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                                           : (CKK, KLH,
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2		2	Q. Okay. Is Exhibit No. 1 the report you
3	MAGLEBY EXHIBIT NO. FOR IDENTIFICATION	3	have entered in this case?
4	10 Handwritten notes248	4	A. Yes.
5	11 Memorandum261	5	Q. Okay. And, if you can turn to Page 39 of
6	12 Document262	6	that report, please.
7	•	7	I would like you to look at the third
8		8	full paragraph under E, the first sentence says:
9		9	Soft money is largely in competitive races, right?
10		10	
111		111	A. That's right.
1 12		1 -	Q. And is that soft money spending by
13		12	political parties?
1		13	A. Yes.
14		14	Q. And your conclusion was based on a
15		15	systematic analysis of where soft money was spent
16		16	by the political parties?
17		17	A. Yes.
18		18	Q. Okay. If you could turn to Page 35 in
19		19	the report, please.
20		20	Now, I would like you to focus on the
21		21	second full paragraph, under No. 1, Contribution
22		22	Limits.
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24		24	soft money has demonstrated that soft money donors
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there is an informal agreement between National

4 Parties and soft money donors, where Party

officials will expend soft money in races

6 identified by the soft money donors?"

THE WITNESS: I am not clear in the question of what the accompanying documentation is that you refer to.

## BY MR. CARVIN:

11 Q. You reference various things in 12 footnotes, external materials, and provided us

13 with 11 boxes of documentation that support the

14 various conclusions and assertions in the report.

15 So, either in the report, or in any of 16 those accompanying documentations, have you 17 researched the question I described?

18 A. Yes.

Q. Okay. And what documentation reflects 19

20 that there is an informal agreement between

national parties and soft money donors by which

party officials expend soft money in races

23 identified or preferred by the soft money donors?

24 A. In interviews conducted some years ago

for the research for the money chase, Party

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with the staff of Senator Cranston in The Money

2 Chase?

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3 A. I am not remembering.

Any other basis for that assertion? Q.

5 A. The one given previously in my statement.

6 The newspaper articles?

7 A. Uh-huh.

Q. Are any of those newspaper articles

referenced in either your report or the

10 accompanying documentation?

A. I think they probably are attributed in

12 either the other campaign or in outside money.

13 Q. And do you recall, sitting here today,

what those newspaper articles were?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Okay. And, the newspaper articles, you

17 didn't have personal knowledge of what was in

those newspaper articles? 18

19 MR. PAOLELLA: Of the facts reported in? 20

BY MR. CARVIN:

Q. Of the facts reported in. 21

22 A. No.

23 Q. Okay. Now, with respect to the staff of

24 Senator Cranston, what did they tell you -- first

of all, who on his staff told you this?

1 officials indicated an informal system called the chit system, where soft money donors were perceived or attributed in some informal way to 4 particular candidates.

And in interviews for the more recent research, and in newspaper and other accounts, it has been widely reported that victory funds and joint fund-raising committees have been used in the way described in Paragraph 2 under No. 1.

10 Q. Okay. And what does the chit system mean, that if a candidate is involved in raising 11 soft money then a chit goes next to his name for 12 13

the soft money donation?

14 A. That was my understanding.

15 Q. And was it also your understanding that 16 the expenditures of that soft money would go to

17 that candidate, because he was the one who had

18 recruited or solicited the soft money donor? 19

A. To some extent. Not clear that it was a 20 one-to-one.

21 Q. And who told you that?

22 A. Staff of Senator Cranston.

23 Q. Anyone else?

24 A. Not that I am remembering.

25 Q. And did you document that conversation A. I am not remembering.

1 Q. Was it his chief of staff? 2

3 A. I am not remembering.

4 Q. Was he working on the campaign?

A. I don't remember.

6 Q. Did he ever get involved in fund-raising?

A. Senator Cranston?

8 Q. No. The staff member to whom you talked.

9 A. I don't know.

10 Q. And was it a male or a female?

11 A. I don't remember.

12 Q. Do you remember race of the person?

13 A. No.

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14 Q. Do you remember when this conversation

15 took place?

A. Probably 1987 or 1988.

17 Q. Okay. And, this, again, just so I am

clear, was in connection with your research for

The Money Chase?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. And, this person, did you talk to one or

more people in Senator Cranston's staff?

23 A. I believe I have spoken to more than one

24 person about the chit system.

Q. Can you recall who those other people

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- might be? 1
- 2 A. They would be people on the Senatorial
- 3 Campaign Committee.
  - Q. The Democratic Senatorial Campaign
- 5 Committee?
- 6 A. Yes.
- 7 Q. And have you ever talked to any
- 8 Republican Party Committees who have indicated
- Q something analogous to this chit system?
- 10 A. No.
- 11 Q. And who on the Democratic Senatorial
- 12 Campaign Committee did you discuss this alleged
- 13 chit system with?
- 14 A. I don't recall.
- Q. Did you do that in connection with 15
- researching the money chase?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And, what, if anything, did they tell you
- 19 about it?
- 20 A. Essentially what I have already said.
- Q. And did Senator Cranston receive more
- soft money dollars because of his solicitation of
- soft money donors, than he otherwise would have
- from the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee?
- A. I don't know.

- 1 A. Not that I am aware of.
  - 2 Q. Do you have any other basis for your
  - 3 assertion that donors, who were barred from giving
  - more than \$2,000 per election cycle to a
  - 5 candidate, can effectively channel unlimited
  - amounts of money to that same contest through a
  - 7 soft money contribution other than what you have
  - 8 told me so far?
    - A. Yes, I do.
    - Q. What is that?
  - 11 A. As reported in my research, interest
  - groups have indicated doing what -- have indicated
  - that they contribute soft money in amounts
  - exceeding \$2,000 aimed at helping in particular
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- 16 Q. And, they have an agreement with the
- 17 political parties that those monies will be
  - expended in the desired races by the interest
- 19 groups?

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- A. Agreement would not be the right word.
- 21 Q. Was there an informal wink-and-nod
- agreement? 22
- 23 A. There was something of an understanding.
  - And how was this understanding expressed?
- 25 A. In interviews with interest groups to

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- Q. Was there any assertion that Senator
- 2 Cranston had received more soft money expenditures
- by the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee
- than he otherwise would have because of the
- solicitation efforts?
- 6 A. That was implicit.
- 7 Q. Was it ever made explicit?
- 8 A. Not that I remember.
- Q. Did you ever analyze the amount of
- 10 expenditures by the Democratic Senatorial Campaign
- 11 Committee for Senator Cranston?
- 12 A. I believe I did. But, I don't remember
- 13 the analysis, at this point.
- 14 Q. Do you remember how much soft money was
- 15 spent by the Democratic Senatorial Campaign
- 16 Committee in or about 1987 or 1988 for Senator
- 17 Cranston's election?
- 18 A. No. I don't.
- 19 Was it more than \$1 million?
- 20 A. I don't recall.
- 21 Was it more than 100,000?
- 22 A. I don't recall.
- 23 Q. Were there any advertisements purchased
- with soft money in Senator Cranston's races in the
- late 1980s?

- this effect.
  - 2 Q. No. How is the understanding expressed
  - 3 as between the political party and the interest
  - 4 groups?
    - A. I don't know.
  - 5 6 Which interest groups told you this? Q.
    - The trial lawyers.
  - 7 8 Okay. When did they tell you this?
  - 9 A. There would be a footnote in the back of
  - 10 my monograph with the date of the interview with
  - the Trial Lawyers Association. I don't remember 11
  - 12
  - 13 Q. Your monograph being something different
  - 14 than this report?
  - 15 A. Yes.
  - 16 What monograph would that be? O.
  - A. What was the title of the 2000 monograph? 17
  - The title is: Election Advocacy: Soft Money and
  - 19 Issue Advocacy in the 2000 Congressional
  - 20 Elections.
  - 21 There is a list of all interviews
  - 22 conducted for that monograph as an appendix.
  - 23 Q. And who did you talk to at the Trial
  - 24 Lawyers?
  - 25 I don't recall the person's name.







- 1 Q. Would that be, would the person be listed 2 in the footnote?
- 3 A. Yes. It would be listed in the appendix
- 4 and the footnote.
- 5 Q. And this person told you he had an
- 6 informal understanding with which political party
- 7 or party committee?
- 8 A. I believe it is a she.
- 9 Q. What is her name?
- 10 A. I don't remember her name.
- 11 Q. Okay. And what did she tell you about
- 12 her understanding -- which political party she had
- 13 any such understanding with?
- 14 A. Would you repeat the question. I think
- 15 there were two questions there.
- 16 Q. Which political party did she have this
- 17 alleged understanding with?
- 18 A. The Democratic Party.
- 19 Q. The Democratic National Committee?
- 20 A. No. I believe it was either the
- 21 Congressional Campaign Committee or the Senatorial
- 22 Campaign Committee.
- 23 Q. Can you remember, sitting here today,
- 24 which one of those it was?
- 25 A. No.

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- or two conversations, or three conversations,
- 2 according to the person you talked to at the Trial
- 3 Lawyers?

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- MR. PAOLELLA: Conversations between the
- Trial Lawyers and the Democratic Committee?
  - BY MR. CARVIN:
- Q. Sure.
- A. It wasn't clear to me from what the
- 9 interviewee said how many conversations she had
- 10 with the party committee.
- 11 Q. Okay. To the best of your recollection,
- 12 what did she say to the Democratic Committee, and
- 13 what did they say to her?
- 14 A. To the best of my recollection, she
- 15 indicated that the party committee would indicate
- 16 a need in amounts exceeding \$2,000 and that she
- 17 would know of potential soft money donors able to
- 18 contribute at that level and that she would help
- 19 facilitate that contribution.
  - Q. And the need related to a specific race?
- 21 A. Yes, to a specific race.
- 22 Q. And why would they have a need with
- 23 respect to a specific race, as opposed to all of
- 24 the competitive races that the committee was
- 25 following?

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- 1 Q. Okay. And when did this understanding or
- 2 conversation giving rise to this understanding
- 3 occur, according to your contact at the Trial
- 4 Lawyers?
- 5 A. I believe it would have been in reference
- 6 to the 2000 election cycle.
- 7 Q. Okay. So, the conversation would have
- 8 occurred in 1999 or 2000?
- 9 A. Or early 2001.
- 10 Q. And there was one such conversation with
- 11 either the Democratic Congressional Committee or
- 12 the Democratic Senatorial Committee or numerous
- 13 such conversations?
- 14 A. No. We were speaking about the
- 15 conversation I was having with the Trial Lawyers
- 16 Association, I assumed. You may need to restate
- 17 the question.
- 18 I was answering in what I thought was the
- 19 context of the interview with the Trial Lawyers
- 20 Association.
- 21 Q. Okay. Let me make it clear. To the best
- 22 of your recollection, there was some implicit
- 23 understanding between the Trial Lawyers and some
- 24 national Democratic Committee and I am wondering
- 25 if that understanding arose in one conversation,

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- A. I don't know.
- Q. And, so, in this example, it was the
- 3 Democratic Committee that was making the decision
- 4 on where the expenditure would occur, and the
- 5 interest group would be facilitating the funds?
  - A. Yes.
- 7 Q. So, this would not be an example of a
- soft money donor indicating where they wanted the
- 9 money spent, and the Committee acquiescing,
- 10 correct?
- 11 MR. PAOLELLA: Objection.
  - THE WITNESS: No.
- 13 BY MR. CARVIN:
- 14 Q. And how much money was raised in
- 15 connection with this request or requests by the
- 16 Democratic Committees?
- 17 A. I believe the example she used was an
- 18 amount of \$50,000.
- 19 Q. And what race was that \$50,000 going to
- 20 be devoted to by the Democratic Committee?
- 21 A. I don't know.
- 22 Q. If the Democratic Committee had decided
- 23 to redeploy the \$50,000 to some other purpose,
- 24 would that have been inconsistent with any such
- 25 implicit understanding?

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Washington, D.C. Page 22 1 A. Yes. 1 A. No. 2 Q. Were the soft money donors from the state 2 Q. Have you ever interviewed Party officials 3 where this race was occurring? 3 and asked them that question? 4 A. I don't know. 4 A. I have never asked that question that 5 Q. Did any of the soft money donors have any 5 way. 6 contact or conversations with the candidate in 6 Q. Okay. Are the federal office holders and 7 that race? 7 candidates who raise large amounts of soft money 8 A. I don't know. 8 donations typically in competitive races? 9 Q. Okay. Do you have any other examples of 9 A. I would reword the question to say assist 10 where a soft money donor has expressed a 10 in raising, and that is one of the major 11 preference to donate monies to a particular race 11 categories. Another major category would be party through an informal agreement? 12 12 leaders. 13 A. Not that come to mind. 13 Q. Party leaders meaning what? 14 Q. Do you know, in the Trial Lawyers' 14 A. The speaker in the House and the majority 15 example you have given me, whether or not the 15 leader and the whip and others on the leadership Democratic Committee did spend the \$50,000 in the ladder, the same for the Democratic Party, of 17 race? 17 course holding aside speaker. 18 A. No, I don't. 18 And in the Senate the majority leader and 19 Q. Okay. What percentage of soft money 19 whip and the Republican leader and whip. donors suppress a preference on where the money 20 Q. And do these party leaders, as you have just defined it, assist in raising large amounts 21 will be spent? 22 A. Persons contributing to joint 22 of soft money? 23 fund-raising committees, or victory funds, convey 23 A. Yes. And I should have added the chairs at least an implicit desire that those funds be 24 of the respective campaign committees, so that, spent in that race. for instance, in 2000, Mr. Toricelli played a Page 23 1 Q. And what percentage of soft money donors substantial role in helping to raise soft money. is that? 2 2 Q. Okay. And are they typically in 3 A. I don't know. 3 competitive races, those party leaders as you 4 Q. And how often is that implicit request 4 define it? 5

- 5 honored by the Committee?
- A. I don't know. 6
- 7 Q. Have you ever heard of any such similar
- 8 understanding, as you have previously described,
- involving the Republican Party Committee or Party?
- 10 A. Not that comes to mind.
- 11 Q. Does your report or any data supplied in
- 12 connection with your report reference any party
- 13 officials who have told you that they have
- expended soft money on the basis of their desire 14
- 15 as soft money donors?
- 16 A. Not that I recall.
- 17 Q. Is there any data supplied in connection
- with your report that indicates any candidates who 18
- have stated to you that the party committees
- expend soft money on the basis of the desires of
- 21 the soft money donors?
- 22 A. Not that I recall.
- 23 Q. Can you list any expenditure decisions by
- 24 any National Party Committees dictated in whole or
- in part by donor preferences?

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- - A. Not as competitive races.
- Q. And are those party leaders typically 6
- 7 able to raise large amounts of hard money?
- 8 A. They are able to assist in raising large
  - amounts of hard money.
- 10 Q. And did the party committees expend a
- 11 disproportionate amount of soft money on races
- 12 where party leaders are involved?
  - A. No. They do not expend a
- 14 disproportionate amount of soft money in races
- 15 where party leaders are involved.
- 16 Q. Are you aware of any correlation between
- 17 the amount of soft money --
- 18 A. May I modify that answer. With some
- 19 exceptions. For instance, Mr. Bonyer's district
- 20 in Michigan.

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- Q. And in what election was that?
- 22 A. '98 and 2000. 23
  - Q. Okay. And he was in a tightly contested
- 24 election?
- 25 A. It is a competitive district.

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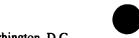
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- Q. Do you have any reason to believe that 1 2 the Democratic Committees would have spent less
- money in those races if Mr. Bonyer hadn't been a 3
- 4 party leader or assisted in the raising of soft 5 money?
- 6 A. No.
- 7 Q. Okay. Are you aware of any correlation between the amounts of soft money expended in a 8 candidate's race, and the amount of soft money 10 raised by the federal candidate or office holder?
- A. No. 11

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12 Q. To the extent there is no correlation, that would undermine the assertion that soft money 13 donors preferences or criteria in the national 15 party committee expenditures, would it not? 16

MR. PAOLELLA: Objection.

17 THE WITNESS: I need you to restate that 18 question, I am sorry.

## BY MR. CARVIN:

- 20 Q. Well, to the extent there is no correlation between the amount of soft money 21
- raised by a candidate, and the soft money 22
- 23 expenditures that benefit the candidate, that
- would undermine the assertion that those who 24
  - assist in raising soft money, or soft money donor

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- report, or the accompanying data, which substantiates the assertion that soft money donations are used to circumvent the hard money 3 contribution limits to candidates? 4
  - MR. PAOLELLA: Mike, when you say accompanying data, you are including all of his prior publications that were produced in this litigation?

MR. CARVIN: Yes.

THE WITNESS: So, let's restate the question, please.

THE REPORTER: "Question: "Is there any documentation in your report, or the accompanying data, which substantiates the assertion that soft money donations are used to circumvent the hard money contribution limits to candidates?"

THE WITNESS: Yes.

## BY MR. CARVIN:

- 19 Q. Is there any data in your report, or the 20 accompanying materials, in addition to what we
- have discussed thus far this morning? 21
  - A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. And what would that be? 23
  - A. In both '98 and 2000, we documented the
- transfers by the national party committees to 25

- 1 preferences, are a criteria in the National Party
- 2 Committee's expenditures of soft money, would it 3 not?
- 4 A. I disagree with the premise of the 5 question.
- Q. Okay. If the premise is true, that would 6
- 7 tend to undermine the assertion that soft money
- 8 donor preferences are a criteria in national party
- 9 committee's expenditures, would it not?
- 10 A. If the premise is true, but it is
- untested and unsubstantiated. 11
- Q. And you haven't sought to substantiate it 12
- 13 one way or another, correct?
- 14 A. No.
- 15 Q. Okay. To the extent that the criteria
- 16 for the national party committee's soft money
- 17 expenditures is competitive races, then a soft
- 18 money donor preference for a noncompetitive race
- 19 would not be honored, correct?
- 20 A. I presume so.
- 21 Q. And are you aware of any soft money donor
- 22 preference leading to expenditures in
- 23 noncompetitive races?
- 24 A. No.
- 25 Q. Is there any documentation in your

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state party committees, both hard and soft money. The amounts transferred typically 2

reflected the state and federal party match almost 3

exactly as needed by that state, or as eligible 4 5 for that state.

In the case of the Senate races, the

evidence is quite clear that the party committees 7

were using these soft money transfers with 8

accompanying hard money match transfers for Q

purposes of communicating with voters about the 10

candidates in that particular U.S. Senate race. 11

- 12 Q. Okay. And were any of these transfers
- dictated or influenced by the request or 13
- 14 preferences of soft money donors?
- 15 A. I don't know.
- Q. Okay. If you could turn to Page 36 of 16
- 17 your report. I am going to ask you questions
- about essentially the first paragraph, if you 18
- would take a moment to review that, please. 19
- 20 A. Yes.
- Q. Okay. For the 1998 Nevada Senate race, 21
- 22 is there any documentation in your report, or the
- accompanying data, disclosing if the Sierra Club 23
- or the League of Conservation Voters made soft 24
- money contributions to political parties in 1997

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or 1998? 1

2 A. I am relying here on the research

3 conducted by a team of academics at the University

of Nevada, Las Vegas, and the University of 4

Nevada, Reno as indicated by the quote within this

paragraph.

7 Q. And that is an excerpt from the book you

edited, Outside Money?

A. Yes. It is from a chapter they wrote in

the book I edited. 10

Q. Okay. And in that book, or in anything 11

12 else accompanying your report, is there any

13 information concerning whether or not the Sierra

Club or the League of Conservation Voters made any 14

soft money contributions to political parties in 15

16 1997 or 1998?

17 A. Not that I recall.

18 Q. Okay. Do you know, sitting here today,

whether or not the Sierra Club or the League of 19

Conservation Voters made any soft money

21 contributions to political parties in 1997 or

22 1998?

23 A. I do not know. The premise of the

24 question is that these were the only environmental

groups in questions. The sentence reads, "such as

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soft money donation from those environmental

groups would be spent in Nevada in 1998? 2

3 A. Yes.

4 Q. What is that?

A. It would be at Page 128 in the edited

book, Outside Money, or in the monograph from

which this material was drawn.

8 Q. Okay. And is this, I am sorry, this

9 material is drawn from Outside Money, Page 128,

10 correct?

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A. That's correct. 11

Q. Okay. I am going to hand you Outside 12

13 Money on Page 128.

14 Is there any documentation on that page

suggesting or documenting any informal agreement 15

between environmental groups and political parties 16

that the environmental groups' soft money donation 17

would be spent in Nevada in 1998? 18

19 A. Only what they say here.

20 Q. And is there a footnote at the end of the

sentence that these groups attempted to influence 21

the election via party contributions? 22

23 A. It is implicit in there, but there is not

24 a footnote.

