

3. *Why is the IRS limiting our right to engage in the political process?*

Let's be clear. Your individual rights to express opinions, partisan or otherwise, are in no way restricted by the college's 501(c)3 status. It is the college in its official capacity, by way of employees presenting their opinions as the opinion of the college, that gives rise to a challenge to our tax-exempt status.

Why? The federal government does not want to give the appearance of extending financial support to a particular party or candidate for office (that would fly in the face of that "government for the people and by t

7. *What about students, can they engage in partisan political activity?*

Yes, so long as that activity is not given the institutional endorsement or support. For example, the Young Democrats may use Founders Room for a meeting so long as they follow the same protocol that any other student group would follow in using the space or any other college resource. The college should not advertise, invite, or otherwise provide support for the function, in order to avoid the appearance of impermissible campaign intervention.

Also note that the college's policy with regard to speakers on issues of controversy/debate (candidates running for the same office are in