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As a former state representative candidate, I did not take money from political action committees. This was a disadvantage. I spent time calling individuals for contributions. A candidate who accepts PAC money receives money from any special interest group, in any amount, at any time.

In a perfect world, PACs would not exist, but in reality they thrive. If a candidate accepts easy cash, he or she can become a politician, not a public servant.

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A solution? Instead of receiving PAC money, a candidate could receive public funding -- accountable to only their district members, not special interest groups.

If other states have proven track records for public funding of elections, why can't [Indiana](#)? I ask voters to contact their representatives and senators to support voter-owned elections.

Robin Olds

Indianapolis

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AThinker wrote:

It may be assumed since a former state rep candidate, this individual did not know that an individual's capabilities dictate the advantages of PAC money combined with individual contributions. Voters expect the person elected to have charm and charisma (politician?) when working with others and show some class in dress and

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appearances. They are held accountable by voters through a wonderful election process in America and the special interests of all voters.

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Indyno wrote:

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It is bad enough to be subjected to political ad after political ad during campaigns - don't force me to pay for any of it. Now, if you are talking about taking the money that is raised from the voluntary "Do you want to donate \$2 (or whatever it is)" on tax returns, that is another thing. Take that money, divide it up equally and that is all the candidates get. I would be in favor of that because it would no doubt mean fewer tv ads.

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lastrep wrote:

Replying to JayAgain:

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Assuming it's the same person, the writer is an activist for Planned Parenthood:

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So two things then -

- a) She wants the government to prevent citizens from donating to campaigns
b) To her, abortion is a godsend.

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Assuming it's the same person? Shouldn't you make sure before you make your usual infantile and derogatory comments?

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