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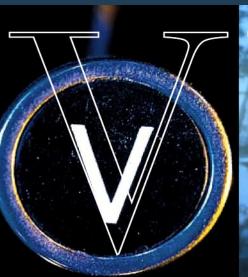
Election-Year Activities for Your Nonprofit: Avoiding the Legal Pitfalls and Understanding the Evolving Landscape

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Program Overview

- McCutcheon Case
- 501(c)(3) versus 501(c)(4) or (6)
- Ideas for your 501(c)(3)
- 501(c)(4) activities
 - Permissible uses
 - Federal disclosure
 - State disclosure
 - IRS proposed rules



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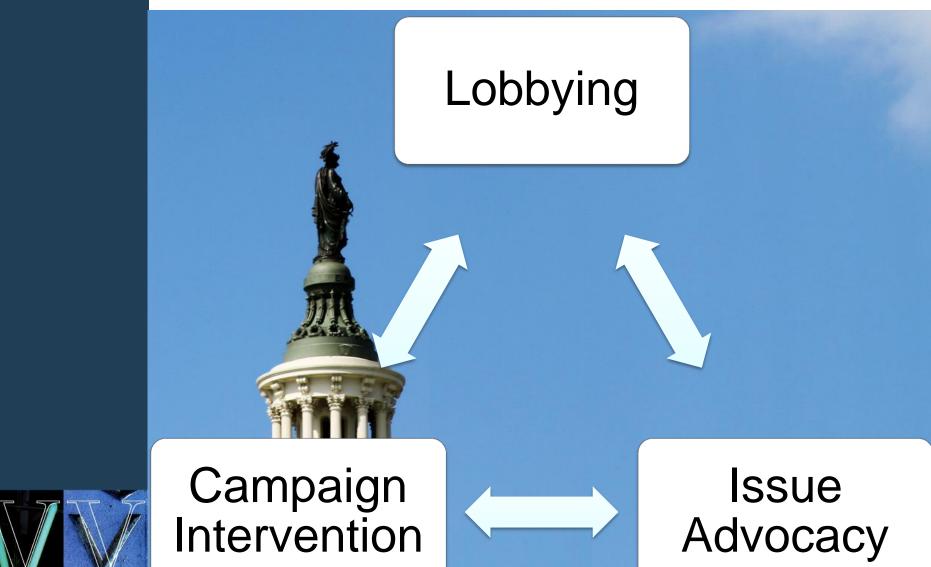


