



**THREE WAYS THE SUPREME COURT  
COULD REVERSE CAMPAIGN FINANCE  
REFORM PROGRESS:**

- **Erasing limits on individual campaign contributions:** Just one more far-right vote on the Supreme Court could mean the reversal of the landmark Buckley v. Valeo ruling that allows limits on the amount of individual campaign contributions.
- **Overturning, invalidating and ruling unconstitutional campaign finance laws:** Another Scalia-Thomas justice on the Court could mean overturning most of the landmark McCain-Feingold campaign finance law, particularly its ban on the use of "soft money" by political parties. More of these justices could also potentially rule unconstitutional campaign finance laws that prohibit direct spending by corporations to promote or oppose political candidates.
- **Exempting political conventions:** Just a few more far-right votes on the Court could exempt political conventions that choose party candidates from key anti-discrimination provisions of the Voting Rights Act.

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## **CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM**

**Campaign finance reform is at risk. You can help save campaign finance reform by helping to save the Supreme Court.**

The nine-member Supreme Court plays a crucial role in protecting campaign finance reform by interpreting our Constitution and laws. Right now, the Court is closely divided on key questions, so the people appointed to fill vacancies expected on the Court over the next few years will have a huge effect on Americans' rights for decades to come.

Today, the Supreme Court is narrowly divided on important campaign finance reform questions, so the people appointed to fill the multiple vacancies expected on the Court over the next few years will have a huge effect on campaign finance reform. Just one or two more rigidly ideological justices like Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas – the justices who President Bush has called his models for Supreme Court appointments – could block meaningful campaign finance reform for decades to come.

### **WHAT YOU CAN DO**

Despite the compromise over the filibuster, there remains an effort by allies of the White House to change Senate rules and make it harder to prevent anyone nominated by the president from getting on the Supreme Court for life. If you don't want to see campaign finance reform blocked by a Court that redefines the Constitution and laws to meet the goals of the far right, now is the time to take action.



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