Q. Okay. And in any of the other 25

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those groups." 1

2 There may have been other environmental 3 groups besides those.

Q. Is there any information in your report,

5 or in the accompanying materials, indicating

whether any other environmental groups had made 6

soft money contributions to political parties in

1997 or 1998? 8

A. Not that I recall.

10 Q. Do you know, sitting here today, whether

any other environmental groups made soft money

12 donations to political parties in 1997 or 1998?

13 A. I do not.

14 Q. Okay. Is there any evidence in the

15 report, or the accompanying materials, that there

16 was any informal agreement between the

17 environmental groups and any political party to

18 spend any soft money donation by those groups in

19 Nevada in 1998?

20 A. The beginning of the question again,

21 please?

22 Q. Is there any information in the report,

23 or the accompanying materials, documenting any

informal agreement between environmental groups

and the political party to the effect that the

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accompanying materials to your report, is there any documentation of any informal agreement

between environmental groups and political parties

that the soft money donations of the environmental

groups will be spent in Nevada in 1998?

A. Not that I recall. 6

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O. And this same article does discuss

independent expenditures by the League of

Conservation Voters and the Sierra Club in

connection with the 1998 Senate race, does it not? 10

A. I believe it does.

Q. Is there any evidence in the report, or 12

the accompanying materials, documenting that any 13

interest group channeled soft money donations to

races to supplement or replace direct expenditures

16 by the interest groups in those races?

A. Yes.

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A. The previously mentioned example of the 19

20 Trial Lawyers Association.

Q. Okay. Anything else?

22 A. I believe there are some examples in

23 which contributions by labor unions have been used

24 to that same effect.

25 Q. Okay. Do you recall what those might be?

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- 1 A. Not at this moment.
- 2 Q. Okay. And it is your understanding of
- 3 the Trial Lawyers Association that they attempted
- to influence the election via party contributions
- 5 so that they could keep anonymous their own
- 6 involvement in the races?
- 7 A. They did not make that explicit.
- 8 Q. And was there any suggestion in this
- 9 conversation with the person from the trial
- 10 Lawyers Association that the soft money donation
- 11 was done in lieu of direct expenditures by the
- 12 Trial Lawyers Association with respect to the race
- 13 that was involved?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And, prior to this conversation, they had
- 16 with this unnamed person from the Democratic
- 17 committee, they had planned on spending money for
- 18 advertisements in that race?
- 19 A. No. That is not what they said.
- 20 Q. They had planned on spending money for
- 21 get-out-the-vote or voter mobilizations in that
- 22 race?
- 23 A. I don't know.
- 24 Q. They had planned on spending money in
- 25 direct contributions the candidate in that race?

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- potential donor who might be interested in giving, and they facilitated the contribution from the
- 3 individual to the party.4 These funds were

These funds were not necessarily from the Trial Lawyers Association itself.

Q. Okay. Could you turn to Page 49 of your report, please.

The first sentence in the third paragraph reads: As I discuss elsewhere in this report, our estimate is that over half, and sometimes as much as three-quarters, of soft money expenditures go to broadcast advertising.

Do you see that?

14 A. I do.

- 15 Q. And by that you mean soft money 16 expenditures by political parties?
- 17 A. I do.
- 18 Q. Do you mean by national political parties
- 19 or state political parties, or both?
- 20 A. Both. Most of these expenditures are
- 21 through state political parties, because of the
- 22 more favorable hard to soft money ratio when funds
- 23 are expended by state parties.
- 24 Q. Okay. So, just so we are clear, is it
  - your estimation that over half, and sometimes as

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- 1 A. They may have already done that.
- 2 Q. And was the \$50,000 soft money donation
- 3 in lieu of additional contributions to the
- 4 candidates in the race?
- 5 A. It could have been or it could have been
- 6 in addition to a maximum contribution.
- 7 Q. Okay. So, what was it in the
- 8 conversation that indicated that they provided
- 9 \$50,000 in the soft money donation in lieu of some
- 10 direct expenditure by the Trial Lawyers
- 11 Association itself?
- 12 A. I believe the conversation involved my
- 13 asking about the rather large levels of soft money
- 14 contributions and the process whereby the Trial
   15 Lawyers made those contributions to a national
- 16 party committee.
- 17 Q. And was the suggestion made by the person
- 18 at the Trial Lawyers Association, we had \$50,000
- 19 earmarked for some expenditure of any kind by the
- 20 Trial Lawyers Association, but, instead, we
- 21 provided \$50,000 in the soft money donation to the
- 22 Democratic Committee?
- 23 A. No.
- 24 Q. Okay.
- 25 A. As I said earlier, it was, they knew of a

- Page 37 much as three-quarters, of soft money expenditures
- 2 directly by national party committees go to
- 3 broadcast advertising?
- 4 A. No. I am speaking of it in the broader
- 5 sense. It would include transfers to state
- 6 parties for purposes relating to House and Senate
- 7 elections.8 O. So.
  - Q. So, if I put together the direct
- 9 expenditures of soft money by the national party
- 10 committees, along with the transfers to state
- 11 parties, it is your estimate that over half, and
- 12 sometimes as much as three-quarters of that soft
- money, goes to broadcast advertising?
- 14 A. When we are speaking of House and Senate
- 15 elections. Not when we are speaking of DNC and
- 16 RNC expenditures in presidential elections,
- 17 gubernatorial elections or for other purposes.
- 18 Q. Do you have an estimate of the amount of
- 19 money, soft money raised directly by state
- 20 parties, that goes to broadcast advertising in the
- 21 Senate and Congressional races?
- 22 A. In some instances, I think we have those
- 23 estimates. We don't have them in all instances.
- 24 It depends on state law and state disclosure
- 25 provisions.

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1 And typically these funds are not expended for federal candidates.

- 3 Q. Okay. Do you have an estimate of how
- much money raised, soft money raised by state
- 5 parties, on average, is spent on broadcast
- advertising for any races?
  - A. No.

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- Q. Okay. Is there any documentation in your
- report, or the accompanying materials,
- documenting, on an annual basis, how much money is
- spent by the national parties for broadcast
- 12 advertisements in Senate or Congressional races?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. Okay. Where is that?
- 15 A. These estimates are typically from party
- 16 leaders themselves in response to the question
- 17 posed.
- 18 Q. All right. And, just so I am clear, at
- 19 this point I am asking for some kind of chart or
- documentation of how much actual dollars were
- spent in any given year by the national parties
- for broadcast advertisements.
- A. No. I don't have such a chart, in part
- because once funds are transferred to state
- parties, disclosure of how those funds are

expenditures in a particular year.

- 2 A. With all due respect, I believe that may
- 3 be the only U.S. Senate election we have studied
- in three cycles, in which they did not use the
- State party transfer as the option.
- 6 So there is a very limited pool of races.
- 7 So, the answer is, no, I don't have such a table.
- In general, there may be a table with respect to
- 9 North Carolina in 1998.
- 10 Q. Okay. And is there any table in your
- 11 reports or the accompanying documentations about
- 12 the amounts of money transferred to state parties
- 13 from the national parties, in any given year?
- 14 A. I believe so. I think we look at state 15
- party transfers in several different places. 16 Q. But, is there any cumulative table
- 17 discussed?
- 18 A. Not that I recall creating a cumulative
- 19 table along these particular dimensions.
- 20 Q. Is there any information in your report
- from which you can compile a cumulative table
- reflecting all of the amounts transferred by the
- national parties to state parties?
- 24 A. Not that I recall. The closest would be
- the example of Senate elections. And there is a

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- expended, it is difficult to document in such a 1
- 2 chart.
- 3 Q. Just so I am clear, Dr. Magleby, right
- now my questions are focussing not on transfers.
- I will get to that in one second. Right now I am
- 6 focussing on direct expenditures by the National
- 7 Parties.
- 8 A. And, just to be clear those are
- Q relatively rare in Senate and House races.
- 10 Q. And there are no figures reflecting the
- amount spent by national parties, the amounts of
- soft money spent by national parties in Senate or
- 13 Congressional races, in your report or the
- 14 accompanying documentation?
- 15 A. I would have to refresh my recollection
- on that. In the North Carolina Senate race in
- 1998, the Republican Senatorial Campaign Committee
- 18 did not transfer funds to the North Carolina state
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- 20 And, there may be a table in that case
- 21 study that looks at the question you have asked, I
- 22 don't recall it.
- Q. Fair enough. But, at this point, I am 23
- not asking for any case study in connection with a
- particular race. I am asking for all of the

table both in this report and in the

2 documentation. 3 It is Table 4, Transfers to state parties

4 in the five Senate elections we were monitoring in 5 2000.

6 Q. Just so I am clear, these were not the 7

only Senate elections in 1998 -- 2000? A. No. There were three other competitive

8 elections in the year 2000. And the vast majority

10 of soft money transfers by both national party

committees in 2000 went into those eight U.S.

12 Senate races.

13 Q. And the totals for the other three

14 competitive races are not referenced in Table 4?

15 A. No. But, they are listed in the book,

The Other Campaign. There is a footnote where

this table is referenced. It is Table 2.3 and 17 18 there should be a footnote.

19 Well, I am not seeing it now, but it may 20 be in the monograph.

Do we have a copy of the monograph? 21

- 22 Q. When you refer to the monograph, it is 23 that 2000 monograph you provided earlier?
- 24 A. Right.
- 25 Q. And the document will speak for itself.

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- Your recollection is that Table 4 is expanded
- 2 somewhere in that monograph to include the three
- 3 other competitive Senate races?
- 4 A. Yes. It is something in excess of 75
- 5 percent of all soft money expended by those two
- party committees was expended in those eight
- 7
- 8 Q. Okay. And just so the record is clear,
- 9 you are only looking at the Senatorial Committees?
- A. Uh-huh, in that table and in that 10
- 11
- 12 Q. Okay. And did you look at the transfers
- 13 by the Republican National Committee, or the
- 14 **Democratic National Committee?**
- A. Yes. We also looked at the House 15
- 16 campaign committees.
- 17 Q. Okay.

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- A. It is more difficult, however, to track
- 19 the direct expenditure of those funds.
- 20 Q. All right. Well, let's focus first on
- 21 the Republican National Committee and the
- 22 Democratic National Committee.
- 23 Is it your estimate that over half, and
- 24 sometimes as much as three-quarters, of monies
- transferred by the RNC or the DNC to state parties

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- expenditures, there are transfers of both soft and
- 2 hard money to state parties? 3
  - A. Yes.
- 4 Q. And how do you segregate out the soft
- 5 money from the hard money in those transfers and
- 6 the purposes to which they are devoted?
  - A. It is the aggregate transfer
- 8 accomplishing the match that we are referring to.
- 9 Q. Okay. So, it doesn't specifically
- 10 segregate out soft money?
- 11 A. One can't spend soft money alone by a
- 12 state party.
- 13 Q. Right. In 2000, how much was transferred
- 14 by the RNC to state parties?
- 15 A. I don't recall.
  - Can you give me a rough estimate?
- 17 A. No.
- O. How about the DNC? 18
- A. I don't recall. 19
- Q. 20 million? 20
- 21 A. I don't recall.
- 22 O. 30?
- 23 A. I don't recall.
- 24 Q. So, you don't even really have a rough
- 25 idea of how much money was transferred to state

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- go to broadcast advertising?
- A. No.
- 3 Q. Okay. And, how about the Congressional
- committees, is it your estimate that over half,
- and as much as sometimes three-quarters, of soft
- money transferred to state parties by the
- Congressional committees goes to broadcast
- advertising?
- A. Yes. Those were their words.
- 10 Q. Okay. And, again, this was based on the
- 11 estimates by Party leaders that is referenced in
- 12 your report?
- A. Yes. 13
- Q. Okay. Have you ever reviewed FEC 14
- 15 documents to see whether or not the money
- transferred to state parties is expended on
- 17 broadcast advertisements and the amount to which
- 18 they are?
- 19 A. One cannot ascertain the answer to that
- 20 question through FEC documents.
- 21 Q. Okay. Is there state reporting documents
- 22 from which one could ascertain that answer?
- 23 Not to my knowledge.
- 24 Q. Okay. And when you say a half, and
- sometimes as much as three-quarters, of soft money

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- parties by either the Democratic National Committee or the Republican National Committee in
- the 2000 election cycle?
- A. Not at this moment.
- 5 Q. Okay. When you say broadcast
- 6 advertising, is that advertising that mentions a
- federal candidate?

- 8 A. The question was not worded that way.
  - Q. I am asking you to clarify. When you say
- 10 broadcast advertising --
- 11 A. The question I asked the interviewees was
- 12 not worded that way. So, I don't know if that is
- 13 what it would have been.
- 14 Q. So, I take it the basis of that estimate
- 15 is the conversations that you had with the Party
- leaders referenced in your report?
- 17 A. Yes. Or in other documentation provided
- 18 in the case.
- Q. Fair enough. If you could turn to 19
- 20 Page 44, the second full sentence under No. 2 at
- 21 the bottom there.
- 22 As noted above, between half and
- 23 three-quarters of this money has been passed
- 24 through the state party accounts on its way to pay
- for broadcast advertising.



- Do you see that sentence?
- 2 A. I do.

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- 3 Q. Okay. Just so I am clear, is the
- 4 assertion here that between half and
- three-quarters of money transferred by national
- parties to state parties was spent on broadcast
- 7 advertising?
- 8 A. No. That is not what it is saying.
- 9 Q. Okay.
- 10 A. What it is saying is that half to
- three-quarters of the money transferred by the 11
- four Congressional campaign committees, not the 12
- DNC or the RNC. 13
- 14 Q. Okay.
- 15 A. As indicated in interviews with staff of
- all four committees in '98 and 2000. 16
- 17 Q. Okay. So, just so I am clear, is there
- 18 any difference between the assertion --
- 19 A. No, same point.
- 20 The same point made on Page 49. Q.
- 21 Α. Uh-huh.
- 22 Q. And the basis for the assertion is the
- 23 same as you have previously described?
- 24 A. It is elite interviews with party
- 25 leaders.

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- Q. Fair enough. Could you turn to Page 56 2 in your report please, Doctor.
- 3 A. Uh-huh.
- 4 Q. The first full sentence on that page
- 5 states: The raising of individual contribution
- limits under BCRA has the potential of
- strengthening parties significantly and will
- encourage both parties and candidates to focus on
- 9 individual citizen donors.
- 10 Do you see that?
  - A. I do.
- 12 Q. Are you referring to both state and
- national parties in that sentence? 13
- 14 A. I am referring to national parties, I
- 15 believe.

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- Q. Okay. And, in the report, or the 16
- accompanying materials, have you analyzed the hard 17
- money fund-raising efforts by the national 18
- 19 parties?
- 20 A. More in previous research published,
- including The Money Chase. 21
- Q. Okay. And that was the, when was that 22
- 23 published?
- 24 A. 1992.
- 25 O. 1992. Have you looked, since 1992, in

- Q. Thank you. In your interviews, were you
- 2 discussing all of the expenditures by the
- 3 Congressional or Senate committees, or the
- 4 expenditures in connection with the competitive
- 5 race, as you were analyzing for your reports and
- 6 books?
- 7 A. We were discussing the expenditures of
- 8 the funds transferred into the competitive races
- 9 we were studying.
- 10 Q. Okay. And how many were there in 2000?
- 11 A. There were five Senate and I think 16
- 12 House. I would have to add them up again. May
- 13 I -- I don't have the monograph.
- 14 So, it may be 17 races, I don't remember
- 15 the exact number of races in 2000.
- 16 Q. Those numbers would be reflected in the
- 17 2000 monograph you have referenced earlier?
- 18 A. To be clear, the monograph is the larger
- document that includes all of the case studies. In '98, we did 12 House races, and four Senate
- 21 races.

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- 22 In 2000, we did five Senate races and I
- 23 believe 12 house races. We were doing somewhat
- more than that in 2002, which is why the numbers
- may be a bit cloudy in my mind.

- any systematic way at the hard money fund-raising
- 2 efforts by the national party committees?
  - A. Yes.

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- 4 Q. And where is that analysis reflected?
- A. Multiple sources listed in Nevada. There 5
- 6 are sections in the books and the monographs that
- talk about hard money fund-raising. 7
- 8 I believe they speak about average
- 9 contributions, the advantage the RNC has, both in
- numbers of donors and the ability of the donor, or
- the ability of the base to remain active over time
- going back to the efforts of Chairman Brock in the 12
- 13 1970s.

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- 14 Q. Do you recall, sitting here, in very
- rough terms what the average hard money
- contribution is to the RNC?
  - A. I don't recall.
- Q. It is less than \$500. Does that square
- with your recollection?
- A. I don't recall. 20
- Q. Okay. Would it surprise you to hear that 21
- 22 it is less than \$500?
  - A. No. It wouldn't surprise me.
- 24 Q. Okay. Do you have an estimate of how
- many potential donors to national party committees

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would give between \$1,000 and \$20,000 that have 2 not been contacted or solicited by the national

- 3 party committees?
- 4 A. One indication of the larger pool of
- 5 individual donors to candidates would be the very
- successful fund-raising efforts of then Governor
- 7 George W. Bush through his so-called Pioneers
- Effort, which suggests that there may well be
- Q untapped individual donors at the levels of the
- 10 current FECA, as well as the levels of the BCRA,
- that are available to parties should they so 11
- 12 desire to pursue those donors.
- 13 Q. And is it your understanding that the RNC
- 14 has not sought out the people who gave \$1,000 or
- 15 more to the Bush campaign to seek hard money
- contributions? 16
- 17 A. I don't know.
- Would it surprise you if they had not? 18
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. Okay. So, at least with respect to the
- RNC, do you have any basis for believing they
- haven't made aggressive efforts to seek out
- potential donors who would be willing and able to
- give between \$1,000 and \$20,000 to the national
- committees?

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- One such way would be to allocate \$20,000 of it to the hard money account and \$5,000 to the
- soft money account; isn't that correct?
- A. That may be the practice.
- Q. In either event, they would have, under
- current law the \$25,000, some portion allocated to
- 7 the soft money account, and some portion allocated
- to the hard money account; correct?
  - A. That's correct.
- 10 Q. So, I guess I am confused as to why, if I
- 11 was approaching the same donor, why my net revenue
- 12 at the national party would increase simply
- 13 because all 25,000 of that could now be counted as
- hard money? 14
- 15 A. Well, as indicated in the sentence that
- 16 we are discussing, we are talking about focussing
- 17 on individual citizen donors and not soft money or
- 18 other large donors exclusively.
- 19 So it has to do with broadening the base
- 20 of individual donors.
- Q. And that is fair enough, and I want to
- get to that in a second, but my questions now
- focus on the raising of the individual
- contribution limits, in and of itself, as opposed
- to renewed emphasis or expansion of fund-raising

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- A. I believe the parties have made efforts
- 2 to raise money, yes. 3 Q. Okay. And have they been raising more
- 4 hard money since, say, 1988?
  - A. There is a substantial search in hard
- 6 money fund-raising in this cycle.
  - Q. Okay. Do you think that increasing the
- 8 contribution limits for the national parties from
- 9 \$20,000 annually to \$25,000 annually, in and of
- 10 itself, will substantially increase the revenues
- of the national party committees? 11
- 12 A. It has that potential.
- 13 Q. And why is that?
- Because the focus will then be on those 14
- 15 donors and not on soft money donors.
- Q. Well, if I am such a donor today and 16
- 17 wanted to give \$25,000 to, let's say the
- 18 Republican National Committee, I could write them
- a check for \$25,000 and 20,000 of that would go 19
- into the hard money account and five of it would
- 21 go into the soft money account; isn't that right?
- 22 A. One more time, please.
- 23 Q. If I write a check today for \$25,000, the
- 24 practice of the national parties is to allocate
- that in certain ways.

efforts for individual citizen donors.

2 Does the raising of the contribution

limit itself, in your estimation, have the 3

potential for substantially increasing the 4

revenues of the national party committees?

A. Yes. I would like to confirm this. But,

7 I think you have mischaracterized the BCRA

8 individual contribution limits, candidate and

9 parties.

10 In the aggregate, in a two-year cycle, I 11 think they can contribute more than you

12 characterized.

13 And there is a limit, I think, of such an 14 amount that it would mean that more money would

potentially be available to the parties than you 15 16 had characterized.

17 Q. Okay. Let's clear up that factual point.

What is your understanding of the annual

19 contribution limit under BCRA to a national party?

- A. I believe an individual, in a two-year
- 21 cycle, can now give \$95,000.
  - Q. To all committees?
- A. To all committees. And 37,500 or some 23
- figure like that to candidates. 24
- Q. That would be the what we call the

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aggregate contribution?

