

American Government: Stories of a Nation for the AP® Course

Guided Reading

Section 13.5: Money and Campaigns

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 **Before you read**

Before reading this section, take a moment to read the Learning Target and vocabulary terms you will encounter.

Learning Target: Describe the rules governing political campaigns.

AP® Key Concepts

Get out the vote (GOTV)

super PAC

 **While you read**

Use the following table to take notes as you read the section.

Characteristics of political campaigns	Impact on elections

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 **After you read**

Once you've finished reading the section, answer the following questions.

1. What is the main purpose of get out the vote efforts?
 - A. to register eligible voters to vote
 - B. to convince voters who to vote for
 - C. to mobilize voters to participate in elections
 - D. to attack the character of the opposing candidate

2. What is the main function of a political consultant?
 - A. to connect with and inform individuals
 - B. to tailor the candidate's message to voters
 - C. to conduct public opinion polls
 - D. to tell the candidate how to dress

3. Which statement BEST describes the outcome of the Federal Election Campaign Act?
 - A. It gave super PACs the freedom to spend unlimited amounts of money on a campaign.
 - B. It allowed PACs to spend money on a campaign in coordination with the campaign.
 - C. It created the Federal Election Commission.
 - D. It placed strict limits on when independent groups could advertise for a candidate.

4. Those who were part of the majority opinion in *Citizens United* believed that:
 - A. BCRA was constitutional.
 - B. stating that corporations are people would harm democracy.
 - C. the type of speech stifled by BCRA is exactly the kind of speech the First Amendment was meant to protect.
 - D. the type of speech stifled by BCRA should not be protected by the First Amendment.

5. According to the dissenting opinion in *Citizens United*, corporations are not people because:
 - A. the founding fathers did not intend for them to be.
 - B. corporations may be run by nonresidents whose interests may conflict with those of eligible voters.
 - C. a corporation is simply not human.
 - D. if corporations were treated as people, corporate laws would be a disaster.

6. Which statement BEST describes a super PAC?
 - A. an organization that may spend a limited amount of money on a political campaign, in coordination with a campaign
 - B. an organization that fights for equal rights for women, including equal pay, maternity benefits, and workplace discrimination.
 - C. an organization that may spend an unlimited amount of money on a political campaign, as long as the spending is not in coordination with a campaign
 - D. an organization with the purpose of mobilizing voters to participate in both midterm and presidential elections