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Subject: FEC comment on gag rules

I have written the attached letter to Mai T. Dinh, Acting Assistant General Counsel to the Federal Election Commission.

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Ms. Mai T. Dinh
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Dear Ms. Dinh:

I understand that you are soliciting opinion on the suggested new FEC rules to redefine "political committee" so broadly that virtually any organization with political interests of any sort can be subject to the same rules as current political committees.

My feelings about this are strong: the entire business of controlling opinion and statement is going way out of hand in this country. At first greater thought control was on the theory of a greater need for homeland security; the Republican Party is now attempting to create an Orwellian state in which all opinions counter to what it wishes to define as acceptable can be monitored, and the expressers of dissident ideas placed under suspect. The next step is brown shirts kicking down doors and locking people up with no explanation and no hope of legal action for release.

The Bush regime will go down in history simultaneously as the most foolish manipulator of the economy ever, and the most contemptuous of the ideals this country is supposed to represent. Strangling communications with outrageous, arbitrary rules that carry huge organizational and penalty aspects is more than mindless repression. These themselves are treasonous, and those who are advocating them should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of current law – before they manage to create a Brave New World of double-think and rote memorization of codes.

I had almost said that I cannot believe this is even being discussed, but then look who is running things today: a president who doesn't read, former CEOs carried along without real credentials but plenty of old boy networks, a national security advisor who does not want to explain her decisions – it goes on and on.

I have been proud to be an American, and hope to be so again. At the moment I am humiliated that the thought police are a whisker away from destroying the great experiment of America. Even Warren G. Harding would sit up on this, and among other things now realize that he has been displaced to being the second worst president ever elected.

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