

# CIVICS 401

## Ethics and Transparency

# Campaign Finance Ethics

There is no exact definition for this. However, Ethics is defined as:

*Moral principles that govern a person's behavior or the conducting of an activity.*

Campaign finance as it relates is the principles in conducting the funding of a campaign for elected office.

# Political Action Committee

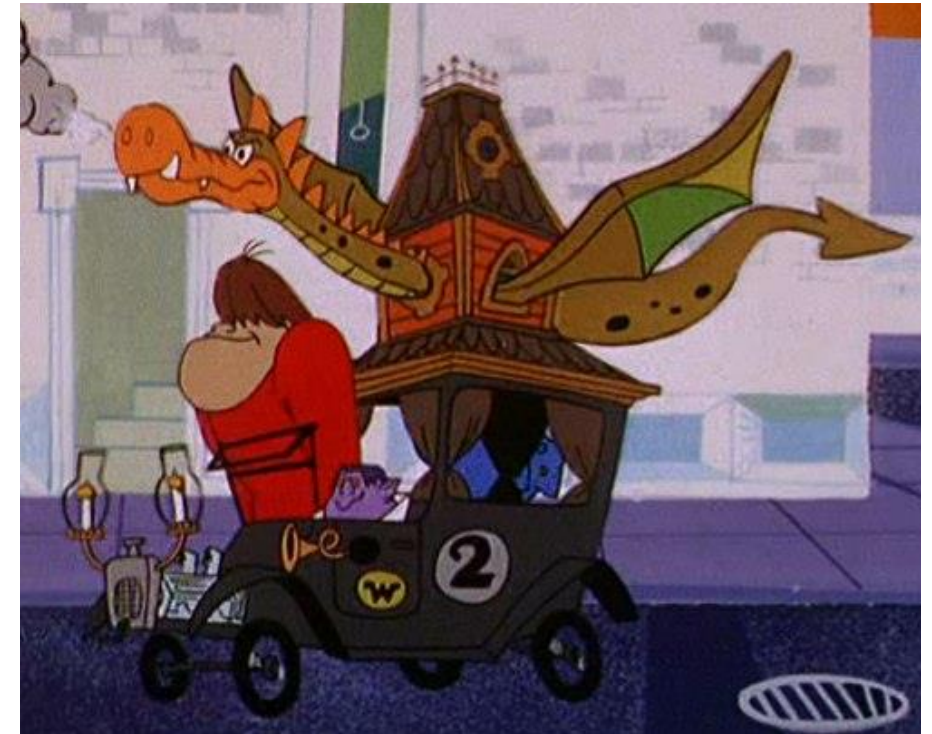


Not the sinister specter that they are made out to be.

1. General Purpose – like Sharpstown, ROAD Women, etc...
2. Specific Cause – Cancer Research, Climate Change...
3. Election/Candidate specific – Friends of ...

# Super PAC

A type of independent political action committee which may raise unlimited sums of money from corporations, unions, and individuals but is not permitted to contribute to or coordinate directly with parties or candidates.





Dark Money is a  
big issue because  
it hides donors!



**Protecting the integrity of the campaign finance process**

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### WEEKLY DIGEST

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There are specific Federal limits For campaign donations.

- CONTRIBUTION LIMITS FOR 2021-2022 FEDERAL ELECTIONS
- HOW LIMITS WORK
- DESIGNATED AND UNDESIGNATED CONTRIBUTIONS
- DATE MADE V. DATE RECEIVED
- CONTINUE LEARNING
- LEGAL CITATIONS

## Contribution limits for 2021-2022 federal elections

		Recipient				
		Candidate committee	PAC† (SSF and nonconnected)	Party committee: state/district/local	Party committee: national	Additional national party committee accounts‡
<b>Donor</b>	<b>Individual</b>	\$2,900* per election	\$5,000 per year	\$10,000 per year (combined)	\$36,500* per year	\$109,500* per account, per year
	<b>Candidate committee</b>	\$2,000 per election	\$5,000 per year	Unlimited transfers	Unlimited transfers	
	<b>PAC: multicandidate</b>	\$5,000 per election	\$5,000 per year	\$5,000 per year (combined)	\$15,000 per year	\$45,000 per account, per year
	<b>PAC: nonmulticandidate</b>	\$2,900* per election	\$5,000 per year	\$10,000 per year (combined)	\$36,500* per year	\$109,500* per account, per year
	<b>Party committee: state/district/local</b>	\$5,000 per election (combined)	\$5,000 per year (combined)	Unlimited transfers	Unlimited transfers	
	<b>Party committee: national</b>	\$5,000 per election**	\$5,000 per year	Unlimited transfers	Unlimited transfers	

\*Indexed for inflation in odd-numbered years.



## Individual contributions

RECIPIENT NAME OR ID

CONTRIBUTOR NAME

 "mcingvale, jim"

TRANSACTION TIME PERIOD ⓘ

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Beginning Ending

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Contributor details

Recipient committee type

Transaction details

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Contributor name	Recipient	State	Employer	Receipt date	Amount
MCINGVALE, JIM	<a href="#">CULBERSON FOR CONGRESS</a>	TX	GALLERY FURNITURE	09/17/2018	\$2,500.00
MCINGVALE, JIM	<a href="#">DAN CRENSHAW FOR CONGRESS</a>	TX	GALLERY FURNITURE	04/03/2018	\$2,700.00
MCINGVALE, JIM	<a href="#">DAN CRENSHAW FOR CONGRESS</a>	TX	GALLERY FURNITURE	04/03/2018	\$2,700.00

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Individual contributions  
 Can be tracked.