Setting the Stage





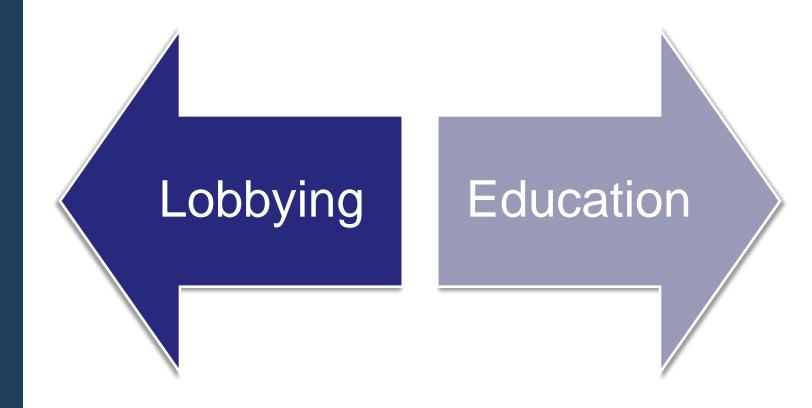
Fine Lines between Categories



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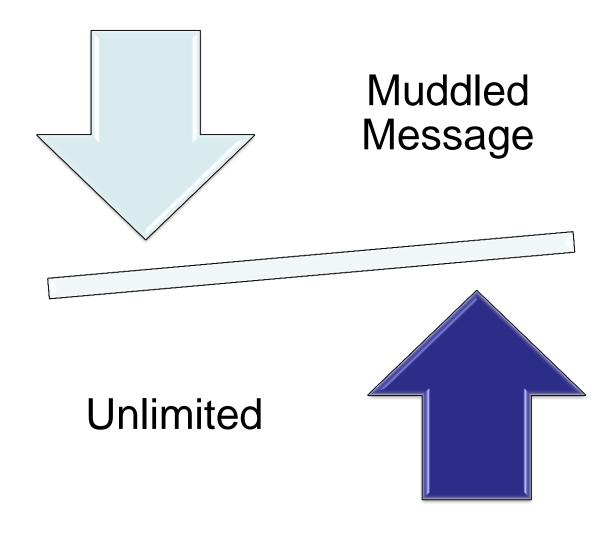
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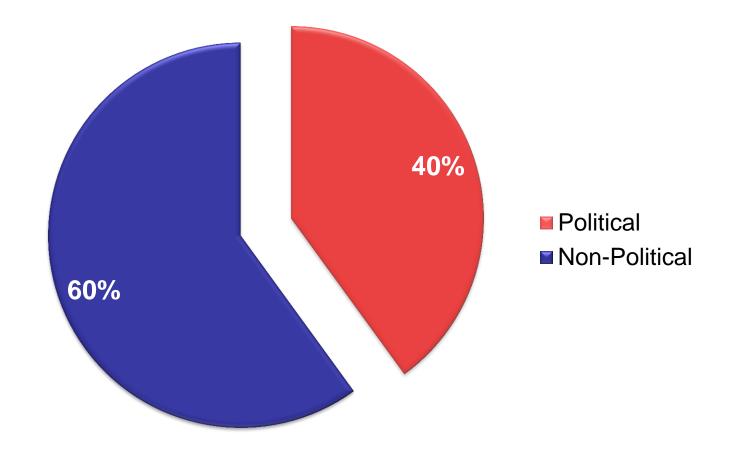
More Examples

- Vote against Congressman Joe Blow.
- Call Senator B and tell her to support Issue A.
- Congressman D is opposed to reforming our A system. The country will go bankrupt if we don't fix A. Congressman D, bad on A, bad for the country.
- Congressman X is opposed to reforming our 123 system. The country will go bankrupt if we don't fix 123. Call Congressman X and tell him to support the 123 reform bill.





501(c)(4) Activity







What's Included

Express Advocacy

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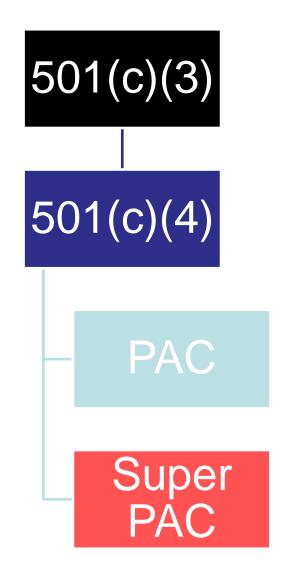
IRS Proposal: Candidate-Related Activity

- Express advocacy
- Voter registration
- Get out the vote
- Events with candidates 30 or 60 days before the election
- Payment of money to other groups
- Any communications containing candidates 30 or
 60 days before an election





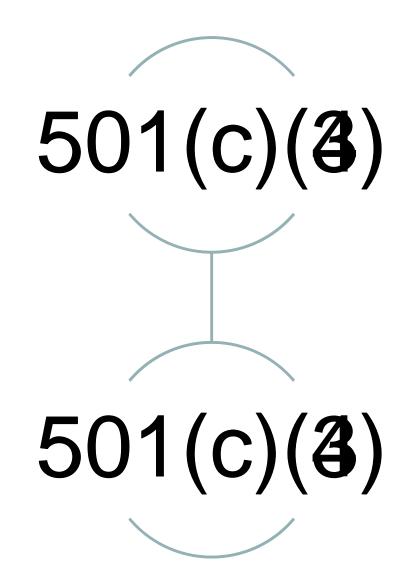
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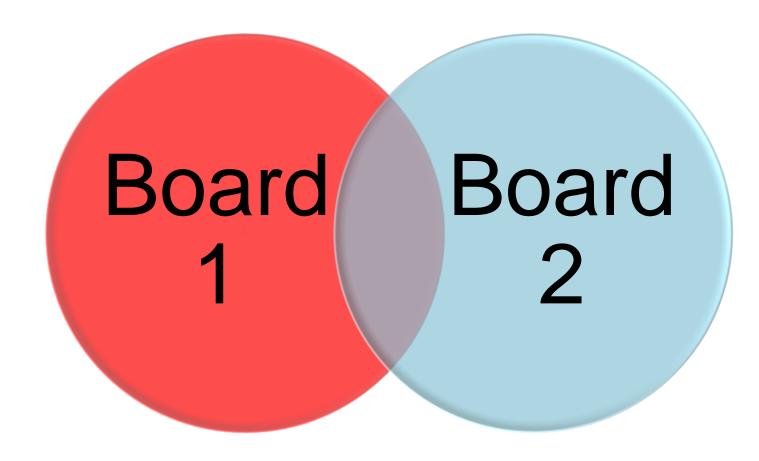
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