



Political Action Committees

In recent years, the amount of money that candidates spend on both national and state elections has grown significantly. Political action committees (PACs) are often big contributors.

Conduct research on various political action committees and on laws and court cases regarding PACs. Find specific information on the amount of money donated to political causes and political parties. Then create a poster that displays this information.

Research Links

Supreme Court Case:

FEC v. Colorado Republican Federal Campaign Committee
<https://www.oyez.org/cases/2000/00-191>

About PACs:

Federal Election Commission
<http://www.fec.gov/>

Established in 1975, the Federal Election Commission provides useful data and current events on our country's election and voting process. Students can find anything related to election and voting on this web page.

Public Policy Inquiry: Campaign Finance
<http://www.campaignfinancesite.org/default.htm>

This Web site from the Hoover Institution answers many questions about campaign finance throughout history and today.

PAC Web Site:

Black America's Political Action Committee
<http://www.bampac.org/>

Founded in 1994, the Black America's Political Action Committee supports politicians and candidates in economic, education, and Social Security reforms.

Internet Activity Rubric Political Action Committees

Students' posters should

- include proper spelling, punctuation, and grammar
- be neat in appearance
- contain accurate information about at least two PACs and their political donations
- illustrate the relationships between the PACs and the political parties to which they donated