2 A. To candidates.

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Q. Correct. And the 95, just so I am clear,

4 is it your understanding that the 95, that an

individual could give, under BCRA, a \$95,000 check

6 in one year to the Republican National Committee?

7 A. I am not sure about the transmission of

8 the check in the new law whether anything has been

9 done with respect to changing the joint

10 fund-raising practice.

11 I am not familiar with that. So, I can't 12 speak to that question. But, in the aggregate,

whether it is one check or many checks, that is 13

14 the amount.

15 And that is a larger amount in the 16 aggregate than individuals are presently given to 17 parties.

18 Q. Right. And, just so the record is clear

19 on this, is it your understanding that in BCRA

20 there are limits on how much one individual can

give in a certain year to a particular national

22 committee?

23 A. No. I am not familiar with whether there

are those limits in BCRA.

Q. Okay. And, so your focus is on the

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aggregate limit from 50 to 95?

A. There are two things. It is the increase

3 in the aggregate limit to 95, and it is the

increase in the amount an individual -- well, it is also the increase in the amount an individual

6 can give to a candidate, which will also help 7

candidates as well.

8 Q. Okay. If you want to focus on the 9 aggregate limit that is fine with me. It would

10 just change the hypothetical slightly.

11 If I was willing, in the past, to give 12

\$95,000 to all of the national committees, under

current law before BCRA, I could do that, correct? 13

14 A. That's correct.

Q. And some would be allocated to soft money

16 and some would be allocated to hard money,

correct? 17

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18 A. That's correct.

Q. So, again my, question would be: Why is 19

it that raising the hard money limits will lead to

an increase in net revenues for the parties if

22 they could have had the \$95,000 under the old

23 regime?

24 A. Well, I think it is unclear that it will

25 lead to an increase in net revenues.

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aggregate limits to all of the national

2 committees, correct?

3 A. Yes, and candidates. Those two aggregate

4 limits.

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5 Q. Okay. But, let's focus first, if we can,

6 on the aggregate limits to all national

7 committees.

8 A. Okay.

Q. And your understanding is there is a

10 **\$95,000** ceiling?

11 A. Minus the amount that you could give to

12 candidates.

13 Q. Right. Minus the 37,500.

14 Exactly.

15 Q. And what is your understanding of the

current aggregate limit under federal law prior to

17 enactment of BCRA?

18 A. I believe I would like to refresh my

19 memory on this, with so many figures floating

20 around that it is \$50,000 in a two-year cycle,

21 \$25,000 a calendar year.

Q. Okay. And that would include both party 22

23 and candidate contributions?

24 A. That's right.

25 Q. Okay. And so it is the increase in

Page 57 That will depend upon expanding the base

1 2 of individual donors and focusing less on very

large soft money donors, well in excess of

\$95,000. 4

5 Q. Okay.

6 A. Which has been a preoccupation of both

party committees, both parties' committees.

Q. And under the law -- well, what is your

9 understanding of the percentage of soft money

10 donations that come from unions or corporations in

11 the current practice?

12 A. They are among the most substantial soft

13 money donors to the Democratic Party Committee.

14 Q. Do you know whether they provide more

15 than 50 percent of the soft money?

16 A. I don't recall precisely.

Q. Okay. And how about for the Republican

18 Committees?

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A. Labor unions for the Republican 19

20 Committees?

21 Q. No. Labor unions or corporations?

22 Corporations are among the larger

23 contributors to the Republican Party. Relatively

few union soft money contributions to the 24

25 Republican Party.

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- Q. So just so I am clear, my question is, do
- 2 you know, in the aggregate for all of the national
- 3 committees, what percentage of soft money
- 4 donations come from unions or corporations?
- 5 A. No.
- 6 Q. Okay. Is it roughly half?
- 7 A. It is a substantial amount, but I
- 8 wouldn't want to commit to a particular estimate
- 9 without counting it.
- 10 Q. Okay. And under the new regime, is it
- 11 your understanding that none of that money can be
- 12 donated to or received by the national committees?
- 13 A. No, that is not my understanding.
- 14 Q. Is it your understanding that unions and
- 15 corporations can still give donations to the
- 16 national committees?
- 17 A. PAC contributions, not corporate or union
- 18 treasury funds.
- 19 Q. Okay.
- 20 A. But, there are plenty of PACS in labor
- 21 unions and in corporations that make soft money
- 2 contributions under current law and would be able
- 23 to make them under BCRA.
- 24 Q. But no money from unions or corporate
- 25 treasuries?

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- 2 A. No. I haven't done that analysis.
  - Q. When states receive money that is
- 4 transferred from the national parties, I take it
- 5 they haven't expended any money to raise those
- 6 funds, correct?
- 7 A. When states receive transfers they have
- not expended money to raise those funds?
- Q. Yes.
- 10 A. Typically not. But, they may have been
- 11 involved in helping host a joint fund-raiser. In
- 12 the case of the New York Senate race, I think
- 13 there are some examples of that in 2000.
- 14 Q. Do you know typically how much money was
- 15 expended by state parties in those joint
- 16 fund-raising efforts?
- 17 A. No, I don't.
- 18 Q. Do you have any estimate as to how much
- 19 fund-raising efforts of state parties will
- 20 increase under BCRA?
- 21 A. No.
- 22 Q. Also on Page 56, the next sentence says:
- 23 In short, BCRA returns parties to the campaign
- 24 finance world that existed before they found ways
- 25 to use soft money for candidate attack and

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- A. No. Under BCRA that is one of the
- 2 prohibitions.
- Q. Okay. And do you know how much soft
- 4 money was raised by all six national committees in
- 5 the 2000 cycle?
- 6 A. Not off the top of my head.
- 7 Q. Does \$500 million sound about right?
- 8 A. It was a substantial amount.
- 9 Q. Have you done any analysis concerning
- 10 whether or not the national committees can raise
- 11 \$500 million more in hard money than they
- 12 currently are?
- 13 A. I have not done that analysis. However,
- 14 as indicated previously, history teaches us a
- 15 lesson about individual donors, and it is the
- 16 Republicans in the mid-1970s, when they
- 17 successfully expanded their individual donor base.
- 18 Q. And they have been expanding that donor
- 19 base ever since, correct?
- 20 A. They have, but they had the biggest surge
- 21 when they committed to it and made it a high
- 22 priority.
- 23 Q. Okay. And have you done any analysis of
- 24 whether or not state parties can replace their
- 25 soft money contributions with hard money or Levin

1 promotion.

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- 2 Do you see that?
  - A. I do.
- 4 Q. When did the parties find ways to use
- soft money for candidate attack and promotion?
- 6 A. In the 1996 cycle, most specifically.
- 7 Q. Okay. And, before 1996, the parties
- 8 could spend soft money on activities that weren't
- 9 directly linked to electing or defeating
- 10 particular federal candidates?
- 11 A. True.
- 12 Q. And they cannot do that after BCRA,
- 13 correct?
- 14 A. They cannot do what?
- 15 Q. Spend soft money on activities not
- 16 directly linked to electing or defeating a
- 17 particular federal candidate?
- 18 A. National Parties cannot, state parties
- 19 with the Levin amendment can't.
- Q. And just so we are clear they can't spend
- 21 soft money on that, they can spend a combination
- 22 of hard and Levin funds, correct?
- 23 A. Post BCRA, yes.
- 24 Q. So, focusing again on the national
- 25 parties, to that extent, BCRA does not return them

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- to the campaign finance world that existed before
- they found ways to use soft money for candidate
- 3 attack and promotion?
- A. Yes. 4
- 5 Q. Okay. And until approximately 1990, is
- it your understanding that states could spend all
- 7 of the soft money that they wanted without
- reporting that to the FEC, without some allocation
- formula?
- 10 A. There were some changes in the 1990. I
- am not 100 percent sure that the one that you mentioned was one of those.
- Q. Is it your understanding that the current 13
- 14 regime, that state parties can spend money on what
- is defined as federal election activity under
- 16 BCRA, if they allocate a certain portion of those 17 funds to federal and nonfederal account?
- A. I am not certain of that. And, in fact, 18
- 19 I know that some states have rules prohibiting
- 20 that, specifically Connecticut.
- 21 Q. No, I am sorry. Now I am focusing on the
- 22 restraints, exclusively federal law.
- 23 A. Okay. Federal law restraints on state
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Q. Okay. And under the current regime, the

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- 1 A. We're talking about the transfer of funds
- in this instance?
  - Q. Yes.
- 4 A. Yes.
  - Q. And after BCRA, they can't expend any
- 6 soft money transferred from national party
- 7 committees to federal election activity, correct?
  - A. Correct.
- 9 Q. So, again, that is a difference between
- 10 the regime that existed prior to the time that the
- 11 parties found ways to use soft money for candidate
- attack and promotion, and the regime that will 12
- 13 exist after BCRA, correct?
- 14 A. Yes. But it is important to note that
- much of the surge in soft money receipts and
- expenditures has occurred post this discovery of
- the ability to use soft money for candidate attack
- 18 and promotion purposes.
- Q. Okay. 19
- 20 A. Specific candidate attack and promotion
- 21 purposes.
- 22 Q. Okay. Why will parties be strengthened
- 23 if they are less dependent on large donors and
- 24 interest groups?
- 25 A. Because they will cultivate a donor base

- sole restraint on state party spending soft money
- 2 on federal election activities is allocating those
- 3 monies pursuant to the formulas that have been
- 4 developed by the Federal Election Commission; is 5 that correct?
- 6 MR. PAOLELLA: Is this pre-BCRA?
  - MR. CARVIN: Pre-BCRA.
- THE WITNESS: This is a complicated 8
- 9 question, I am sorry. 10
- Are we speaking of federal dollars 11 transferred to the state party, or are we talking
- about dollars raised by the state party without 12
- attribution to a federal candidate? 13
  - BY MR. CARVIN:
- 15 Q. Yes, the latter.
- 16 A. I don't remember the rules about that
- 17 latter category, precisely.
- 18 Q. Okay. Now, let's switch to your first 19
- example.
- 20 In terms of monies transferred from the 21
- national committees to the state parties, they
- could, the state parties could expend that money
- 23 on federal election activity, so long as they
- 24 complied with the allocation formulas set forth by
- the Federal Election Commission, correct?

- Page 65 that is broader, that includes more voters.
- 2 Q. Okay. Will they be financially
- 3 advantaged as opposed to broadening their base of
- 4 voters?

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- 5 A. It depends on their success in following
- 6 the Bush strategy of cultivating more individual
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- 8 Q. Okay. And then the second full paragraph
- in your conclusion on Page 56, the first sentence
- states: The potentially corrupting influence of
- large contributions has been a motivating factor
- for multiple past acts of Congress and remains so
- today. 13

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- Do you see that?
- 15 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. In your report, have you analyzed the
- extent to which large contributions have been a motivating factor for Congressional actions?
- 19 A. The report or other documents and the
- 20 report?
- 21 Q. I want to focus on the report now.
- A. It is hard for me to disentangle the 22
- 23 report from all of the other writing I have done 24 on this.
- 25 I think there are earlier references to

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legislation of roughly 100 years in age, and multiple instances that speak about legislative concerns upheld by the Court about the corrupting 4 influences.

I believe the reference is in the report to the language of the Buckley decision, speaking of quid pro quo corruption from donors and so

Q. That is what I am trying to disentangle 10 in this sentence. One way to interpret this is that Congress has previously legislated concerning 12 the potentially corrupting influence of large 13 contributions.

14 A. Yes. I would say that the ban on 15 corporate and union treasury funds is an example 16 of that legislation.

Q. Fair enough. But, just I am trying to see if there is any ambiguity.

19 The other way to interpret this sentence is that large contributions have led Congress to 20 vote in certain ways on legislation; is that the intent of this? 22

23 A. No. That is not what I was saying here.

24 Q. I was just trying to clarify that, thank

25 you.

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1 THE WITNESS: Not to my knowledge. 2 BY MR. CARVIN:

Q. And did any representative of the Party or the candidate inform any of the authors referenced in this section that they had engaged in coordination that was illegal under federal law?

A. No. May I elaborate?

9 Q. Sure.

10 A. Interviews by both the academics in the cases, and my interviews with Party officials in Washington suggests that the Party Committees are less and less worried about the appearance of 13 14 coordination.

And so, while not expressly telling 16 candidates what to do, or candidates telling parties what to do, there is clearly understanding between parties and the candidates about the activities that may be undertaken by both the

20 candidate and the party in the same race. 21 Q. Okay. Most professionals, political

22 professionals, have an understanding, particularly

23 if they are focusing on the race, of what the

24 various campaigns are doing, correct?

25 A. Uh-huh, correct.

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On Page 48 of your report, you have a section entitled: Coordination Between Parties and Candidates Between Parties and Groups.

Do you see that?

A. Uh-huh.

Q. And the first sentence states: Academics in several races heard from party and campaign professionals that candidates were well aware of the activities of their political parties and vice versa.

11 Do you see that?

A. I do.

13 Q. And in any of the three examples that you 14 cite in this section, did the authors of those 15 observe or hear any conversations where the candidates and the parties coordinated in a manner 16 17 that was illegal under federal law? 18

A. Not to my knowledge.

MR. PAOLELLA: Excuse me, Mike, are you 19 asking if they physically heard a communication 20 21 between the parties and the candidates, that they 22 were a fly on the wall and heard them talking to 23 each other?

24 MR. CARVIN: Right. 25 MR. PAOLELLA: Okay. Page 69

Q. Okay. And you say one factor, when they 2 used to be concerned about the appearance of 3 coordination, was that the parties would devote more resources to ads attacking a candidate as

4 5 opposed to promoting a candidate?

6 A. That is what party officials have told 7 me. That is one of the motivations for why, but 8 not the only motivation, for why party ads in

9 these races funded by soft money tend to be more 10 contrast or negative in tone.

Q. Okay. And, in the one example referenced 11 here, that 1998 Nevada Senate race --12

13 A. Yes.

14 Q. -- do you recall that the Republican 15 candidate in that race, Ensign, felt that he was

burt on the expenditures on ads that wasn't done

17 by his own campaign? 18 A. Let me read this paragraph to refresh my

19 memory. 20

Q. Just so you are clear, I think the

21 question comes more from the book than that, but

22 feel free to refresh your recollection.

23 A. This certainly doesn't convey that Ensign 24 communicated that. I am aware of other candidates

25 who have communicated that, that we have

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documented, most specifically Mr. English in South 2 Carolina.

There would be others in the 2000 cycle. But, I don't recall that Ensign himself said so.

5 Q. I am going to hand you the book you 6 edited, Outside Money, and Page 128, which deals 7 with the Nevada Senate race.

8 And what I am thinking of is the 9 discussion at the end of the second full paragraph 10 there.

11 A. Yes.

12 Q. And the gist of that, is it not, is that

13 the candidate in that race, the Republican

candidate, Ensign, felt it was difficult to get a

clear message out because of the clutter created

by the party expenditures and the interest group

17 expenditures?

18 A. Yes, both. It does not say party only.

19 Q. Right.

A. So, it is by the noncandidate campaign or 20

21 by the outside money created confusion.

Q. Okay. When we are talking about parties 22 23 and candidates, as distinct from interest groups,

24 is it surprising that there would be congruence

between the themes of the candidates and the

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have been relatively successful to campaign on the

same themes and messages, in fact, with remarkable

3 consistency.

4 MR. CARVIN: Thank you, I have no further 5 questions.

(Brief recess - 10:55 a.m.) 6

7 (After recess - 11:04 a.m.)

8 **EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFF AFL-CIO** 

BY MR. TRISTER:

Q. Professor Magleby, my name is Michael 10

11 Trister, we met earlier. I am representing one of

the Plaintiffs in this case, the AFL-CIO. 12

13 Would you turn to Page 9, please, of your

14 report. And, specifically to the section that is

15 headed Definitions.

And, referring to the first sentence in

17 that paragraph, in which you say: In this report,

I will use the term electioneering advertisements

or electioneering advocacy to refer to

communications that refer to an electioneering

21 message.

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22 And, you then have a footnote, that

23 Footnote 5, which then refers to the BCRA

24 definition of electioneering communications.

And my question for you is, are you using

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themes of the parties?

2 A. Not to me. The surprise was the NRCC in

1998 -- excuse me, in 1998 with its Operation

Breakout campaign where there was less congruence.

5 It was also surprising to many Republican

6 candidates.

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7 Q. The folklore on that is that Operation

Breakout was a net negative for the Republican 8

9 candidates in those Congressional actions?

A. That would be the view of several

11 Republican candidates that we interviewed.

12 Q. Are you suggesting that there is greater

congruence between the ads run by the parties than 13

14 those run by the candidates, than there is between

15 the ads run by interest groups and the ads run by

16 the candidates?

17 A. I would say that is true on average.

18 Q. On average. With exceptions going either

19 way?

20 A. Well, there are more participants on the

interest group side. So, you have a larger

denominator.

23 Proportionately, Operation Breakout that 24 we were just giving has more weight. But, holding

that aside, the parties and the candidates seem to

the terms electioneering advertisements and

electioneering advocacy to be synonymous with

electioneering communications as they are defined

in BCRA?

A. To the extent possible. It is, in some 5

ways, difficult to apply the BCRA definition to 6

past data because the time definition and other

elements aren't always clear in the data.

9 Q. Well, let me pursue that a bit. In the

next sentence you say: There are indicators of an 10 electioneering message including, and you then 11

12 name several elements.

> One of those is, being communicated during the period prior to a primary or general election.

A. Uh-huh. 16

Q. What period are you referring to in that 17 18

19 A. Well, our data that is the subject of this report is generally gathered after Labor Day.

So, it would be in the final 60 days. 21

22 So it would typically follow under the definition of BCRA. But, there are occasionally 23

advertisements that occur earlier than that --24

25 Q. Well, I know there are advertisements

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- 1 that occur earlier than that.
- A. -- that otherwise would fit the 2
- 3 definition.
- Q. Are there advertisements that would 4
- 5 appear within more than 60 days before an election
- that would fit that definition?
- 7 A. Rarely, but some, I think.
- 8 Q. That you have treated as
- electioneering --
- A. No, not that I treated. 10
- Q. -- in your report. 11
- 12 A. No.

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- 13 Q. So then, 60 days before a general
- 14 election would be the outside period, so far as
- you are concerned? 15
- A. Uh-huh. 16
- Q. And you are, in fact, using something of 17
- 18 a shorter period?
- 19 A. Yes. Something of a shorter period,
- 20 uh-huh. In some instances we actually, when
- examining the CMAG (phonetic) data, or when 21
- 22 gathering information from the stations aware of
- 23 advertising, the Nevada Senate race in 1998
- 24 started well before Labor Day, in terms of both
- party candidate and interest group ads.

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- Q. And how far back would that go?
- 2 A. As far as we can get data on the cycle
- 3 from either a station, a consultant or the CMAG 4
- 5 Q. So, hypothetically, if you had an
- 6 advertisement that ran in June, you might still
- 7 treat that as an electioneering communication, in
  - your analysis?
  - A. Yes, that is right. Because --
- 10 MR. DODYK: Did you mean electioneering
- communication or advertisement? 11 12
  - BY MR. TRISTER: Q. As he is using electioneering
- 13 14 advertisement.
- 15 A. Yes, we would. To the best of my
- recollection, we were trying to study the cycle. 16
- And the academics sought to get records from 17
- 18 television stations, radio stations, newspapers,
- 19 about advertisements that had run during the cycle
- 20 that were relevant to that race.
- O. I want to come back to that a little 21
- 22 later. But, let me stay on this. One of the
- 23 elements that you mention in that second sentence
- there is quote, "mentioning an election," unquote. 24
  - Now, what I am trying to understand here

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- And we were able to obtain that data from the stations.
- Q. Right. But, what I am trying to clarify 3 is, do you include, within the definition of
- electioneering advertisements, broadcast ads that
- run more than 60 days before the election? 6
- A. Yes. There will be instances in which we
- 8 will have been able to gather that data. If we
- did, we included it. We included anything we
- 10 could get within the cycle of the election.
- Q. Well, I realize, I want to be precise 11
- 12 about that this. I understand that you have in
- 13 some instances have been able to get information
- 14 about advertisements that ran before, let's say,
- 15 Labor Day as a shorthand for 60 days.
- A. Uh-huh. 16
- 17 Q. But, what I am asking you is whether you
- 18 have included those, any of those advertisements
- 19 that ran before Labor Day, as electioneering
- 20 communications?
- 21 Yes. A.
- 22 Q. You have?
- 23 A. We have.
- 24 Q. In your analysis?
- 25 A. In the analysis, as well as the research.

