for Truth.

#### 501(c)4s

The "social welfare" non-profits include long-standing organizations such as the National Rifle Association or Planned Parenthood, that long have been permitted to participate in politics, as well as newcomers organized after a series of 2010 court decisions, such as Crossroads GPS or Organizing for Action.

### 501(c)5s

the AFL-CIO.

Labor unions, such as

501(c)6s

Trade and business associations, such as the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.