

Quick guide to federal/state candidate spending and contributions

		Federal	States	Colorado	Related court decision
Candidates	Campaign spending	No limits	No limits	No limits	<i>Buckley v. Valeo</i> (1976)
	Individual contributions to candidates	Limits	Varies	Limits	Limits upheld in <i>Buckley v. Valeo</i> and <i>Nixon v. Shrink</i> (2000)
	Corporate or Union contributions directly to candidates	Prohibited	Varies	Corporations prohibited	Limits upheld most recently in <i>FEC v. Beaumont</i> (2003)
	Candidate contributions to own campaign	No limits	No limits	No limits	<i>Buckley v. Valeo</i>
Independent Expenditures	Independent Expenditures by individuals	No limits	No limits	No limits	<i>Buckley v. Valeo</i>
	Independent expenditures by corporations or unions	No limits	No limits	No limits	<i>Citizens United v. FEC</i> (2010)
	Contributions to Independent Expenditure Committees	No limits	No limits	No limits	<i>SpeechNow.org v. FEC</i> (2010)