- is that if you take all of the factors that you
- have listed there, is an electioneering
- advertisement, as you used the term, an
- advertisement that has all of those elements, or
- one of those elements, or something in between?
- A. It would have been some combination of
- 7 those, not all of them. The report is written in
- the context of a piece of legislation which passed
- well after we began gathering research. 9
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  - We were not aware of what BCRA's
- definition was going to be and we did not impose 11
- that on our data collection. 12
- We were looking at data in terms of the 13
- distinction one might draw between genuine issue 14 advocacy and electioneering advocacy falling under
- 15 16 the rubric of issue advocacy, as well as party
- expenditures, soft and hard money, as well as 17
  - candidate expenditures.
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- So, in some ways this paragraph is trying to link research that has been ongoing much longer 20
- than the BCRA definition to that definition. And 21
- the answer is no, we did not tell the academics 22
- here is the criteria that they have to all meet. 23
- But these were some of the criteria that 24
  - we said would be components of an electioneering

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- Q. Would an electioneering advertisement or an electioneering advocacy, as you use the term in
- your report, ever include an advertisement that
- did not include the likeness or name of the
- candidate?

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- A. Not that I can think of.
- 8 But would an electioneering advertisement
- or electioneering advocacy include an
- advertisement that included the name of the
- 11 candidate, but did not mention an election?
- 12 A. It is conceivable. I am not sure if I
- 13 can remember examples of any that do that.
- 14 Q. But, it is, as you are using the term, it
- 15 could be an ad that does not mention an election?
- 16 A. Right.
- 17 Q. Okay. Now, the next term, further on in
- that paragraph, the last sentence on that page
- 19 reads: The term genuine issue advocacy is used to
- 20 refer to a communication by an individual or group
- 21 that advocates an issue or a policy position.
- 22 And my question for you is whether you
- 23 used the term genuine issue advocacy ever to
- 24 include an advertisement that includes the name or
- likeness of a candidate?

- - in that person's state or district. 2
    - Q. Right. But, since you were studying
  - 3 elections in which there was an ongoing race, I
  - 4 assume that the candidates in most instances were,
  - 5 in fact, running for office?
    - A. That's right. But it was a hypothetical
  - 7 and so I was trying to think how to respond to a
  - 8 hypothetical in which someone might be not running
  - 9 in that election cycle.
  - 10 Q. Okay. Now, I would like to focus, in
  - 11 your report, and also in your previous research,
  - 12 you have reported on what, in my mind, I think of
  - 13 as two different types of research.
  - 14 One is what I might call the case studies
  - 15 and the monitoring of specific races that you have
  - described in 1998 and 2000, and in the 2000 16
  - 17 primaries.
  - 18 The other, if I can use it, is the term 19 survey research that you did with respect to 2000.
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    - And I would like to focus on that for the moment.
  - 21 A. Okay.
  - 22 Q. Now, in connection with the survey
  - 23 research project that you did in 2000, am I
    - correct that you first showed eight specific
  - television ads to participants in one or more

A. I could think of no examples of that that occurred in '98 or 2000 in the cases we have 3 studied.

4 Q. But, I am asking you at this stage, not 5 an empirical question, but a definitional 6 question.

Do you include, within that definition as you use the term, and that includes the likeness

- or name of the candidate, or does the presence of 10 the name or likeness of a candidate preclude it,
- 11 in terms of your definition, from being treated as
- 12 a genuine issue?

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- 13 A. Well, again, the context needs to be
- further specified. We are looking at an
- advertisement within the district or state in
- which the person named or whose image is 16
- represented is the incumbent, I presume. Is that 17
- 18 what you are assuming?
- 19 Q. With that qualification, sir.
- 20 A. Yes. The answer is then we would presume
- 21 it was electioneering.
- 22 Q. Okay.
- 23 A. And, further, if that person is running
- for office, I guess is what I would add as the
- other contextual element. Running for office and

1 focus groups?

- A. There was preliminary work done in
- 2 3 selecting which commercials and which pieces of
- 4 mail would be shown.
  - There were pretests conducted to be
- 6 confident that those were reasonable
- 7 representations of the category of communication
- 8 that we were, in fact, testing.
- 9 But, yes, that is, the focus groups saw
- 10 all eight of the ads that were part of the study.
- 11 Q. And then the second phase was to show the
- 12 same ads through what I refer to as an internet
- 13 survey; is that correct?
- 14 A. Well, I think it is a mischaracterization
- 15 to call it an internet survey. 16
  - Q. I am sorry. How do you characterize it?
- 17 A. It is a WebTV survey. And internet
- 18 surveys are, in methodological terms, quite
- 19 different in that it is a volunteered response.
- 20 Whereas a WebTV survey is based more on
- 21 the methodology of the Nielson television ratings
- 22 in which households, I believe something
- 23 approaching 100,000 households, are randomly
- 24 selected, provided free of charge WebTV access for
- a year in return for completing surveys.

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- Q. Fine.
- 2 A. In so doing, we have much greater
- 3 confidence in the sample being representative of
- registered voters.
- 5 Q. Fine. And in terms of the WebTV portion of your study, did the participants see the same
- 7 eight ads as the focus groups?
- 8 A. In the aggregate, the 2,000 plus
- 9 respondents were exposed to eight ads. No
- individual respondent saw all eight in part
- 11 because of limitations of downloading commercials 12
  - into homes.
- 13 But the experimental design, as described 14 in the methodology, gives us confidence that the
- 15 treatment groups for this design is fair and 16 representative as if they had seen all of the ads.
- 17 Q. Now, you said a moment ago that the ads 18 were pretested in order to assure you that they
- 19 were representative, how was that pretest 20 conducted?
- 21 A. The process was the ads were drawn from a
- 22 sample that we acquired from Hotline, it is a
- national journal affiliated campaign monitoring
- 24 service for media and academic folks.
- 25 We looked at all ads relating to the

the same tone and the same production quality.

2 And so we ran those by a set of students

3 in focus groups, assessing some of those criteria, 4

and tabulated those results and selected the eight 5 ads that we used in the focus groups, and the

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Knowledge Networks WebTV survey. 7 The mail went through a similar selection

8 process.

- 9 Q. Let me cut you off. I am not interested 10 in the mail.
- 11 A. Okay.
- 12 Q. First of all, you said that you had a 13 sample of ads that were provided to you by
- Hotline. How many ads were in that sample? 14
- 15 A. In the presidential election, as of the 16 1st of September, 18 to 20 would be my best
- estimate. They were not primary election focused, 17
- 18 they were general election focused.
- 19 Q. But, didn't you say that you had run,
- that the sample included ads run back well into
- 21 the year?
- 22 A. Yes. But those often had a referent that
- were distinctively linked to a South Carolina 23
- primary audience, or to some referent that wasn't
- the general election.

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presidential election that were available up

through the beginning of September. 2 3

- We categorized the ads by type, 4 presidential candidate ads, party ads relating to
- the presidential candidates, Bush and Gore,
- 6 interest group ads that had an electioneering 7 orientation, and interest group ads that were
- 8 genuine issue advocacy, had no referent to a 9
  - candidate or the campaign.

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Those ads were categorized as I said.

- 11 The representative in this question was done by 12 excluding a few ads, most notably the "rats" ad,
- 13 that had become quite controversial in the media,
- 14 in which the subliminal que of rats in a Bush ad 15
- had been planted vis-a-vis Mr. Gore. 16 We excluded that because we did not want
- 17 an ad that had become, by itself, quite 18
- controversial to a part of the sample. 19 There were it turns out relatively few 20 genuine issue ads. I think there were only three
- 21 from which we selected two. 22 And, again, there were relatively few
- 23 candidate general election ads that had run. We
- 24 did not want the ads to, in terms of
- representative, we wanted them to have essentially

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- Since we were going to be surveying in midst the general election, we selected ads that
- did not have a distinct presidential primary
- 4 reference.

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- Q. What would such a reference be?
- A. Addressing South Carolina voters, or 6
- California voters, or New York voters. 7
- Q. But not necessarily mentioning that 9 primary?
- 10 A. Right. But perhaps mentioning those voters.
- 11 Q. Did you, when you say that these are, the 12
- ads you selected were representative, I want to 13 14 make sure I understand you.
- 15 You are saying they are representative of ads relating to the presidential election. 16
  - A. General election.
- Q. General election. Not the Congressional 18 19 elections?
- 20 A. That is exactly right. The reason for
- 21 that was you are drawing a national sample and the
- 22 common unit of reference in a 2000 election is the
- 23 presidential election.
- 24 And they were going to be seeing these 25
  - ads in the middle of the election, mid-October,

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- therefore, it needed to have a consistency with
- 2 the campaign that they would otherwise be
- 3 experiencing.
- 4 Q. Yes. But aren't you drawing conclusions
- 5 from your research that you apply to Congressional
- 6 elections?
- A. I think we were pretty careful in the
- 8 language that we use in the monograph that these
- 9 were ads that were in a presidential election
- 10 context.
- But, I do think that the conclusions are
- 12 consistent with what we would find if we were to
- 13 test Congressional ads.
- 14 Q. Well, aren't Congressional ads different
- 15 from presidential ads?
- 16 A. Not in these dimensions.
- 17 Q. What about in the dimension of mentioning
- 18 a specific piece of legislation?
- 19 A. I am not sure I am clear on what you mean
- 20 by mentioning a specific piece of legislation.
- 21 Q. An ad which says there is a vote coming
- 22 up on fast track legislation, tell your member of
- 23 Congress to vote for or against it.
- 24 A. That exact ad does not mention a member
- 25 by name, it mentions a type of legislation or

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- 1 MR. PAOLELLA: Because there have been a 2 couple of interruptions here, can you restate the
- question again so we know exactly what you're
   asking about.
  - THE REPORTER: "Question: And you are saying that, on the basis of your research, you don't very often find those kinds of things?"
- 8 MR. PAOLELLA: My question is what kinds 9 of things are you talking about.
- MR. TRISTER: I am talking about ads that mention the name of a member of Congress and also
- mention a piece of legislation, and urge the
   viewers to contact that member of Congress about
- that legislation.
- THE WITNESS: Well, that is not the question as I understood that you asked it. Yes,
- ads often mention pending pieces of legislation
- and they mention the theme of that legislation or
- 19 the topic of that legislation.
- 20 Ads much less frequently mention the name
- 21 of the sponsors of that legislation.
  - BY MR. TRISTER:

    O I didn't say the sponsors of the
- 23 Q. I didn't say the sponsors of the
- 4 legislation. I meant the member of Congress in
- 25 the district where the ad is running.

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- 1 issue.
- 2 Q. What if it also mentions an individual by
- 3 name?
- 4 A. What if what?
- 5 Q. I am asking you whether that is a
- 6 characteristic of Congressional advertising which
- 7 you would not find in presidential advertising?
- 8 A. You don't find it in either instance very
- 9 often.
- 10 Q. You don't?
- 11 A. No.
- 12 Q. That is your testimony?
- 13 A. Uh-huh.
- 14 Q. That is the basis of your research is
- 15 that you did not find advertisements that mention
- 16 the names of candidates and also urge people to --
- 17 A. No. That was wasn't the way you worded
- 18 the question. The way you worded it was the name
- 19 of a legislation that had the name of a legislator
- 20 attached to it.
- 21 Q. Correct. And you are saying that, on the
- 22 basis of your research, you don't very often find
- 23 those kinds of things?
- 24 A. You don't very often find ads that
- 25 mention --

- A. They will say things like call
- 2 Congressman so-and-so and ask him to vote for fast
- 3 track legislation.
- 4 Q. Yes. Do you more frequently see that
- 5 kind of message in Congressional advertisements
- 6 mentioning the name of a Congressional member, as
- opposed to a presidential candidate?
- 8 A. I don't have data that would document
- that. The referent in the presidential soft money
- 10 ads would also be call or tell, and it could have
- 11 an issue referent as well.
- 12 Q. Do the two ads that you categorized as
- 13 interest group electioneering ads have that
- 14 referent?15 A. Ha
  - A. Have a call or a tell?
- 16 Q. About legislation?
- 17 A. I don't recall those two ads at the
- 18 moment, and that particular element of the
- 19 content.
- 20 Q. You saying you don't recall, or you don't
- 21 recall that it had that element?
- 22 A. I don't recall.
- 23 Q. Well, I believe the ads are on Page 93 of
- 24 your report.
- 25 MR. PAOLELLA: These are summaries of the

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BY MR. TRISTER:

- 3 Q. Well, I am asking him if he will refer to the American Family Voices ad and the Republican
- 5 Leadership Coalition ad, which I think are the two
- 6 ads we are referring to, and see if that refreshes
- 7 your recollection.
- 8 A. With respect to the Republican Leadership
- 9 Coalition, I am not remembering whether there have
- 10 been some specific legislation on drug premiums,
- 11 that the Clinton/Gore administration has been
- 12 identified with. There may have been.
- 13 Q. But not the other ad?
- 14 The American Family Voices, I do not
- 15 think had a legislative referent. In part because
- 16 Governor Bush had been a governor, not a member of
- 17 Congress, or in a presidential administration.
- 18 There is a notable NAACP National Voter
- 19 Fund ad that has a referent to a veto by President
- 20 Bush of hate crimes legislation.
- 21 Q. But you didn't use that ad?
- 22 That wasn't out yet. That came very late Α.
- 23 in the cycle.
- 24 Q. The focus groups that you -- I am sorry,
- 25 let me go back.

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reasons given.

Q. So, the same eight ads that you pretested were used in the focus groups?

MR. PAOLELLA: Objection.

THE WITNESS: As well as some additional ads that we didn't use.

BY MR. TRISTER:

- Q. So, you pretested more than the eight?
- A. Oh, yes.
- Q. All right. Which ads did you not use? MR. PAOLELLA: In the pretest or --
- 12 BY MR. TRISTER:
- Q. No. That you used in the pretest that 13 14 you did not use with the focus groups.
  - A. I don't recall them specifically.
- 16 Q. Do you recall why you dropped any of
- 17 them?
- 18 A. Because for one or more of the reasons 19 given, they didn't seem as fair a comparison. So,
- 20 that would be the reason we would have dropped 21 them.
- 22 And we only could use eight, so we were
- 23 looking for two reasonable fair tests of what we 24
  - were looking at.
- 25 Q. When you presented the ads in the focus

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I am not sure you actually explained to me how you pretested the ads that you selected prior to giving them to the focus groups.

A. Well, they were screened and reviewed by me and by my research associates, a team of four or five others, based upon the criteria that I mentioned.

And then we had a questionnaire that we administered while showing the ads to one or more groups of students assessing the kinds of criteria that I mentioned.

- Q. Did you regard that process of pretesting as an important part of your research methodology?
- A. It was helpful. It was a step that I felt was important.
- Q. Did you change any of the ads based on 16 17 that pretest?
- 18 MR. PAOLELLA: Objection. Change them 19 from what?

## BY MR. TRISTER:

- Q. Did you drop certain ads you intended to 21 use and replace them with other ads based on the 22 23 pretest?
- A. Not that I recall. I believe the rats ad 24 25 had been dropped before the pretest, for the

Page 93 groups, what were the participants told about when

2 the ads ran?

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3 A. The first factual clarification, I did 4

not present the ads. They were presented by 5 Mr. D. Alsop of Worthland Worldwide. And I don't

6 recall explicitly the language. 7 It is in the documentation that we have 8 provided to you, that presented them in as fair

9 and as neutral a way as a professional researcher 10 would do.

- 11 Q. I wasn't asking you to characterize how
- 12 he presented them. I am asking you specifically 13 what information was given to the focus groups'
- 14 participants about when the ads ran, the date.
- 15 A. Well, I think, I don't remember the exact 16 language or reference that Mr. Alsop used with
- 17 respect to that question.
- 18 Q. Well, did some of the eight ads, or any
- 19 of the eight ads, run prior to the period during 20 which the focus groups were taking place?
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  - A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Were the participants asked -- provided
- 23 with the information as to when that was or were
- 24 they asked to assume they were being run
  - contemporaneously with the focus groups?

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- 1 A. I don't recall whether that information
- 2 was transmitted to the participants.
- 3 Q. So, it is possible that the participants
- 4 did not know when the ads ran?
- 5 A. Yes.
- 6 Q. Is that also true of the WebTV survey?
- 7 A. That the participants did not know when
- 8 the ads had run?
- 9 Q. Yes.
- 10 A. Yes. May I elaborate?
- 11 The purpose of that is to create as
- 12 natural an environment for them to evaluate the 13 ads as possible.
- 14 So, I think it was reasonable that that 15 information may not have been transmitted to them.
- Evaluate this ad on these dimensions, please.
- 17 Q. But, when a viewer watches an ad on TV,
- 18 they know when the ad is running, do they not?
- 19 A. That is true.
- 20 Q. And your participants did not?
- 21 A. It wasn't relevant to what we were
- studying 22
- 23 Q. It wasn't relevant to your study when the
- 24 ad ran?
- 25 A. No. We were evaluating ads that were

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- Is that a finding that is in any way 1 2
  - based on your 2000 survey research?
  - A. No.
  - Q. What about the second sentence: In
- 5 2000 --

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- 6 A. No. These are measuring what came out of 7 the case studies or the data that we independently collected at Brigham Young, not out of the focus
- 9 group, or Knowledge Networks data. 10
- Q. Let me look at Page 15, please. And would you look at the first sentence of the last 11

12 paragraph on that page.

13 The sentence that reads: Genuine issue 14 advocacy after Labor Day in the general election setting, and within a month of a presidential 15 primary, was rare.

16 17 My first question is: I would like to

- 18 simply confirm that you are using the term genuine
- 19 issue advocacy in that sentence, in the same way
- as you have defined it on Page 9, and, therefore,
- you are not referring to any ad, you are only
- referring to ads that do not mention a candidate
- 23 by name, or depict a candidate?
  - A. Right, that is correct.
  - Q. Now, what is the, is the source of that

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- part of a presidential campaign environment.
- 2 Q. But, I think, in defining electioneering
- 3 advertisements, as we have discussed a moment ago,
- 4 you said one of the factors was whether an ad ran
- 5 close to an election.
- 6 A. That is one of the factors that BCRA
- 7 uses, ves.
- 8 Q. No. I am not referring to BCRA, I am
- 9 referring to your definition on Page 9.
- 10 A. Let's go back to Page 9. I thought I
- 11 made it clear earlier that we monitor campaign
- 12 communications as they occur in an entire election
- 13 cycle that have these elements.
- 14 And they may occur 60 days before an
- 15 election, or 30 days before a primary. In fact,
- 16 we know they occasionally do.
- 17 Q. Okay. Would you turn to Page 33, please,
- 18 and to the first full paragraph at the top of that
- 19 page. That paragraph that begins: In the context
- 20 we monitored.
- 21 A. Uh-huh.
- 22 Q. The first sentence of that paragraph, the
- sentence beginning: In the contest we monitored
- in 1998, most interest groups electioneering
- advocacy came in the final weeks of the campaign.

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- sentence in any way based on your 2000 survey
- 2 research?

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- A. No.
- 4 Q. Is it based on your case studies?
- 5 A. Yes. And the other references in that
- 6 sentence.
- 7 Q. And the other references. But not only
- 8 the other references?
  - A. Right.
- 10 Q. Okay. Well, we will come back to that.
- Would you turn to Page 59, please, and to Table 2, 11
- 12 specifically. What does Table 2 show?
- A. It shows you that when given a scale from 13
- 14 one to seven, upon which respondents could
- 15 indicate the purpose, or intent of an ad, with a
- 16 gratification as implied with the one to seven
- 17 scale, that respondents in the National WebTV
- survey saw genuine issue ads as quite distinct 18
- from candidate party and electioneering issue ads. 19
- Q. Okay. Now, with reference to the two 20
- 21 columns dealing with election issue ads, the mean
- 22 score for both of those was 6.4; is that correct?
- 23 A. That's correct.
- 24 Q. Based on your review of those ads, did
- you agree with that score?

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A. Yes.

Q. You did. So, you regarded those two ads as being at the, shall we say, the top end of the scale?

5 A. In terms of the intent being to influence a person to vote against or for a particular 7 candidate, yes.

Q. Okay. Were you able, did you look for, in constructing your study, any ads, election issue ads as you have used the term, that, in your judgment, fell closer to the lower end of the 11

12 scale? 13 A. I don't think there were any. It is

bimodal distribution.

15 Q. I am not sure I know what that means.

16 The election issue ads tend to have the 17

characteristics of, the same characteristics that 18 were part of these two ads. They are not atypical

19 in my judgment.

20 Q. Well, then what was the purpose in asking 21 people to rate from one to seven?

22 A. To see if they saw it. They are the

23 voters, and because there had been a distinction

24 drawn between ads that use the magic words, and

25 ads that do not.

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was marked Magleby Exhibit No. 2 for identification.)

BY MR. TRISTER:

Q. Okay. Let me represent to you, Professor Magleby, that this is a script, rather that it has

6 been identified, in other testimony in this case,

7 as a script of an AFL-CIO ad, that ran in

8 September of 1998, on TV, in various Congressional

9 districts and states.