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Contributor name	Recipient	State	Employer	Receipt date	Amount	
FERTITTA, TILMAN	<a href="#">BIDEN FOR PRESIDENT</a>	TX	LANDRY/S INC.	10/07/2020	\$2,800.00	▶
FERTITTA, TILMAN	<a href="#">HICKENLOOPER FOR COLORADO</a>	TX	LANDRYS, INC.	10/07/2020	\$2,800.00	▶
FERTITTA, TILMAN J. MR.	<a href="#">CORNYN MAJORITY TEXAS</a>	TX	LANDRY'S INC.	07/22/2020	\$65,000.00	▶
FERTITTA, TILMAN J. MR.	<a href="#">ALAMO PAC</a>	TX	LANDRY'S INC.	07/22/2020	\$5,000.00	▶
FERTITTA, TILMAN	<a href="#">NRSC</a>	TX	LANDRY'S RESTAURANT INC	07/22/2020	\$1,700.00	▶
FERTITTA, TILMAN	<a href="#">NRSC</a>	TX	LANDRY'S RESTAURANT INC	07/22/2020	\$35,500.00	▶
FERTITTA, TILMAN J.	<a href="#">REPUBLICAN PARTY OF TEXAS</a>	TX	LANDRY'S, INC.	07/22/2020	\$10,000.00	▶
FERTITTA, TILMAN J.	<a href="#">REPUBLICAN PARTY OF TEXAS</a>	TX	LANDRY'S, INC.	07/22/2020	\$10,000.00	▶
FERTITTA, TILMAN	<a href="#">TEXANS FOR SENATOR JOHN CORNYN INC.</a>	TX	LANDRY'S INC.	07/22/2020	\$2,800.00	▶
FERTITTA, TILMAN	<a href="#">REPUBLICAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE</a>	TX	FERTITTA ENTERTAINMENT./LANDRY'S INC.	02/03/2020	\$35,000.00	▶
FERTITTA, TILMAN J. MR.	<a href="#">TRUMP VICTORY</a>	TX	LANDRYS INC.	02/03/2020	\$35,000.00	▶
FERTITTA, TILMAN	<a href="#">ARIZONA DEMOCRATIC PARTY</a>	TX	LANDRY'S INC.	12/15/2019	\$10,000.00	▶
FERTITTA, TILMAN	<a href="#">PIERCE BUSH FOR CONGRESS</a>	TX	LANDRY'S INC	12/15/2019	\$2,800.00	▶
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# SOUTHWEST DEMOCRATS

Reflecting the Diversity of Houston.

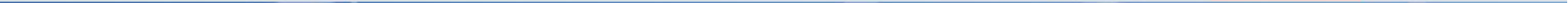
SHARPSTOWN | GULFTON | BRAEBURN | BRAYS OAKS

MCINGVALE, JAMES	<a href="#">DALE CRAFTS FOR CONGRESS</a>	TX	GALLERY FURNITURE	08/19/2020	\$2,800.00	
MCINGVALE, JAMES F. MR.	<a href="#">TED CRUZ FOR SENATE</a>	TX	GALLERY FURNITURE	08/19/2020	\$2,800.00	
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MCINGVALE, JAMES	<a href="#">AMERICANS FOR PARNELL COMMITTEE</a>	TX	GALLERY FURNITURE	08/19/2020	\$2,800.00	
MCINGVALE, JAMES	<a href="#">RODIMER FOR CONGRESS</a>	TX	GALLERY FURNITURE	08/19/2020	\$2,800.00	
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MCINGVALE, JAMES	<a href="#">MARCHANT FOR CONGRESS</a>	TX	GALLERY FURNITURE	08/19/2020	\$2,800.00	
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MCINGVALE, JAMES	<a href="#">JEANNE FOR CONGRESS</a>	TX	GALLERY FURNITURE	08/19/2020	\$2,800.00	
MCINGVALE, JAMES	<a href="#">FALLON FOR CONGRESS</a>	TX	GALLERY FURNITURE	08/19/2020	\$2,800.00	
MCINGVALE, JAMES	<a href="#">CRUZ 20 FOR 20 VICTORY FUND</a>	TX	GALLERY FURNITURE	08/19/2020	\$40,000.00	
MCINGVALE, JAMES	<a href="#">CHIP ROY FOR CONGRESS</a>	TX	GALLERY FURNITURE	08/19/2020	\$2,800.00	
MCINGVALE, JAMES	<a href="#">NEHLS FOR CONGRESS</a>	TX	GALLERY FURNITURE	08/19/2020	\$2,800.00	
MCINGVALE, JAMES	<a href="#">LEO VALENTIN FOR CONGRESS</a>	TX	GALLERY FURNITURE	08/19/2020	\$2,800.00	



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# Dark Money

Dark money groups spend millions to shape our elections without revealing where their money comes from. Learn more about their outside influence below.



**DARK MONEY BASICS**

## What is Dark Money?



**DARK MONEY PROCESS**

## How do Dark Money groups work?



## What is Dark Money?

Dark Money refers to political spending meant to influence the decision of a voter, where the donor is not disclosed and the source of the money is unknown. Depending upon the circumstances, Dark Money can refer to funds spent by a political nonprofit or a super PAC. Here's how:

- Political nonprofits are under no legal obligation to disclose their donors. When they choose not to, they are considered Dark Money groups.
- Super PACs can also be considered Dark Money groups in certain situations. While these organizations are legally required to disclose their donors, they can accept unlimited contributions from political non-profits and “shell” corporations who may not have disclosed their donors, in these cases they are considered Dark Money groups.

# QUESTIONS?