

HOW TO INFLUENCE U.S. ELECTIONS

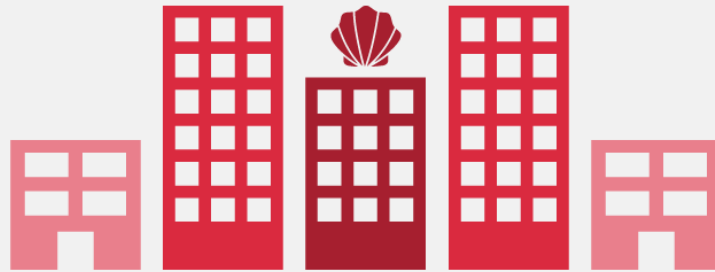
A HOW-TO GUIDE FOR FOREIGN AGENTS



Whether you're a wealthy individual who wants to play kingmaker or a multi-national corporation looking to increase your bottom line stateside, interfering in U.S. elections is as easy as 1,2,3!

OPTION 1: **USE AN LLC TO HIDE YOUR IDENTITY**

STEP 1: SET UP A SHELL COMPANY



AN INDIVIDUAL CAN SET UP AN LLC IN A STATE LIKE DELAWARE WHERE LOCAL LAWS ENSURE YOU CAN KEEP YOUR IDENTITY ANONYMOUS. GOTTA LOVE THAT CORPORATE TRANSPARENCY!



STEP 2: USE A SHELL COMPANY TO CONTRIBUTE TO ONE OF OUR FINE AMERICAN-GROWN SUPER PACS



SUPER PACS ALLOW FOREIGN POWERS TO HIDE IN PLAIN SIGHT. THEY CAN TAKE UNLIMITED MONEY FROM CORPORATIONS AND SPEND AS MUCH AS THEY WANT ON ELECTIONS. FEC REPORTS ONLY DISCLOSE THE NAMES OF CORPORATIONS - NOT THE INDIVIDUALS BEHIND THEM - ENSURING ANONYMITY FOR MEGA DONORS, INCLUDING ANY FOREIGN DONORS.

OPTION 2: **JOIN THE DARK SIDE WITH DARK MONEY**

STEP 1: SET UP A SHELL COMPANY



SEE OPTION 1, STEP 1.



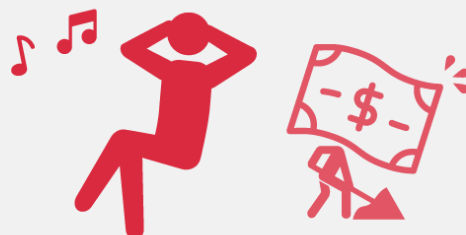
STEP 2: CONTRIBUTE TO A DARK MONEY GROUP



IF LISTING THE NAME OF YOUR FAKE COMPANY FEELS LIKE TOO MUCH TRANSPARENCY, YOU CAN CONTRIBUTE TO WHAT D.C. INSIDERS CALL A DARK MONEY GROUP. THESE GROUPS ARE ALLOWED TO TAKE UNLIMITED MONEY WITHOUT DISCLOSING THEIR SOURCE AND CAN SPEND DIRECTLY ON ELECTIONS THROUGH ADS, MAILERS AND CANVASSERS. NO ONE WILL EVER KNOW YOU ARE BEHIND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS POURING INTO AN ELECTION!



STEP 3: SIT BACK, RELAX AND LET YOUR DOLLARS DO THE REST!



REMEMBER THOSE SHADY GROUPS YOU GAVE YOUR MILLIONS TOO? THEY'LL TAKE IT FROM HERE, PUTTING OUT ATTACK ADS AND MAILERS - ALL WITHOUT ANYONE KNOWING YOU'RE BEHIND IT.

OPTION 3: BUY A U.S. COMPANY

STEP 1: SET UP A U.S. SUBSIDIARY OF YOUR FOREIGN COMPANY



BUY A U.S. COMPANY. YES, IT CAN GET A LITTLE EXPENSIVE, BUT IT IS A SMALL PRICE TO PAY FOR BEING ABLE TO LEGALLY MEDDLE IN U.S. ELECTIONS. PLUS, IT'S UNLIKELY ANYONE WILL NOTICE YOUR FOREIGN-OWNED SUBSIDIARY AMONG ALL THE OTHER CORPORATE SPENDING - AND EVEN IF THEY DO, IT'S PERFECTLY LEGAL. (SO LONG AS YOUR *US SUBSIDIARY* IS DOING THE SPENDING).



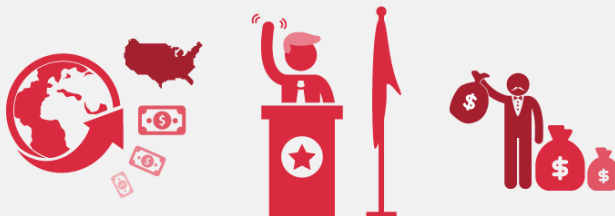
STEP 2: AVOID DISCLOSURE



WHILE COMPANIES ARE REQUIRED TO SEPARATE FOREIGN MONEY FROM THEIR POLITICAL SPENDING, THERE IS NO REQUIREMENT TO PROVE THAT THEY DO UNDER OUR CAMPAIGN FINANCE LAWS. THE RESULT? U.S. SUBSIDIARIES HAVE NO WATCHDOG FOR CONTRIBUTIONS THEY MAKE TO DARK MONEY GROUPS OR TRADE ASSOCIATIONS.



STEP 3: RELAX!



DESPITE THE FACT THAT 1/4 OF ALL US STOCK IS FOREIGN OWNED, THERE ARE NO REQUIREMENTS BARRING COMPANIES WITH FOREIGN INVESTORS FROM SPENDING IN OUR ELECTIONS.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON HOW FOREIGN MONEY HAS INFLUENCED U.S. ELECTIONS AND WHAT CONGRESS CAN DO ABOUT IT, VISIT ECU'S RESEARCH HUB (WWW.ENDCITIZENSUNITED.ORG/FOREIGN-MONEY-U-S-ELECTIONS).