10 Would you please study it and take as 11 long as you want to study it?

12 A. I would like you to restate what you 13 characterized about the ad. You said some things

that I would like to have restated. Could you

15 have her read what you said back.

16 THE REPORTER: "Question: Let me 17 represent to you, Professor Magleby, that this is 18 a script, rather that it has been identified, in

19 other testimony in this case, as a script of an

20 AFL-CIO ad, that ran in September of 1998, on TV,

21 in various Congressional districts and states.

22 "Would you please study it and take as

23 long as you want to study it." 24

THE WITNESS: So, now the question.

BY MR. TRISTER:

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And I think this data conclusively demonstrates that that was a meaningful

3 demonstration.

Q. Yes. But, I didn't ask you about magic 4 5 words, did I?

A. I don't recall. 6

Q. I don't think I have used those words in 7 8 this entire deposition, Professor.

A. But you asked a question that implied the 10 distinction.

11 Q. I didn't intend to. I didn't intend to 12 imply anything about magic words.

13 I am simply asking you whether -- do you

14 personally acknowledge that there are ads which 15 fall in the category of election issue ads which would be at the lower end of that scale, as 16

distinct from the two ads that you show? 17

18 A. No.

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19 O. You do not believe that there are such 20 ads?

21 A. You think these are typical of election 22 issue ads.

23 MR. TRISTER: If you would have this 24 marked as Exhibit 2, please.

(The document referred to

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1 You are ready for the question? 2 A. Uh-huh.

3 О. How would you rate this ad on your scale

4 in Table 2?

A. Was this ad run in Senator Whomever's

6 state?

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Q. Yes.

8 Was Senator Whomever a candidate for Α.

9 reelection in 1999?

10 Q. Yes.

A. Was it run in other places, besides in 11

districts in which that Senator was running? 12

Q. Does that make a difference?

14 I was just trying to get a context.

15 Were your participants in the focus 16

groups told whether ads were run in other districts?

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A. I don't know what I am permitted to ask 18 19 for in trying to interpret an ad that I am only 20 getting a script of.

21 MR. DODYK: I think, Professor Magleby,

22 if you tell Mr. Trister what it is that you want 23 to know, to apply the assumptions. But this is

24 Mr. Trister's deposition.

THE WITNESS: So, back to my question.

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This same ad was run in multiple races including 2 some in which senators were not running?

BY MR. TRISTER:

- 4 Q. Is that a relevant consideration in how 5 you rank the ad?
- 6 A. I was just curious.

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- 7 Q. Are you just curious or does it bear on 8 your answer?
- A. I don't know. Back to your original 10 question. What was the question?
- 11 Q. My question is asking you to rank this
- 12 ad, on your scale from one to seven, based on the
- information I have given you.
- 14 A. Well, I would have given this ad probably
- 15 a six, maybe a five or six.
- 16 Q. And how would you have reached that 17 conclusion?
- 18 A. Because the context, shortly before the
- 19 election, mentioning the Senator by name using an
- 20 issue that is relevant to the campaign, would have
- been seen as intended here.
- 22 Q. I didn't tell you it was relevant to the
- 23 campaign.
- 24 MR. PAOLELLA: Did you have more in your
- 25 answer?

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- 1 A. I would see this as a general issue ad. 2 I might have given it a two or a three.
- 3 Q. Didn't you tell me a few moments ago that 4 there is no such thing as an election issue ad
- 5 that -- well, first of all, haven't you told me
- that a genuine issue ad, to be characterized as a
- 7 genuine issue ad, you cannot mention a name of a 8 candidate?
- 9 A. No. In the context of the ad, not the
- 10 call lines and so forth. It doesn't mention how
- 11 Representative Kingston has voted. It doesn't
- represent what Representative Kingston has said
- 13 about the issue.
- 14 The body of the ad has no referent to
- 15 Mr. Kingston whatsoever. The only referent to
- 16 Mr. Kingston is the call line.
- 17 Q. Well, are you now changing your testimony
- or clarifying your testimony to say that your use 18
- of the term "genuine issue ads," includes ads that 19
- 20 mention a candidate only in what you have called 21
  - the call to action?
- 22 MR. PAOLELLA: Objection, that
- 23 mischaracterizes the witness's prior testimony.
- 24 THE WITNESS: I am saying that there is
  - no referent in this ad, until the call referent,

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THE WITNESS: No. I know because these 2 issues were part of the 1998 campaign.

BY MR. TRISTER:

- 3 4 Q. Would it change your rating if I told you 5 that the Brennan Center authors characterized this ad as a genuine issue ad?
- 7 MR. PAOLELLA: I am going to object to 8 that characterization, but you can go ahead and 9 answer.
- 10 THE WITNESS: No, it wouldn't change my 11 characterization.
- 12 Q. Let me mark this ad as Exhibit 3.
  - (The document referred to was marked Magleby Exhibit No. 3 for identification.)
- 15 16 BY MR. TRISTER:
- 17 Q. Have you finished looking over the ad?
- 18 A. I have.

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- 19 Q. Let me represent to you that there has
- 20 been testimony, in this case, to the effect that
- this is a radio ad run by the AFL-CIO in September
- of 1998, and that it ran in Representative
- Kingston's district.
- 24 How would you rate this ad on your scale 25
  - of one to seven?

- as to Kingston's position or past behavior.
- And that merely mentioning the call or
- tell is not a sufficient link to the candidate.
  - BY MR. TRISTER:
- 5 Q. To your knowledge, does the definition of
- 6 electioneering communications in BCRA make the
- 7 distinction you are now making?
- 8 A. I am not certain.
- 9 Q. You are not certain?
- 10 A. I am not certain.
- 11 Q. Well, didn't you cite that definition in
- 12 Footnote 5 of your report?
- 13 A. I am not certain with respect to the
- 14 call-to-action question.
- 15 Q. Would you take a look at Footnote 5,
- please. 16
- 17 A. Uh-huh.
- 18 Q. And as you quote the definition of
- 19 electioneering communications from BCRA, it says:
- 20 Any broadcast cable or satellite communication
- that quote, "refers to a clearly identified 21
- 22 candidate for federal office," is that correct?
- 23 A. Yes. But, there are several ellipses
- 24 here. I have no idea what has been removed. I
- would have to see the whole definition. I don't

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- recall the whole definition.
- Q. Do you have an understanding of, do you
- have any reason to believe that the definition in
- BCRA makes the distinction that you are now
- 5 making?
- 6 A. I don't know.
- Q. You don't know. Should it? 7
- 8 A. Perhaps.
- Q Q. Why?
- 10 A. Well, because a generic call your
- Congressman, call your Senator, when then linked
- to a legislation and call your Congressman or
- 13 Senator about this legislation without a referent
- 14 to their position on the issue, seems to me
- substantively different than when they are
- 16 mentioned in view of what their position is on
- that issue. 17
- 18 Q. When you say substantively different, are
- you referring to a difference with respect to
- whether the advertisement communicates an
- 21 electioneering message?
- 22 A. Yes.
- 23 Q. Would you turn back to Page 59, please, I
- am sorry to make you go back and forth. 24
- 25 I would like to refer you to Table 2A,

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So, in other words, they were seen as the same within the category. So, they are not 3 statistically different.

- Q. From each other?
- A. From each other. But they are
- statistically different from other categories.
- So, the DNC ad is statistically different from the 7
- 8 candidate ad.
- 9 Q. All right. I am just trying to
- 10 understand what you mean by statistically
- 11 different.
- A. If you look at the table above, the 6.4, 12
- and the 6.4 are not going to be statistically 13
- different, and that, in fact, is found in the 14
- 15 election issue ads, if you look at the fact that
- there is no ampersand in either the voices or the 16
- ILC. 17 18
- Q. I see. 19 A. And there is a statistically different
- 20 difference between genuine and the others.
- Q. Okay. I think I now understand your 21
- 22
- A moment ago when I showed you the ad 23
- that has been marked as Exhibit 3, entitled 24
- Barker, you said you would rank that as a two on

- and with the caveat that I am not a statistician, would you explain to me, with respect to the 2 3 election issue ad columns.
- 4 Am I reading this correctly that you are 5 unable to confirm the statistical significance of the results reported in Table 2? 6
- A. No. They are statistically different
- from both the candidate and -- well, let's see. 8
- 9 Read this table.
- 10 The ampersand means that it is a 11 statistical difference from the other ads listed 12 in the table.
- MR. PAOLELLA: The asterisk? 13
- THE WITNESS: The asterisk, yes. 14
- 15 BY MR. TRISTER:
- 16 Q. But the reason I am asking the question
- is I don't see an asterisk, if you go from left to 17
- 18 right, for election issue ads, and you then come
- down from election issue ads. 19
- 20 I only see, I see four boxes, three of
- 21 which are empty, and one of which has a number,
- .536, that doesn't have an asterisk. 22
- A. That means it is not different from
- voices. Just as Bush is not different from Gore.
- 25 Just as the RNC is not different from the DNC.

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- A. Uh-huh.
- Q. And, then I think you also said that you
- would rate it as a genuine issue ad.
  - A. Uh-huh.
- Q. I am wondering why you didn't include an 6
- ad of this kind in your study?
- A. Because I don't think we had any of this 8
- kind. It would have been interesting to include
- something like this. 10
  - Q. It would have been interesting.
- A. I agree. 12
  - In what way?
- A. I think if we only had more resources we 14
- would have loved to have tested more ads. 15
- Q. And this would have allowed you to test a 16
- different kind of ad? 17
- A. Yes. It is a radio ad and we didn't test 18
- any radio ads. But, sure, more data is better. 19
- Q. Would you turn to Page 13, please. Let
- me refer you to the sentence, it is in the first 21
- full paragraph that says: Our second wave of 22
- 23 research.
- 24 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. That paragraph. And further down in the 25

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- sentence that begins: The study was conductedbetween 25 and 31 October 2000.
- 3 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. And then it says: Each treatment group
   was shown three commercials, with the order of the
   commercials randomized across each treatment group
   to combat any possible learning effect during the
- 8 experiment.
  9 A. Uh-huh.
- 10 Q. Would you explain what that means, 11 please.
- A. Well, there are multiple ideas there. Doyou mean to combat the learning effect; is that
- 14 the element?
- 15 Q. Yes, the random?
- 16 A. It is the learning effect referent that
- 17 you want me to speak to?
- 18 Q. Yes.
- 19 A. There may have been an element of
- 20 learning going on where viewers became more
- 21 attuned to this or that element of an ad after
- 22 they had seen like ads or similar ads, given the
- 23 questions that we asked of the respondents.
- 24 So, they see an ad and they answer a set
- 25 of questions on that ad. They see the next ad and

- 1 A. I don't know.
  - 2 Q. Have you ever asked?
  - A. No

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- Q. But you do rely on their studies?
- 5 A. I cite their studies.
  - Q. Is there a difference between citing
- 7 studies and relying on studies?
  - A. Probably not.
- 9 Q. Okay. You did participate in discussions
- 10 about the 1998 studies, at one point in time?
- 11 A. I did. Fairly early on in the design,
- 12 not at the point where the kinds of issues you
- 13 have just raised were discussed.
  - Q. Didn't you participate in discussions as
- 15 part of the Brennan Center Policy Committee about
- 16 the study after the research was done?
- 17 A. I am not recalling the timing of the
- 18 meetings. I attended I believe one meeting at the
- 19 Brennan Center but that was very early on. And I
- 20 think I was shown a couple of versions of draft
- 21 documents, draft questionnaires.
  - But, it was not a heavy involvement in
- 23 terms of that planning committee.
- 24 MR. TRISTER: Would you mark this as
- 25 Exhibit 4, please.

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- 1 they may be thinking of the questions they have
- 2 just answered on the previous ad, looking for
- 3 those elements in the second ad or the third ad.
  - Q. What do you do to combat that?
- 5 A. Randomize the order. So, within the
- treatment group that have seen that ad, one-third
   of it will have seen it first, one-third will have
- 8 seen it in the second position, and one-third
- 9 would have seen it in a third position.
- That means you then can statistically verify whether there are differences in the
- 12 responses that may have been attributable to
- 13 learning, having cued them with the questions when
- 14 they saw the first ad
- 14 they saw the first ad.
- 15 Q. Is that procedure, which you have just
- 16 described, a standard procedure in this kind of
- 17 research?

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- 18 A. In experimental work with treatment 19 groups, yes.
- Q. You are familiar with the two Buying Time studies, are you not?
- 22 A. I am.
- 23 Q. Do you know whether the authors of those
- 24 studies randomized the presentation of the ads to
- 25 their codes in the way you have just described?

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- (The document referred to was marked Magleby Exhibit
- No. 4 for identification.)
- 4 BY MR. TRISTER:
- 5 Q. And I will ask you if you can identify it
- 6 for us.
- 7 A. Yes. It is a monograph I prepared called
- 8 Dictum Without Data, the Myth of Issue Advocacy in
- 9 Party Building.
- 10 Q. And am I correct that the research
- 11 reported in this monograph is the same research
- 12 that you rely on in your expert report, and that I
- 13 have been referring to as the survey research?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. And the results reported in Tables 1
- 16 and 2 are from that research; is that correct?
- 17 A. That is correct.
- 18 Q. Tables 1 and 2 of your report.
- 19 A. That's correct.
- 20 Q. And I believe that with respect to
- 21 Table 2 in your report on Page 59, you explain in
- 22 a note that this table, the results reported there
- 23 are somewhat different from what is reported in
- 24 the monograph; is that correct?
- 25 A. That's correct.

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- 1 Q. And with the exception of that difference that you have reported there, then, are there any
- other differences in your report, your expert
- report, as it relates to that study from what is
- reported in Dictum Without Data?
- A. I don't think there are any other
- differences. We reran those tables and there were a few cases. They did not change any of the
- 9 significance tests or any of the findings.
- 10 A few respondents, who I think had either overlooked the question, that is not answered, and 11 12 then falsely classified that we corrected in the
- version that is in the report to the Court. Q. Okay. Let me ask you to look at two 14
- 15 things simultaneously.
- A. Okav. 16

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- 17 Table 1 to your expert report, and
- 18 Appendix C to Dictum Without Data.
- 19 Uh-huh. A.
- 20 Q. Am I correct that the data reported in
- Table 1 of your expert report is data taken from
- the responses to Question No. 5 in Appendix C?
- 23 A. Yes.
- 24 Q. And referring still in Dictum Without
- 25 Data to Appendix B --

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- needed to add to the Knowledge Networks, promote a
- particular party, which was not a specific
- referent in the focus group, and may have been
- indicated by one or more respondents.
- And then not sure, seemed to be a
- response that felt more natural to a respondent
- than don't know. But, they are effectively the equivalent. Other than that, the questions are
- 9 the same.
- 10 It is standard practice in survey
- research to utilize focus groups as a way of 11
- 12 refining questionnaire instruments before you use
- 13 them on a large sample.
- 14 Q. Now, am I correct that both Question 10
- of the focus group questionnaire and Question 5 of 15
- the national survey questionnaire, both ask the
- respondent to state what they believed, what he or 17 18 she believed the primary objective or purpose of
- 19 this ad was?
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  - A. Yes.
- 21 Q. And, in both, I notice in the second, in
- the national survey, you actually underline the 22
- 23 word, or highlighted the word primary; is that
- correct? 24
- 25 A. Yes.

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- A. Uh-huh.
- 2 Q. -- is Question 10 -- Appendix B are the 3 questions asked in the focus group.
- And the only question I want to ask you
- 5 is whether Question 10, in that questionnaire is 6 the equivalent, or identical to the Question 5
- 7 in -- I am sorry, I think I have it wrong.
- 8 MR. PAOLELLA: No. I think you have got
- 9 it.
- 10 THE WITNESS: I think you have got it.
- 11 BY MR. TRISTER:
- 12 Q. Do I?
- 13 A. Yes.
- 14 Q. I just want to establish that we're
- 15 talking about the same question.
- 16 A. I think we are, but let me just be clear.
- 17 I want to compare it, literally, as well. 18
- The question of the Knowledge Networks
- 19 survey has a couple of additional, that is, the
- 20 WebTV survey, has a couple of additional items,
- 21 that is Question 5 of the WebTV survey, as
- compared to Question 10 of the focus groups, which
- 23 is, in part, one of the reasons you do focus
- 24 groups.
- 25 It probably was my judgment that we

- Q. Was there a reason for that? 1
- A. To emphasize that we wanted them to tell
- us what they thought the primary purpose was.
- Q. As distinct from what?
- 5 A. Other purposes.
- 6 Q. Now, if you will look just above, or
- 7 rather if you will just continue on to Question 9?
- 8 MR. PAOLELLA: Which appendix are we at?
- 9 MR. TRISTER: Of Appendix C, the national
- 10 survey question. I could ask it about the other
- 11 one was well, but it is the same. 12
  - BY MR. TRISTER:
- 13 Q. The national survey questions,
- Question 9, uses the term main purpose. 14
- 15 A. Uh-huh.

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- Q. Is the distinction between main purpose
- 17 and primary objective or purpose a significant
- one, or was it intended to have some significance? 18
- 19 A. We wanted to be fair and see if it was
- 20 different. As I recall, there were no major
- 21 differences.
- 22 Sometimes a nuance in question wording
- 23 can be important. We were examining to see if
- 24 that was the case.
- 25 Q. Did you consider presenting Question

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No. 5 of the national survey questionnaire without 2 using the term primary or main, that is, simply 3 referring to the objective or purpose of the ad?

A. I don't recall. I don't recall whether 5 we considered that. We may have. This felt 6 clearer to me and more in response to the relevant 7 policy question.

8 Q. And why is this more in response to the 9 relevant policy question?

10 A. Because the relevant policy question is can you effectively communicate an electioneering 11 12 message without using the magic words.

13 Q. And a study which asked essentially the 14 same question, but did not ask about the primary 15 objective or purpose, would not be as relevant in 16 answering that question?

17 A. We do ask about what the primary 18 objective or purpose was.

19 Q. No. I am asking about a study which does not ask about the primary objective or purpose. but instead asks about the objective without the use of the word primary.

A. I would say that the data, and I think 24 that Mr. Alsop would so testify that the data out 25 of the focus groups was clear that these were not Page 120

is very compelling data in an index.

2 Q. Right. But, what about if you had a 3 study that had more than two ads, both of which 4 were at that end of the scale.

If you had a variety of ads that fell within a variety of those from one to seven, would it have an effect there?

8 A. I would love to see data. I don't know. 9 The answer is we don't know. These data are very 10 compelling in terms of reinforcing the sense that 11 you can communicate an electioneering message 12 while avoiding the magic words and all of that 13 means in terms of correct policy.

14 Q. Still in Dictum Without Data, would you 15 turn to Page 10, and would you take a look at 16 Table 4.

17 And, what does Table 4 -- well, first of 18 all, is Table 4 based on one of the questions in the national survey? 19

A. Yes.

21 Q. And this purports to summarize the

22 responses from those surveys?

23 A. Yes. And this would be all respondent,

24 not treatment groups only.

25 Q. And what does it show?

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distinctions that the focus group respondents saw 2 as meaningful.

These were ads that to them were clearly about electing or defeating a candidate. And whether or not we used primary or main or not. there was no reason to believe it would be different.

8 Q. Did you test, in your pretest, a 9 questionnaire that didn't use the word primary or 10 main?

11 A. I don't recall. We may have. Now, I 12 have one other comment.

13 With respect to primary, I think the fact 14 that I don't think that is a distinction that 15 matters is evident by the consistency of the data between Tables 1 and 2 of the report, where we 17 effectively asked the question about the intent of 18 the ad.

19 And asked them to grade it between one and seven. And the extent to which they gravitate to the extremes, I think is evident that they saw 21 these as clearly about electing or defeating a 22 23

24 When you get a mean of 6.3 and 6.4 in the party and interest groups electioneering ads, that

A. Again, this was before the legislation was enacted. There were competing definitions of 3 what elements might constitute a fuller or more 4 meaningful definition of electioneering 5 communication.

6 And so we simply tested for some of those 7 that had been in discussion, including mentions 8 the candidate's name. 90 percent felt that if

9 that was the case, that was evidence of an 10 electioneering communication.

11 Shows the candidate's likeness or image, 12 83 percent. Mentions the party name, 65 percent. 13 Mentions the election, 51 percent. Shown in the

14 last few weeks before the election, 66 percent.

15 Discusses an issue, 74 percent. Uses any 16 of the following words, and then we list some of 17 the magic words, 88 percent.

18 Q. The respondents were permitted, were they 19 not, to indicate more than one of these elements?

20 A. Oh, yes, they could say all of these were

21 elements. Some may have.

