

**ANALYSIS OF CDT'S
CAMPAIGN FINANCE
PROPOSAL TO PROTECT
ONLINE POLITICAL SPEECH**

Obligations: Disclaimer = Individual must list name and address on the advertisement
 Reporting = Individual must file reports on expenditures with Federal Election Commission (FEC)
 Coordination rules = Expenditures are treated as contributions subject to contribution limits
 Political committee = Group must file additional reports with the FEC and follow additional rules

Scenarios	Obligations prior to 2004 Court Decision	Obligations under FEC's 03/05 NPRM	Obligations if H.R. 1606 is enacted	Obligations if H.R. 4194 is enacted	Obligations if CDT proposal is enacted
Individual places a \$30 ad on a community website with express advocacy for a federal candidate	None	Disclaimer and Coordination rules	None	Disclaimer and Coordination rules	None
Individual places 9 \$30 ads (totaling \$270) on a website with express advocacy for a federal candidate	Reporting	Disclaimer, Reporting, and Coordination rules	Reporting	Disclaimer, Reporting, and Coordination rules	None
Individual sets up a website with express advocacy for a federal candidate, spending \$4900 during the year, and she regularly consults with the campaign about her message	Possible Reporting	Possible Reporting	Possible Reporting	Possible Reporting	None
Individual purchases e-mail list with 1100 names for \$1100, and combines it with her personal lists. Once a week, she e-mails the combined list a message of the week attacking a federal candidate, and linking to a favored candidate site.	Disclaimer and Reporting	Disclaimer, Reporting, and Coordination rules	Reporting and possible Disclaimer	Reporting and possible Disclaimer	None
Three college friends each put in \$1000 into a joint bank account to cover web hosting costs on a website which includes a downloadable streaming video attacking a federal candidate, and one million people download the video and it is featured on online and television news shows.	Reporting, and possible Political committee	Reporting, and possible Political committee	Reporting, and possible Political committee	Reporting, and possible Political committee	None
Individual blogger spends \$4,000 per year operating a blog with regular commentary and news about candidates, including express advocacy for a federal candidate	May or may not be viewed as "news media", and if not then possible Reporting	Probably viewed as "news media" (by FEC rule)	May or may not be viewed as "news media", and if not then possible Reporting	May or may not be viewed as "news media", and if not then possible Reporting	Probably viewed as "news media" (by statute), but in any event no obligations
State political party raises \$1 million of "soft money" from corporate donors, and spends it buying Internet ads attacking a federal candidate	Reporting	Leaves in place BCRA's prohibition of use of soft money for such communications	Reporting	Leaves in place BCRA's prohibition of use of soft money for such communications	Leaves in place BCRA's prohibition of use of soft money for such communications