22 Q. All right. Does this table tell you, or 23 tell us anything about whether the respondents

24 felt that any one of these elements, standing

25 alone, would be sufficient to characterize an ad

- as indicating that it is to persuade or to vote 1 2 for or against a candidate?
- 3 A. No. That is not the way the question was 4 worded.
- 5 O. So, just to understand completely, an individual who may have felt that mentioning a 6 candidate's name alone would not convey that 8 message, but mentioning the candidate's name and also mentioning the election would, might have
- checked both of those elements. 10 A. Yes. I think that is a reasonable 11 12 possibility.
- 13 Q. All right. Did you present to your 14 respondents, in this question or in another
- 15 question, other elements that might suggest that
- an ad was not intended to persuade them to vote
- 17 for or against a particular candidate?
- A. I don't recall. I can review the 18 19 questionnaire.
- Q. That would be good if you would. 20
- 21 Could you restate the question, please.
- 22 THE REPORTER: "Question: Did you
- 23 present to your respondents, in this question or 24 in another question, other elements that might
- suggest that an ad was not intended to persuade

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- The far more typically more difficult pattern is to mention the candidate's name more 3 than once in the body of the ad in a very 4 disparaging way. 5
- Q. Well, a lot of the evidence in this case 6 is about that very question. So, we will see what 7 the evidence shows on that question. But, I 8 understand that that is your understanding.

9 Let me ask you if this is a fair 10 conclusion to draw from the Table 4 on Page 10.

11 If I were to show a group, a 12 representative group, similar to your national 13 survey, not just the eight ads that you show them, 14 but, let's say 200 ads, would you expect that in

15 90 percent of the cases, an ad which mentions a 16 candidate by name would be characterized as having 17

an intention to persuade you to vote for or 18 against the candidate?

19 Is that a fair interpretation of this 20 data?

21 A. No. That is extrapolating from this data

22 beyond where I think I am confident you can go. 23

Q. Because for what reason?

24 A. Because you have a limited sample of ads

and you have a set of issues that would arise any

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them to vote for or against a particular 2 candidate?"

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THE WITNESS: Well, the only one that may be in that category is Question 18. I think that taps into the same dimension. It doesn't word it the way you worded it.

In your opinion, can ads that do not use words like vote for or vote against be about the election or defeat of a particular candidate, yes, no, and with some more specificity, yes, no.

# BY MR. TRISTER:

- Q. Right. But, that is a very limited form 12 13 of the question I have just put to you, isn't it?
  - A. It is a different form of it, yes.
- 15 Yes. I notice your question, in
- describing the element, mentions a candidate's
- name, did not distinguish between an ad that 17
- mentions a candidate's name only in the 18
- call-to-action, and an ad that mentions a 19
- 20 candidate's name in what you called the body of
- 21 the ad: is that correct?
- 22 A. Well, to be candid, I don't think I had
- 23 seen many ads. Maybe this is the first ad I have
- ever seen which only mentions the candidate's name
- 25 in the call-to-action.

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- 1 time you show 200 commercials.
- 2 I, for one, would be quite worried about 3 the learning effect that would arise in that
- 4 number of commercials, human respondents trying to
- 5 figure out why are you making me do this.
  - So, I think there are a set of
- 7 methodological problems with a hypothetical.
- Having said that, there is no reason, there is no
- 9 reason not to believe that this was, A, a
- 10 representative national sample.
- 11 B, that they had been given some exposure 12 to the topic such that they could comment on the 13
  - content. They had seen three ads, they were asked other questions, they had been asked in a
- 14 15 straightforward neutral way.
- 16 I am confident we can generalize from 17 these data given that situation. Whether people
- 18 shown the sheer volume that you suggest in the
- 19 hypothetical would behave differently, I wouldn't 20 want to speculate about it.
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- Q. But, to the extent that you are willing to generalize from your data, what I am trying to 22
- 23 get at is whether this table, when it says,
- mentions candidate's name and then it has a 90.
- which is the highest rating on the table, whether

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this tells us anything about how respondents 1 2

answer questions about ads? 3

A. It does in this context. We are in an election context. This is administered a few weeks before an election. They are observing ads, evaluating ads, information, if you will, about candidates.

And when an ad mentions a candidate by name, the voters presume this must be about 10 electing or defeating that person who is running for that office. It is a natural and straightforward and understandable assumption.

13 Q. You are now confirming what I thought was the conclusion from this data as well, which is that this data tends to show that people looking 15 at a group of ads, and seeing the name of a

17 candidate, will make an assumption about its 18 purpose, as described in that table.

19 A. We were asked if they think that is an 20 indicator of whether it is about electing or 21 defeating a candidate, and they think so.

22 Which may be a much more compelling 23 indicia of electioneering than the words vote for, 24 vote against.

25 Q. If I were doing a study and I were Page 128

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very clear they differentiate Tables 1 and 2 in 2 the report, I don't know what they are numbered 3 here in the Dictum Without Data, show that they 4 clearly differentiate a pure issue ad or a genuine 5 issue ad shown in the same time environment. 6

These were also shown in the presidential election period broadly defined, and they clearly differentiate those from the others.

Q. Yes, but --

10 A. So --

Q. But am I correct --

12 A. I would worry given the issue content, 13 given the fact that they discuss an issue, 74 14 percent, that anything in that environment, given 15 your hypothetical, might be seen as an election 16 related ad.

17 The answer is they don't see it that way. 18 They do see the issue plus the mentioning of the 19 candidate's name, as differentiating that ad from one that just mentions an issue, but doesn't mention a candidate's name. And that is very 22 clear in Tables 1 and 2.

Q. I am not focusing on ads that dont's mention a candidate. Your general issue ad that you showed the respondents didn't mention a

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showing a group of ads to a representative sample, 2 and asking them to categorize the content of that ad, in the same way as you did in Table 4, is 3 there a way for me to test or to present the 5 questions so as to eliminate the assumption that 6 you have just referred to?

Do you understand my question?

8 A. Can you create an abstract situation in which there isn't an election environment that 10 they are going to be evaluating communications 11 about a candidate in an election? Q. No. My question is slightly different.

12 13 It seems to me that in presenting a group of ads to people, representative sample, and asking them, 15 with whatever information they are given, to give 16 an opinion about the content of those ads, and particularly whether those ads convey an 17 18 electioneering message as a whole, the ads as a 19 whole, that there is potentially what I think of 20 as a chicken-and-egg problem.

21 Are they answering the question because 22 they see the name, or are they answering the 23

question because of other elements in the ad?

24 A. Well, I would answer your question by saying I think they differentiate. I think it is

candidate, you have already testified to that.

2 I am trying to come up with a way, a 3 methodology, to look at ads that mention a 4 candidate, all of them mention a candidate, and to 5 determine whether those ads are all electioneering ads because they mention a candidate, or is there 6 a way to test whether or not, in the minds of the 8 viewers, that they are basing that decision on a 9 collection of factors, not simply the name?

10 A. Well, that is a good question that some 11 day I would like to research. The answer, in 12 part, was, we were limited by what the political 13 consultants produce in any cycle when we are using 14 real ads.

15 And we used real ads, and there were no such ads in the pool of ads in the Hotline file. 16 17 These ads tend --

18 Q. I am not asking you about your study.

19 A. No. I understand, but if, in a future

cycle, consultants were to create ads that fit 21 your description, it would be an interesting test

and I don't know the answer to the question,

23 whether it would be different.

24 Q. Let me make one last try at this. I know 25 I am not being too articulate.

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Let's assume that I show a group of ads 2 all mentioning the name of the candidate, some of which are the kind of ads that you say are the 4 only ads that are out there. 5

And I include a significant number of ads, like my exhibit, the Barker ad, that also mentions it, and there is a significant number in there.

Q How do I eliminate methodologically, the 10 possibility that viewers would look at those 11 Barker type ads, the ones you have called genuine 12 issue ads, and rank them as electioneering ads 13 because they have the name of a candidate in the 14 call-to-action?

15 Can I design a study to do that? 16 Assuming I have the kind of ads I have just 17 described. You say you didn't, but you might.

18 A. Yes. I think you might be able to design 19 such a study.

20 Q. How would you do that?

21 A. Well, you would have to deal with

respondent fatigue. There probably is an upper 22

limit on the number of ads that you can reasonably 23

24 expect a person to view and evaluate.

Q. Excuse me, I don't mean to interrupt you,

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and the one that only mentions the candidate in 2 the call-to-action.

And mentions really means, broadly defined, does not attack, there is not personal reference. It is not just mentioning the name, it could mention the equivalent of the name, like the incumbent. And you would test for that type of ad.

The reality is I am not aware of any 10 television ads in the presidential race in 2000, nor am I aware of ads in Congressional races that would broadcast that only mentioned the name of 12 13 the candidate in the call-to-action.

If that happened, and I don't think it did, it would be relatively rare. It is not the norm. When candidate names are mentioned, they are mentioned with a clear referent that is typically negative or contrast.

BY MR. TRISTER:

Q. Just a couple more questions about this survey part of your research and then I can think we can break for lunch.

The survey part of your research was, it 24 appears to me, based on your writings that I have reviewed, was a new phase for you, a different

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but what would that limit be? 1

2 A. It would be different by the setting.

3 You can do more in a focus group, than you can on

4 a WebTV impersonal interaction.

Q. Let's say a focus group.

6 A. I don't know. I would like the focus

7 group experts to tell me that answer. I don't

8 know the answer to that.

Q. Give me a ballpark figure. 9

10 A. I don't know that you would want to show

more than a dozen. And that may be, we may have 11

been pushing the limit with eight. 12

13 Q. Certainly not hundreds?

14 A. No. You can't show hundreds to a focus 15 group.

16 Q. I am sorry, I interrupted you when you 17 say that you --

A. I have lost that train of thought.

Q. Yes. Let me see if, I can get back on

it. Why don't you read back the last question.

21 (Whereupon, the record was read by the

22 reporter as requested.)

23 THE WITNESS: Yes. I think you would 24 have an ad that is otherwise similar to the one

25 that mentions the candidate in the body of the ad

1 approach, if it was.

How did you, how did that come about?

2 3 A. Well, I have long done survey research.

I was trained to do this in graduate school. One

5 of my books, The Myth of the Independent Voter,

6 draws heavily on the national election studies at

7 the University of Michigan.

8 So, I have long done survey research, and 9 it seemed to me that there were a set of empirical questions that nobody had explored with actual 10

11 voters that needed to be examined. 12

And so I proposed a test, using highly 13 reputable professional firms, and peer review and 14 so forth and so on, in the design and the

15 administration of the study, to test for the very questions we are talking about. 16

Q. The idea for the doing of a study of this 17

kind came from you, then? 18 19 A. Absolutely.

20 Q. Did PU Charitable Trust fund that

21 research?

22 A. Yes.

23 Q. They didn't suggest this project to you?

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want to misstate your testimony, maybe we should have it read back, from a moment ago.

(Whereupon, the record was read by the reporter as requested.)

BY MR. TRISTER:

Q. When you say there was no empirical research in exploring these questions with actual voters, the Brennan studies, the two Buying Time studies, did not meet that standard?

10 A. No. That is a different -- we are 11 talking it is in the same issue domain, but it is 12 a different universe or population. 13

We are talking here not about coders with immediate supervision and so forth and so on, as in the Buying Time studies, we are talking about the actual voters out there who are the consumers of these ads with whatever level of education, income, occupation, background interest and so forth they may have, how do they evaluate these dimensions.

21 And, to my knowledge, those kinds of 22 questions had not been asked.

23 Q. Are there limitations to a study that 24 asks a group of students to code ads as 25 distinguished from a group of voters to code those Page 136

1 interpretation and assessment. 2

That is what the survey research is designed to do. It had all of the precautions and protections built in to try and remove bias.

It had substantial preadministration peer review, including of other polling firms who submitted bids and input about questionnaires and so forth.

With respect to the coding issue of the ads, that is an assessment, if you will, of sort of an aggregate counting of the intent and purpose of the ads, based upon a prescribed or common set of decision rules that are administered across the ads that presumably bring to the ads more sophistication in understanding and awareness of what they are looking for.

There is no cuing, in the survey, of what to look for. I would presume, in the coding of ads, there would be some such cuing and coding.

20 Q. Let me interrupt you. What do you mean 21 by cuing?

22 A. You would train the coder. You would 23 show an ad and you would say how would you 24 interpret that, and help them identify what the

elements would be of a particular coding scheme,

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2 A. Those are very different methodologies. 3 And they are really kind of addressing different 4 questions, I think.

Q. And what are the different questions?

A. For the survey research you are basically saying, in the eye of the beholder, which is the voter, do they see a meaningful distinction between communications that use the magic words and that don't, and that is the distinction in the law, and in regulatory policy.

Do they see -- there is a set of separate 13 questions we haven't spoken about that speak to 14 the topic this morning about party building, do they see the soft money ads as different from the candidate ads, and they don't.

But, those also had not been directly addressed of voters in this way, and they were also a relevant part of the policy debate.

20 And I think voters are a very important 21 part of that equation. They are not the only part 22 of that equation.

23 But how they evaluate, assess and 24 interpret ads, I think ought to be an important part of the legislative policy and judicial

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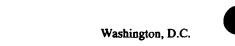
which would be specified in writing, and available 1 2 to others. 3

Q. And you would expect then, in a study of a kind that the Buying Time reports report, to have had that kind of training take place?

A. Yes.

MR. TRISTER: I have no further questions at this moment. Let's break for lunch.

(Whereupon, at 12:42 p.m., the deposition in the above-entitled matter was recessed, to reconvene at 2:09 p.m., this same day.)



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Page 138 AFTERNOON SESSION 1 2 (2:09 p.m.) 3 Whereupon. DAVID B. MAGLEBY. 4 5 the witness on the stand at the time of recess, having been previously duly sworn, was further examined and testified as follows: 7 8 MR. TRISTER: I do, in fact, have a couple of what I hope will be quick further questions about the survey research. 10 10 11 (The document referred to 11 12 was marked Magleby Exhibit 12 13 No. 5 for identification.) 13 **EXAMINATION BY COUNSEL FOR PLAINTIFF AFL-CIO** 14 14 15 (RESUMED): 15 16 BY MR. TRISTER: 16 17 Q. First, this has been marked as Magleby 17 18 Exhibit 5. 18 19 Would you look through that and my only 19 20 question is going to be if you can identify it for 20 21 me. 21 22 A. No. Some working document. But, at what 22 23 stage, I don't remember. 23 24 Q. But you can identify it as a working 24 25 document?

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supervision in connection with putting together the response to the subpoena?

A. Well, I don't know quite what is meant by under my supervision. When I was served with the subpoena, it was quite broad and I knew I would need help and I retained these two individuals to help with the processing of the materials.

When it came to most day-to-day decisions about compliance, they spoke with Mr. Dodyk of Cravath. There were some, but only a few decisions that I was involved in.

I did not see the bankers boxes. I was not in the room as they assembled this. I asked them to respond fully and completely.

Q. Okay. I don't have any further questions about that document.

When you were designing the survey research project that we have discussed at length this morning, did you consult with Trevor Potter?

Let me first ask you, you know who Trevor Potter is?

A. Yes. I may have met with him. I know I met with him in each of these cycles. He and I

interact with each other in a variety of ways. And so it is conceivable I would have 25

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- Yes. But this is not my handwriting.
- 2 Q. Uh-huh. Do you know whose handwriting it 3 is?
- 4 A. I don't. As you know, from the bankers
- boxes full of material, I am a pack rat. So, this
- could have been from any number of meetings with
- 7 any number of people talking about possible ways
- 8 to try and do this.
- 9 Q. Okay. And, this is a document that you
- 10 produced in response to the subpoena in this case?
  - A. I didn't produce it. I retained two
- 12 people to go through my files and respond to the
- 13 subpoena.

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- 14 Q. Who are those people?
- 15 Eric Smith and Jeff McKinnon (ph.).
- 16 And who are they?
  - They are, Jeff McKinnon is an
- 18 undergraduate student. Eric Smith is a former
- 19 research assistant who worked for me at the time
- 20 this project happened.
- 21 Q. But --
- 22 A. The Dictum was not out then. So, he
- 23 would have been, he may not have been involved at
- 24 the time of this in circulation.
  - Q. But, they were working under your

asked him about this. I don't remember a specific 2 conversation.

Q. Let me have this marked as an exhibit.

(The document referred to was marked Magleby Exhibit No. 6 for identification.)

BY MR. TRISTER:

- Q. And ask you, can you tell me what you
- believe this to be?
- 10 A. These appear to be my notes from a
- meeting with Mr. Potter and Mr. Jowers. I presume 11
- it happened on August 29, 2000. 12
- Q. And when it refers to experiment on 13
- 14 Page 1 at the top. Do you have an understanding
- of what that would mean?
- A. I don't remember. 16
  - What about on Page 3 of the exhibit where
- 18 it again refers to experiment, and has some
- 19 additional notes?
- 20 A. Well, I may have mentioned to him
- something about our project, which would have been 21
- 22 well in the design stage by then. But, I don't
- 23 remember what this is in reference to.
- 24 Q. Okay. Let's move on. I want to turn now
- 25 to the portions of your report that deal with the

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1998 and 2000, what I call monitoring studies. 1

A. Case studies.

Q. Case studies. First of all, would you turn to Page 15, again of your report, and look at the first sentence of the last paragraph.

A. Uh-huh.

Q. And I asked you earlier what the basis for that statement was, and I believe you said that it was in part based on the case studies that

10 we are now talking about; is that correct?

11 A. That's correct.

12 Okay. Now, turn over to Page 18, please, 13 the paragraph that is numbered four.

A. Uh-huh.

15 Q. In the third sentence: They also are 16 aware in the period before an election.

Is that also based in part at least on 18 the '98 and 2000 case studies?

19 A. Yes.

20 Q. And then the following sentence says: In 21

the '98 and 2000 election contest monitored by 22 CSED, there were very few genuine issue ads.

23 So I would assume that too is referring 24 to the results of --

25 A. Yes. Page 142

report that information to the center? 1

A. Yes.

And how did that take place? Q.

There is a brief template that asked about the content of the ad, and based upon their description of the content of that ad, it was ascertained whether or not it was a genuine issue

Q. It was ascertained by the academic or by 10 someone at the center?

A. By us at the center. But, I think the 11 12 academics also looked at this and, in some 13 instances, described it in their reports.

Q. Put aside what they described in their reports, I am trying to find out what was in that database.

And when the academics in 1998 reported to the center on what you call the template, I think, did they code the ads as genuine issue ads versus electioneering ads?

21 Was that a specific question they were 22 asked?

23 A. No. I think there were a set of more 24 specific questions along the lines of what we talked about this morning.

1 Q. Would you explain to me how you are able 2 to derive these observations, both the observation 3 on Page 15, and the observations on Page 18 from

the case studies that you have developed?

5 A. The academics monitoring the case studies 6 had a data entry protocol into a password

protected web site in which they recorded, based

8 on a set of criteria that we provided them.

whether these ads were genuine issue ads or not. Q. Well, let me first ask, are you talking

about both 1998 and 2000, or just 2000?

12 A. More 2000 than 1998. I think we refined the data entry. But, then we also interviewed all 13 of the academics, and as we prepared the report, 14 15 talked to them about the incidents.

I think they were actually, in some 16 17 instances, asked about that at the Press Club 18 event of genuine issue or pure issue ads in their

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20 Q. I would like to try to pin this down a

21 little bit more specifically, if I can.

22 In 1998, was there a means by which the 23 academics would code, and I am speaking specifically of broadcast ads now, code the 24

broadcast ads that they had information about and

1 Did the ad mention a candidate by name, 2 did the ad mention an election, those kinds of 3 questions. 4

Q. Is it your testimony that the template asked whether the ad mentioned an election?

6 A. Well, I would like to refresh my memory 7 by looking at the template for '98 to be sure.

Q. Well, I am not sure we can provide that to you. But, let's go on to 2000.

In 2000, putting aside what the academics may have reported to you in interviews and their 12 reports and so on, in terms of the database, did 13 they also have a template?

14 A. There is a data entry protocol, specific 15 questions that are asked, that I would need to be 16 refreshed on.

MR. TRISTER: Let me have this marked as 17 18 the next exhibit.

19 (The document referred to 20 was marked Magleby Exhibit 21 No. 7 for identification.) 22

BY MR. TRISTER:

23 Q. Can you identify this document that has 24 been marked as Exhibit 7?

25 A. This appears to be a set of images of the

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- screens that come up in the secure web site, the
- 2 password protection web site where academics would
- 3 enter data.
- Q. For which year? 4
- 5 A. For 2000.
- Q. And, if you would turn to the page that
- 7 at the top says: Ad Data, Review and Print --
- 8 A. Is there some reason these haven't been
- 9 Bates numbered? Just curious.
- 10 Q. The reason is that we downloaded, I can
- 11 represent that we downloaded this from a CD that
- 12 was provided to us with a Bates number.
- 13 A. I see. So, again, which page am I
- 14 looking for?
- 15 Q. You are looking for the page --
- 16 MR. DODYK: I think it is ad data, review 17 and print.
- 18 THE WITNESS: Yes.
- 19 BY MR. TRISTER:
- Q. Now is this an accurate of representation 20
- 21 of what you refer to a template for 2000?
- 22 A. A part of it, it pulls up follow-up
- 23 screens depending on which item. But, yes, this
- 24 is part of it.
- 25 Q. Well, when you say there is an additional

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- page enter ad data, TV follow-up, ad data, review
- and print, and update the ad consultant info, that
- 3 collectively those three pages indicate all of the
- 4 information that the academics were asked to
- 5 submit?
- 6 A. No. For instance, update the ad issues,
- 7 et cetera, would have provided information about
- 8 whether the ad supported or attacked a particular
- Q candidate.

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- 10 As in the case of the National Smokers 11 Alliance, it attacked Brian Schweitzer. So, that
- would also be an indicator. 12 13
  - Q. Well, let me ask the question in a slightly different way.
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- 16 mentioned, and the additional page that you have 17 just mentioned, does that provide us with an
- 18 accurate picture of the information that the
- 19 academics were asked to provide?
- 20 MR. DODYK: Meaning whether it is a
- 21 complete set of the inquiries made?
  - MR. TRISTER: Yes.
- 23 THE WITNESS: So the question is, is this
- 24 all of the information, one more time, please,
- 25 restate the question.

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- 1 part, are you referring to the fact that there is
- room for additional information to be added,
- 3 which, if you will skip about four pages further,
- 4 it says there is a page called Update the Ad,
- 5 Consultant Info?
- 6 A. Yes. But you could also update the ad
- 7 with respect to other information on the previous 8
- page. 9
  - Q. The previous page being the page --
- 10 A. Enter ad data, TV follow-up info.
- 11 Q. I am not seeing it.
- A. Down at the bottom it says other 12
- information. 13

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- MR. DODYK: It is prior to the ad data, 14
- 15 review and print page.
- 16 THE WITNESS: The bottom of that page is
- a window that -- well, actually the whole database 17 is interactive. As they learn more about the ad, 18
- 19 they can go in and update and print.
  - BY MR. TRISTER:
- 21 Q. Right. What I am trying determine, as
- 22 best we can from this document, is what
- 23 information the academics were asked to provide to
- 24 the database about the ads.
- 25 Am I correct that, if you will take the

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MR. TRISTER: Could you please read it back.

2 3 THE REPORTER: "Question: With the three

- 4 pages that I have mentioned, and the additional
- 5 page that you have just mentioned, does that
- 6 provide us with an accurate picture of the
- 7 information that the academics were asked to 8 provide?"
- Q BY MR. TRISTER:
  - Q. And that included the update the ad's
- 10 11 issue, et cetera, where they do the brief ad
- 12 description?
- A. Yes. That is the ad-specific not the 13
  - group-specific data windows.
- 15 Q. And when you say group specific data
- 16 windows, what are you referring to?
- 17 A. Well, there are others that are
- 18 organization about the group, update an
- 19 organization.
- 20 Q. And that would be information about the
- 21 organization that sponsored the ad?
  - A. Yes. And their consultants.
- 23 Q. But, in terms of the content of the ad,
- 24 this would be the information that was provided to
- 25 you?

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1 2 Okay. Now, is there a place in which the 3 academic researchers that you worked with were asked to classify the ads as electioneering ads or 5 issue ads, in those terms?

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Q. Okay. Now, having seen that for 2000, 7 would you -- I realize we don't have the 1998 9 template in front of us.

But, would that help you with respect to whether or not --

12 A. Yes. I suspect there was not an explicit request that they classify the ads, they, the 13 14 academics.

Q. Okay. Now, I see information beginning with the page that is marked enter ad data, TV. I see information about what race, what the title of the ad was, when it was first seen.

And then I see something about what 19 20 issues did the ad address.

What I am trying to determine is, did you 21 collect information about the content of the ad, 22 23 other than whether the issue raised, whether it named a candidate and whether, I believe, it asked 24 whether it attacked or supported that candidate?

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MR. DODYK: I am not suggesting you are trying to trick anybody, but I think the reference in the question is a little bit muddy.

MR. TRISTER: I did intend to include enter ad data.

MR. DODYK: You have the page also which is captioned ad data, review and print.

MR. TRISTER: Also the page ad data, review and print. Also the page update the ad consulting info, and update the ad issues.

BY MR. TRISTER:

Q. Those appear to me to be the --

They are the ad specific screens.

Q. - the screens that would allow to you to enter information about the ads.

Now, am I correct - well, let me find 16 the place in which the ad asks about -- can you 17 show me where it asks whether the name of a 18 candidate appears in the ad? 19

A. On the ad data, review and print, the 20 attack, I would have to go back to the training 21 protocols. 22

But, I think the attack may have said if a name is mentioned, who is mentioned in that attack left-hand side, above issue.

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- A. Those elements are all there as well as 1 the initial inquiry at the top of enter ad data 2
- TV, whether or not it used the magic words. 3
- 4 Q. Yes.

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- 5 A. So, adding that one to the list, yes, I think those are the primary indicia that we would 6
- have used to try to identify pure issue ads as the
- subset of ads that did not use the magic words. 8
- Q. Right. And, so, in reaching the conclusions that I referred you to on Pages 15 and 10

18, this would have been the only information you 12 had available to you?

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A. Right. What subset of ads did not either support or attack a candidate and so forth and so 14 on, and there were relatively few. 15 16

MR. DODYK: Can I get a clarification, Mike?

18 In your question, did you mean to include 19 the information which is contained on the page 20 which is captioned ad data, review and print?

21 When you said this, it wasn't clear to me 22 whether you were including that or not.

23 MR. TRISTER: I did intend to include it. 24 I am not trying to trick anybody or to exclude anything.

Q. Yes, I see that.

A. But, to be sure, I would like to see the

training protocols, and talk to the research associates as they were working with the

academics, but that is my assumption. 5

Q. Now, if an ad mentioned the name of a 6 candidate in what I have been referring to as the 7 8 call-to-action, but did not refer to the name of a

9 candidate in the text, were the academic

researchers given instructions on how to code that 10 particular type of ad? 11

A. They would have been told to ask that 12 question. The research associates, there are 13 three of them, who helped liaise with these and 14

15 helped with the data entry. And the research associates would have 16 17 been told to bring that question to me. It never 18 arose.

Q. So, the research associates that worked 19 with you in, at Brigham Young --20

A. And one here in Washington, two at

Brigham Young and one here. 22

Q. But were the academics who were filling 23 out these reports, were they instructed on that 24

subject?

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- A. No. Certainly not in the training and 1 2 orientation sessions, they were not given specific instructions on that question. 3
  - O. Now, am I correct that there is no field, if that is the proper term, in which the researchers could provide information about whether the ad mentioned a specific piece of legislation?
- A. There is not an expressed view. They were encouraged with things like other information 10 to give us as complete a set of notes as possible. 11

And some of them may have mentioned that 12 if, in fact, legislation was mentioned. But, no, 13 14 we did not expressly ask for that.

- Q. Did you expressly ask whether an ad 15 16 included a telephone number at which a member of
- Congress could be contacted to express, by a 17 viewer to express his or her opinion about the
- 19 subject matter of the ad?

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- 20 No. We did not expressly ask that. A.
- 21 What instructions did the researchers
- receive concerning which ads they should report 23
- A. They were told to monitor all forms of 24 communication in the particular race. And the

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- CMAG story boards, and I gather in 1998 it was a
- different company. 3
  - A. It was.

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- Q. But it also provided story boards?
- 5 A. Uh-huh.
  - Q. Did you or your research associates add
- additional information to the database from your 7 review of the ads, other than the information that
- is in the field?
- 10 A. Not to my knowledge. We would have created a set of question files and gone back to 12 the academics.

We perceived this as something that we 13 would interact with them, but we wouldn't want to 14 15 change anything without their knowing.

We might have faxed them a story board, 16 we may have said we want to show you a tape. But, 17 18 by and large, I don't think we altered the data.

- 19 Q. In describing the interactions that you had with the researchers, I think you said that you asked them to report on all of the ads in the
- race, I think were your words.
- 23 A. Uh-huh.
- 24 Q. Does that mean every ad shown on 25 television during a particular period of time?

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database includes some candidate ads as well. 1

And we did show them commercials, across 3 a range of commercials to help them understand the 4 distinction in terms of the magic words,

5 distinction which permits interest groups to communicate election messages, while not

7 disclosing who they are, or how much they are 8 spending and why this was relevant. And therefore

9 we were trying to monitor that as well as genuine

10 issue advocacy, as well as candidate

11 communications, as well as internal communications 12 within organizations.

13 So, we have a fairly lengthy orientation 14 that shows commercials and talks about all of 15 that. And in many instances, we are also able to 16 see the same ads ourselves because of the Hotline tapes.

17 18 And we are also able to see the story 19 boards, either through Hotline or through CMAG. 20 We indicated we would share those with them and

21 have 22 But, there was a lot that went into that

23 orientation, I may not be remembering everything 24 that was said.

Q. When you say that you had access to the

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A. No, not every ad shown on television. 1 They would have needed to exercise some judgment.

Q. Certainly not Pepsi Cola ads, for

example? 5 A. Exactly.

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Q. In exercising the discretion in order to

7 narrow the ads they were looking at, what instructions did they receive with respect to how

to exercise that discretion, in terms of which ads

10 fell in this category of in the race?

11 A. Well, for instance, a question arose about whether an ad that mentions more than one 12 13 candidate, say a Presidential candidate and a House or Senate candidate, arose, those were 14 15 included in the database.

And they were informed at the outset 16 about the distinction between pure issue advocacy, 17 18 which is how I have almost typically described it, 19 and election issue advocacy.

And they were told not to exclude pure issue advocacy, because that is a relevant dimension that we were looking at.

23 So, with respect to other contests that were happening simultaneously, gubernatorial,

whatever, they were told please don't enter those.

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- They were limited to federal candidates?
- Federal candidates. Unless there were 2 3 communications vehicles like slate mailers that
- included federal and state, and those would then 4 5 be included.
- Q. Right. But with respect to broadcast 6 7 ads.
- 8 A. Right, federal.
- 9 Federal. Did the researchers receive any instructions on whether to include an ad which 10 included the likeness and name of a candidate, but was in the nature of a charitable solicitation? 12
- 13 A. We did not give any specific instructions 14 to include or exclude that.

Again, this is an interactive process where we are studying something that requires collegial interaction without classification and codification.

19 The instructions would have been, if that 20 arose, to raise it and to ask how to classify it and put it in the database initially to retrieve 21 it and then we talk. 22

23 I don't remember anyone raising a 24 charitable contribution solicitation that was a broadcast ad in either cycle.

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- which allowed you to reach the conclusions I
- referred you to on Pages 15 and 18?
- 3 A. Yes.

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- O. And what was that analysis?
- A. I asked research associates to tally the 5
- incidence of those items mentioned on Page 15. I 6 need to refresh my memory of specific reference.
- 7 8 Are we on 15 or 18? It is the same
- 9 thing, isn't it? 10
  - Q. I think it is the same thing.
- 11 A. Yes. There were very few, and whether
- they gave me a number, or they gave me a 12
- reference, very few, I relied upon that analysis. 13
- Q. But, what ads did they include in telling 14 you, or informing you, that there were just very 15
  - few of such ads in the database?
- 16 MR. DODYK: Could you tell us what you 17 18 mean by include?
- 19 BY MR. TRISTER:
  - Q. Well, he said that the researchers
- informed him of how many ads were in the database 21
- that were genuine issue advocacy; is that correct? 22
- 23 A. Correct.
- 24 Q. And I am asking you which ads the
- researchers included in the category of genuine

- Q. What about an ad that mentioned the name 2 of a candidate, but only in the title of a bill,
- 3 an example being McCain-Feingold, although I
- 4 understand you didn't monitor those races?
- 5 A. Again, that would have been one where I 6 presume they would have raised that with us. We
- 7 would have classified that as a relevant ad.
- 8 Q. If you were asked?
- 9 If we were asked, yes. Α.
- 10 Do you remember being asked about such an O.
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- 12 A. I don't remember ever being asked about
- 13 such an ad. More typically the way legislation is
- mentioned in ads, or referred to in ads, is by the 14
- topic of the legislation. 15
- 16 Hate crimes, tariffs, jobs, whatever it may be, not a particular bill by name, that is to 17
- 18 say sponsor name.
- 19 Q. In the title of the ad?
  - A. Either in the title of the ad or the
- 21 content of the ad.
- 22 Q. I see. Now, we have been talking about
- 23 the data which was provided to you in the
- 24 database.

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25 Did you perform an analysis of that data

- 1 issue advocacy? 2
- MR. DODYK: Are you asking him to identify particular ads, or a different question? 3
  - BY MR. TRISTER:
  - Q. No, the characteristics of those ads.
  - A. With respect to the presidential
  - primaries, we were aware of, and, in fact, had
- 8 observed some genuine issue ads in Iowa and New
- Hampshire, and so the research associates were 9
- 10 alerted to this type of ad and monitoring it.
  - And there are two groups, the exact names
- 12 of the groups, I am wanting to get right and
- Sensible Priorities is in the name of one of the 13
- 14 groups that did these ads, some ads in New
- 15 Hampshire and Iowa, and there was another group.
- 16 Compared to the activity of several other
- groups, they were quite rare. And I couldn't give 17
- you an exact number today, but they were more 18
- frequent, however, than we were finding in Senate 19
- 20 races and House races.
- They were examples of the kinds of ads we 21
- showed the academics as we trained them for the 22 23 general election cycle.
- Q. I am still trying to figure out what the 24
- characteristics were of those ads, and 25

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specifically did those ads mention a candidate by 2 name?

A. No. They did not mention a candidate by name. That would be one of the defining characteristics. And part of the data for that would come from the supports or attacks data entry window.

Part of it also from the description of the ad in the Iowa database, or the New Hampshire database.

11 Q. Did any of the case studies, that you 12 conducted in 1998 and 2000, look at Congressional 13 primary elections?

14 A. There were, in 2000, two cases, I 15 believe. Again, I would like to refresh my 16 memory, Oklahoma two, in which there was a 17 contested primary in September, and another one 18 that I have to go back and research, in which we 19 did include an assessment of the primary with the 20 general election.

But, by and large primaries that happened 21 before the window in which we were gathering in 23 this data, where relevant and where possible, we 24 have tried to include them.

25 There aren't very many. There are two, I Page 164

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Association, which happens in late August.

2 They had been oriented before that time 3 and provided with a binder, loose-leaf binder, 4 with a set of background readings with an earlier 5 kind of version of the secure web site templates. 6

With definitions and other relevant research preparation materials for them to read before the training and for them to provide to all of the assistants who were helping them in going to the stations.

So, a letter of introduction from the 12 Federal Communications Commission, Mr. Baker, and so forth and so on. So, it was a rather extensive primer on the topic and how to do research on the

16 Q. And one of the things you provided 17 training on was how to obtain information about

18 broadcast ads that were run?

A. Yes.

20 O. Information from stations?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. Any other sources?

23 A. We explained to them that we were going

24 to be acquiring a set of backup data that might

assist them in gathering data through CMAG, or

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1 think.

2 Q. Two that fell within your research 3

4 A. Exactly. And then the five presidential 5 primaries.

Q. Yes. I realize that, I was asking you 6 7 about Congressional and Senate primaries.

A. Right. Just to be completely clear, the other type of election which I think might attract quite a bit of soft money and electioneering

11 advocacy and perhaps pure issue advocacy would be

12 special elections, and we also did not include

13 those.

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14 Q. And, just to complete the list, did you 15 look at any runoff elections?

16 A. No. Are you thinking of Louisiana?

Q. I am not sure. Yes, Louisiana is an 17 18 example.

I believe you indicated earlier that 19 there was some form of training that took place of the academics that you were working with in each 21 22 of the jurisdictions.

23 Can you describe that training for me?

24 A. Sure. We brought them together at the 25 meeting of the American Political Science

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We explained to them how to go about building a reconnaissance network that involved political reporters, elites, friends, neighbors, whomever, to help collect mail.

We explained the methodology of elite interviews at multiple levels. So you speak to people from AFSCME at the local level, as well as we will talk to them in Washington.

And the same thing applied to the parties at multiple levels and consultants. I call it the wag-the-dog theory. They all want to claim credit if they win and it is somebody else's fault if they lost.

So, the elite interviewing component was also heavily emphasized, as well as the station visits, and the other data aggregation efforts.

18 Q. The CMAG data, which you have just 19 referred to, or the CMAG information that you 20 obtained from CMAG, that was used by you as a 21 backup to determine whether there were ads that 22 had run, but had possibly been missed by your

23 researchers?

24 A. Or to try and help push stations to more 25 fully report to us.

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So, for instance, our sampling design 2 includes races that would not be in the top 75 media markets, Montana, Reno, Nevada, for example, I could go on and on. Competitive races don't always happen in densely populated areas.

Q. And the significance of 75 is that CMAG doesn't report information for those?

A. Exactly. So, if we were depending or relying purely on CMAG, we would have not been able to study South Dakota this year. That is one 11 we are studying.

12 So, we are not dependent on CMAG in that 13 sense. The methodology very clearly says go to 14 cable and broadcast stations.

15 And that is another important distinction 16 between us and CMAG, we include going to cable 17 stations, which are not included by CMAG, and 18 radio, again, which is also not included by CMAG.

And in the course of gathering that data, 19 20 the CMAG printouts of ads run in that market during that time period were helpful in that the 21 extent of which stations organize themselves well 23 varies.

24 And, so local station management may not include a group doing election advocacy in or near Page 168

- CMAG data, and that tells you about all of the
- ads, the TV ads, why would you go to all of the
- 3 trouble of also going to the stations?
- 4 A. We were not 100 percent sure of the CMAG
- 5 data.

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- 6 Q. Why not?
  - A. We are suspicious by nature.
- 8 In what way were you not sure?
- 9 It is a new technology. We are trying to
- 10 learn about something that CMAG itself is not

11 very -- I wasn't sure that it worked.

12 And so before I throw away a methodology that had proven rather successful in '98, I felt 13 14 that we needed to, and I continue to feel, that we 15 need to go to the stations.

16 So, the other reason is, it is very 17 helpful, I think, to be able to document the extent to which the broadcasters increase their 19 rates on these groups.

20 And you will note in the research that we 21 have done that we can document that that is often 22 extraordinary.

23 So, there is substantial profit-taking 24 going on among broadcasters in certain markets for groups who want to communicate before an election.

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And only when asked about this particular group, the Smokers Alliance, were they, oh, that is over here in this file cabinet.

And so, it was and is a useful device to help document what they should have already been doing from their own reconnaissance of what was running, watching tag lines, writing those down, and having others inform them of those tag lines.

So, in that sense the CMAG data supplemented what we tried to get from the stations. The other way that I think the CMAG data provides a minimal baseline is in the estimation of cost.

In most media markets we have been able to find at least one network affiliated station that provided rather complete cost and pricing information, some do not.

And the CMAG data at least gives you what 19 20 the normal rate for that segment of time would be 21 for that ad, which rather substantially underestimates the cost of what the ad actually 23 costs, if it was a noncandidate commercial.

Q. It seems to me that if you have access in 24 those jurisdictions where you have access to the

Q. The National Association of Broadcasters is a Plaintiff in this case and they are not here

to defend themselves.

A. Well, we are grateful for the National

5 Association of Broadcasters form which provides

very minimal information, but at least a local 6

7 contact number, local name which, as you know from

R reading the monograph, proves very helpful.

Q We call those numbers and we try and 10 track down those people. That also is not

11 available in the CMAG data, by the way.

12 Q. Did you find any instances in your 2000 13 studies in which you found ads, through your

14 visits to the stations with your various

15 in-the-field techniques, which had not been picked

16 up by CMAG?

A. Yes.

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18 Q. Can you give me the specifics?

19 A. Yes. I have asked the research

20 associates to refresh their memories about this.

21 It was relatively rare, but there were a few ads

22 that we found that they did not.

23 Because we were exchanging information

24 with the Wisconsin group, we notified Professor

Goldstein of those ads when we found them. They

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are in our database, I don't know whether they are 2 in his.

3 They were relatively rare, as I think I said.

Q. Do you remember how many?

A. I would think a handful of districts.

7 And only one or two kinds of ads in those districts.

Q. But, those, you would only be comparing Q the CMAG list with your own list, and if you had missed ads, that CMAG had also missed, then you

12 wouldn't know about that?

13 A. That's right. Again, we are going to all broadcast and cable affiliates in a market when we 14 aggregate the two systems together the way we do, 15

we are confident we don't miss very many ads. 16 17 The way we confirm that is by interviewing people. Who would we interview? We 18 19 ask in the interviews both campaigns, both parties, the interest groups who are otherwise campaigning, all of whom are also simultaneously 22 monitoring these very same events.

23 And we say to them, here are the groups 24 we have seen active in this race, are there any 25 that we have missed.

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A. With the interest groups that were active 1 2 and players, and that includes mail. So it would 3 take in the mail that we had retrieved and show 4 them the mail and say were there other pieces of 5 mail your group did? 6

I can remember other instances with the NEA, or, and there are even some groups now, I believe the conservation folks, for example, who saved their mail for us.

10 They said, why go to the bother of retrieving, we will just create a file for you. 11

12 Q. Let's turn to Page 26 of your report. And I am specifically referring to the section 13 14 that begins on Page 26, and labeled D, Strategies 15 and Techniques of Electioneering Advertisements and Election Advocacy. 16

I am somewhat confused as to what you are saying, not as to the specifics, but the general presentation.

Specifically, in the introduction to that section, you say, in the first sentence, you describe electioneering advertisements that are steady monitored, sidestep disclosure, et cetera.

24 A. I am --

25 O. Because --

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So there is a corroboration that comes 1 2 from the interviewing stage, including the

3 consultants, and by that I mean the media

consultants, who are also in the business of

5 tracking and monitoring what the opposition is

doing, including the interest groups and the 6

parties.

Q. But, if I understand it --8

9 A. So, everybody missed it if we missed it

10 is what I am saying.

Q. I am trying to figure out what you mean 11

12 by what was missed. The interviews would tell you

13 whether there was a group that was active that you

14 had missed.

15 A. Or whether there was a particular ad that a group had done. So, if in Nevada Senate, if the

AFL did three ads that we thought, and this is a 17

18 hypothetical, it didn't happen, it did happen with

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20 And, we said we found these three ads 21 which you ran, and they said, oh, you are missing the Social Security ad.

Q. Did you in each instance when you did an 23

interview review all of the ads that you had

25 found? Did your researchers do that?

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- 1 A. Are we looking at the paragraph at the 2 bottom of Page 26?
  - Q. No. I am right after D.

4 A. Okay.

And you say, in the first sentence, there 5

were certain ads that avoided express advocacy, 6

but were, in your estimation, electioneering

advertisements.

A. Uh-huh.

Or were defined as internal 10

11 communications. Then you go on to say

nevertheless these communications were nearly 12

universally oriented towards electing or defeating 13

specific federal candidates and have distinct 14

characteristics demonstrating their electioneering 15 character. 16

And am I correct that it is then the 17

characteristics, the distinct characteristics that 18

you are referring to are then described in the 19

20 following pages, these No. 1, theme and message,

21 No. 2, masking identity, et cetera?

22 A. No. I think the theme and message,

23 masking identity speaks to strategies and

techniques more generally, not specifically to 24

what defines or makes these an electioneering

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communication.

So these are strategies and techniques of electioneering advertisements and election advocacy. Theme and message is one, masking identity is one, targeting members, demographic and other groups and so forth.

So it is more broadly, I think, than you have just described it.

9 Q. Well, don't you say in your discussion, and we will get into the specifics in a moment, 10 but don't you say in various places that these 11 characteristics demonstrate an electioneering 12 13 purpose of the ad?

> A. Yes. They are partial indicators.

What other indicators would there be?

Oh, naming the candidate, showing the candidate, would be two others. Mentioning an election as referred to elsewhere in the report.

19 Q. Okay. We have got naming a candidate or 20 depicting a candidate, mentioning an election.

21 Are these characteristics, which you have 22 identified, are they necessary characteristics in 23 addition to the ones that you have mentioned?

24 A. No. They are not necessary. They are 25 rather indicators of the reality that interest

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And her assessment of the issue content 1 2 of the ads, her description of the ads and so 3 forth.

4 Q. Now, are you referring to a conversation 5 you had before writing this report?

6 A. No. I would have, in the writing of this report, reviewed all of the case studies from '98 8 and 2000, and this was an example from one of those case studies. This is from her. 9

10 Q. Now, did you verify the information in 11 those case studies as to their accuracy?

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Q. When you refer to the case study for the New Mexico Third District, let me show you some pages I have excerpted from outside my --

(The document referred to was marked Magleby Exhibit No. 8 for identification.)

BY MR. TRISTAN:

Q. Is the material on Page 141, the third page of the exhibit, under the heading the

22 AFL-CIO's campaign, is that the material that you

have reviewed? 23

24 A. Yes.

25 Q. Now, one of the things I am curious about

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1 groups and parties have found ways to effectively run candidate-centered campaigns while avoiding 2 3 the regulations of FECA. That is to disclosure

4 and so forth.

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MR. TRISTER: Could you read that back. THE REPORTER: "Answer: No. They are not necessary. They are rather indicators of the reality that interest groups and parties have found ways to effectively run candidate-centered campaigns while avoiding the regulations of FECA.

11 That is to disclosure and so forth."

12 BY MR. TRISTER:

13 Q. Let's turn to Page 27. And specifically 14 to the paragraph at the top of the page which 15 deals with certain AFL ads.

16 Have you had a chance to look at it?

17 A. Uh-huh.

Q. I will take that as a yes?

19 Yes. I am sorry, my apologies.

20 Q. What is the source of your information in 21 this paragraph about the AFL ads?

A. This would be from Lonna Rae Atkinson, 22

University of New Mexico, who was evaluating the 23

24 New Mexico House race that is mentioned here, the

Third District in '98.

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1 is in your description of the ads in your expert report, on Page 27, you describe, you say the 2 AFL-CIO ran two television issue ad spots. 3

And you say the commercials focused on 4 tax cuts that were paid for by raiding the Social 5 Security Trust Fund. 6 7

In the case study that you have just said you reviewed, I see references to two different

A. Yes. There is a reference to the second 10 ad, which either got edited out or somehow 11 12 omitted.

13 Q. I am sorry, edited out of your expert 14 report?

15 A. I don't know how it didn't make it in 16 there.

You wrote your expert report, didn't you? 17 Q. 18

Oh, yes, I did. A.

All right. And so the ad that is 19

mentioned that did not make it into your expert 20

21 report is an ad about HMOs; is that correct?

22 A. Exactly.

23 Q. Okay. Now let's focus on the ad that did

24 make it into your report.

25 You go on, in your expert report, you





say, but despite union funding, neither of these ads, referring to the Social Security Trust Fund ads, directly relates to core union issues, like working conditions, pay raises, or employment 5 benefits.

6 Now, on what did you base that 7 conclusion?

- 8 A. Well, the ad relating to Social Security 9 Trust Fund and taxes does not relate to core union issues as described in that sentence.
- O. Well, how did you determine whether 11 12 Social Security Trust Fund is a core union issue?
- 13 A. Based upon what a reasonable person might 14 assume core union issues would be, like the ones
- 15 listed in the report.
- Q. Well, is it your position that any ad 16 17 that the AFL might run on any issue, other than 18 the issues mentioned in your report, working
- 19 conditions, pay raises, or employment benefits,
- 20 would be suggestive of the fact that it is an electioneering message?
- A. No. That is not what I am saying. What
- 23 I am saying is that interest groups, this is an 24 example, have adopted, as their issue content,
- 25 more generic or general issues than they have

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- have a different view of what their core issues
- 2 were?
- 3 A. No.
- 4 Q. They wouldn't?
  - A. No.

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- And would you have a different view of 6 Q.
  - what their core issues are?
- 8 A. No.
- 9 Q. You wouldn't? If I showed you that over
- a period of five years the AFL-CIO had testified 10
- in Congress on these very same Social Security 11
- issues on numerous occasions, would that change
- your view of what is a core issue? 13
- A. It would suggest to me that the core 14
- issue for the AFL-CIO is also a core issue for 15
- more voters generally, which is the point of what 16
- this section of the report is about. 17
- 18 That the interest groups are adopting the issue strategies of the candidates more than they 19
- are adopting issues that one would readily 20
- 21 identify with the group. 22
  - Q. But I am trying to identify who readily
- 23 identifies them that way.
- 24 Doesn't the group define what is its core
  - issues, what it cares most about?

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- issues that directly relate to their core
- 2 concerns.
- 3 Q. Are you saying that they, the AFL, chose
- the issue of the Social Security Trust Fund for
- its ad for electioneering reasons?
- A. I assume so. 6
- 7 Q. Why do you assume that?
- 8 A. Because they are communicating to a
- general electorate. They are not communicating
- 10 only to their members. These are television ads
- to a mass audience. 11
- 12 Q. That is quite true. But, why does the
- 13 fact that they are communicating to a general
- 14 electorate tell you that a Social Security Trust
- 15 Fund ad is not a core issue of the AFL-CIO?
- A. It says that it is not an issue that on 16 17 it's face is, or would normally be considered to
- 18 be, a core concern of the AFL-CIO, like employment
- 19 conditions.
- 20 Q. Normally by whom?
- 21 A. A reasonable voter who does not know the
- 22 specifics of the issue concerns of the AFL-CIO.
- 23 Q. If the AFL had run numerous ads on the
- 24 subject of Social Security over a period of five
- years in this district, would viewers possibly

1 Sure, yes.

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- Q. It does. And so if it lobbied and spent 2
- hundreds of thousands of dollars lobbying on those 3
- issues that would help to demonstrate that it was 4
- a core issue. 5
- A. Uh-huh. 6
- Q. And if it had run ads over a period of 7
- years on those same issues, that would also help 8
- to show that it was a core issue; would it not? 9
- 10 A. The question to me is to whom. To
- persons who are monitoring all of those particular 11
- 12 kinds of communications you are doing, yes.
  - To a voter, I am not confident that they
- would understand or know that. They would assume 14
- that matters that unions care about may be a much 15
- more narrow range of issues. 16
- Q. And why would that matter to the viewer? 17
- A. I am not sure that it does. The issue of 18
- this section is about the convergence of the issue 19
- 20 agendas of those doing election advocacy of the
- 21 candidates.
- Q. Yes. But, when you use a term like 22
- 23 convergence, I am hearing, perhaps you don't
- intend it, a suggestion that the group that is 24
- running the ads is deliberately choosing the topic

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- 1 of the ad because it is similar to the topic of
- 2 the ads which the candidates are running.
- 3 A. That's right. And there are examples4 here that clearly demonstrate groups do that.
- 5 Q. But aren't there numerous examples in
- 6 which there could be a convergence of issues in
- 7 which the group set the agenda and the candidate 8 followed?
- 9 A. That is possible.
- 10 Q. And don't you, indeed, write about that
- 11 in a number of your pieces?
- 12 A. That is possible.
- 13 Q. And that is one of your concerns about
- 14 what you call outside money; is it not?
- 15 A. Yes.
- 16 Q. So, the fact that there is convergence
- 17 doesn't in itself tell us, one way or the other,
- 18 about the motive of the group in picking that
- 19 topic.
- 20 A. No. But what it does say is that that
- 21 group has an advantage, within the context of the
- 22 FECA laws, in communicating that message that
- 23 neither candidate -- that the candidates certainly
- 24 don't do, because they are constrained in
- 25 fund-raising and communicating.

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- your focus groups, or your survey participants,
- information about whether candidates were running the same ads on the same topics?
- A. No.
  - Q. Let me just make sure I understand. You
- 6 were not saying that an ad, which is not a core
- 7 union issue -- on a topic which is a core union
- 8 issue, was selected by the AFL, that that tells
- 9 you it was selected by the AFL for an
- 10 electioneering purpose?
  - A. No. I am not saying that.
- 12 Q. Let me turn over to Page 28. And you
- 13 make a reference there that the National Right to
- 14 Life Committee --
  - A. Uh-huh.
- 16 Q. -- in the first paragraph. And you
- 17 indicate that they ran ads on campaign finance
- 18 reform and I think you indicated, also, that that
- 19 would be an example of an ad that, in your view,
- 20 was on a topic that was not central to the group.
  - A. Correct.
- 22 Q. Now, again, how do you reach that
- 23 conclusion on what information tells you that
- 24 about the group?
- 25 A. The National Right to Life Committee has

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- 1 So if you look at it in a whole
- 2 perspective, it is a substantial expansion of the
- 3 ability of interest groups to communicate
- 4 election-specific messages on the same topics that
- 5 candidates are that are, in the eyes of the voter,
- 6 indistinguishable.
  - Q. Indistinguishable as to topic?
- 8 A. And to purpose.
- 9 Q. I don't understand --
- 10 A. That is the whole dictum of the research.
- 11 It shows, to the eyes of the voter, these are
- 12 about trying to help you elect or defeat a
- 13 candidate.

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- 14 Q. But your dictum research didn't explore
- in any way the convergence of issues, did it?
- 16 A. No. But it speaks to how voters
- 17 perceived it and we were speaking about voters.
- 18 Q. Perceived in the ads that you have showed
- 19 them.
- 20 A. The purpose of the ads, exactly.
- 21 Q. The purpose of the ads, of the eight ads
- 22 that you showed them in dictum and the information
- 23 that you gave them about those ads, right?
- 24 A. Right.
- 25 Q. And you didn't give them information,

- as its core focus, in my view, the protection of
- 2 the unborn and the issue of abortion.
- 3 This ad was not about the protection of
- 4 the unborn or abortion.
- Q. But, can't the National Right to Life
- 6 Committee decide that, in order to achieve its
- 7 positions on abortion, it needs to take positions
- 8 on campaign finance reform and perspective reforms
- 9 which they believe will interfere with their
- 10 ability to achieve their position on abortion?
- 11 A. Yes.
- 12 Q. And, in fact, the National Right to Life
- 13 Committee has done that, have they not?
- 14 A. Yes.
- 15 Q. They are a Plaintiff in this case, I
- 16 believe?
- 17 A. Yes.
- 18 Q. And are you familiar with the litigation
- 19 that that organization and its affiliates have
- 20 brought over the last ten or more years
- 21 challenging various provisions of federal and
- 22 state campaign laws?
- 23 A. No, I am not.
- 24 Q. If I told you that they had probably
- 25 litigated more cases than any other interest group

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in the country, would that surprise you?

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Q. You might want to do a little extra research.

If I told you that the National Right to Life Committee, at least since 1997, has included campaign finance reform as one of the legislative issues on which they report Congressional voting records to their members, would that surprise you?

10 A. No.

11 Q. That would not. And that would not 12 change your mind as to whether this was a core 13 issue?

14 A. No.

15 Q. Why not?

16 A. This section is simply talking about the 17 core issue focus of various interest groups, and the advantage that they have in communicating 19 because of the laws interpreted in Buckley in 20 election issue advocacy.

21 And that that gives them rather wide latitude to communicate on a broad range of 22 23 issues, some of which converge, some of which do 24 not. 25

Q. Let's continue on Page 28. You have a

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questions of himself, Mr. Eric O'Keefe of Americans for Limited Terms, David Hanson of the NRSC and Matt Engle of the DCCC, Mr. Rosenthal made a statement, I believe I quoted in here, but to the effect that the AFL-CIO does not mask its identity.

Ms. Ingland (ph.), in a question and answer period, commented as in Connecticut 5, labor was part of a group calling itself the Coalition to Make Our Voices Heard, and in fact, they had masked their identity.

Mr. Rosenthal responded that organized labor, like other groups, plays by the rules as they are now written, something to that effect.

15 Q. You say here that labor campaigned behind a group called Coalition to Make Our Voices Heard. 16 And the word that I am focusing on is campaigned. 17

18 Is it your understanding that the ad that 19 ran in the Connecticut Fifth District by the 20 Coalition to Make Our Voices Heard was a campaign

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22 A. Based upon the exchange, and the case 23 study, and I haven't read those to prepare for 24 today, I am happy to revisit those.

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section called Masking Identity, which is, again, one of those characteristics that you referred to earlier.

And you, if we can turn over to Page 29. I am sorry, Page 30, in the second full paragraph, you again refer to an ad that was run in the Connecticut Fifth Congressional District.

8 And you say: In the Connecticut Fifth 9 Congressional District, labor campaigned behind a 10 group called Coalition to Make Our Voices Heard.

11 Now, what is the source of your 12 information in that paragraph?

13 A. Twofold. This is described in the

14 Connecticut 5K study in the 1998 monograph. I am 15 not remembering if the Connecticut case study is an outside one. 16

17 And an exchange of the National Press 18 Club in early February of '99 in a roundtable discussion that Mr. Steve Rosenthal participated 19 in, in which he was asked specifically about this 20 21 question, this group, I should say.

What was Mr. Rosenthal asked about this 22 Q. 23 group?

A. Mr. Rosenthal had said in the after lunch 24 25 conversation, where reporters and others could ask Page 189

1 assumed it was, then it was in essence a campaign 2 ad.

Q. And when you say election advocacy, you mean an ad that mentions the name of candidates?

A. Or an election, or it occurs within 60 days of an election, and so forth.

Q. Let me show you Exhibit 9. (The document referred to was marked Magleby Exhibit No. 9 for identification.)

BY MR. TRISTER:

12 Q. If it will make it easier for you, the 13 discussion of the AFL ad begins at the bottom of 14 Page 163 and continues over to 164.

Have you had a chance to look at this material?

A. Yes.

18 Q. And is this the material you consulted in 19 preparing your expert report on this subject?

20 A. In part. I also read the transcript of 21 the exchange at National Press Club between

22 Ms. Ingland and Mr. Rosenthal.

23 Q. Okay. We will get to Mr. Rosenthal's 24 comments in a second.

With respect to the other material that

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- is in this paragraph, it states, does it not, that
- 2 the AFL-CIO in July spent at least \$75,690 on
- 3 television issue ads on the subject of patients
- rights, does it not? 4
- A. Yes. 5
- Q. And these thank Representative Maloney 6
- 7 for supporting the proposal; is that right?
- A. Yes. 8
- 9 Q. Can you think of any reason why the AFL
- 10 would run ads in July in their own name, and then
- turn around subsequently and run ads in the name
- 12 of what you refer to as a front group.
- 13 A. Can I think of reason why they might have
- 14 is that question?
- 15 Q. Yes.
- A. Yes. 16
- 17 Q. What would that be?
- 18 Polling might be one reason.
- 19 Q. What would polling tell them?
- 20 Maybe running in their own name didn't
- 21 work as well as running in another name.
- 22 Q. Now, did your researchers find any
- 23 evidence that that was the case?
- 24 A. No. You asked about what might have
- 25 happened.

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- candidate by name, and urged viewers, or I guess
- 2 this is a radio ad, listeners to register and
- 3 vote, would you still regard that as a campaign
- 4 ad?
- 5 A. If those were the only elements of the
- ad, I would not. But I am taking it from this 6
- description that there were other elements of the 7 8 ad.
- 9 Q. And what other elements?
- Specific attacks among the Republicans. 10 A.
- 11 On the subject of HMO reforms; is that Q.
- 12 right?
- A. I guess. It is not completely clear to 13
- me what the content of the ad is, based upon this 14
- paragraph. 15
- Q. And that would make it an electioneering 16
- ad, even though it doesn't mention the name of the 17
- 18 candidate?
- 19 A. I would only be comfortable
- characterizing the ad if I were able to see it or 20
- hear it in its entirety. 21
- Q. If you will assume with me that the 22
- Coalition to Make Our Voices Heard was an 23
- organization which was interested in fostering
- voter registration and voting within the minority

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- Q. I see. The article or the case study
- refers to the fact that the Coalition to Make Our
- Voices Heard was headed by Linda Chavez-Thompson
- 4 of the AFL and Reverend Jesse Jackson, does it
- 5 not?

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- 6 A. Yes, it does.
- 7 Q. And, the Reverend Jackson, is, of course,
- 8 a well-recognized civil rights leader, is he not?
- Q A. He is.
- 10 Q. And, is it possible, in your mind, that
- 11 the Reverend Jackson and this organization, with
- 12 which he is affiliated, was concerned with
- encouraging members of the minority community in
- Connecticut to vote in the upcoming election? 14
- 15 A. Could have been.
- 16 Q. And --
- I don't know. 17 A.
- 18 Q. It says here that the ad was run in
- Hartford and possibly in Bridgeport. 19
- 20 Are those both cities, to your knowledge,
- 21 with reasonably large minority communities?
- 22 A. I am not sure.
- 23 Q. I see. If the ad in question, run by the
- 24 Coalition to Make Our Voices Heard, did not
- 25 include the magic words, did not mention the

- communities in Connecticut, and even if the AFL
- contributed money to that organization, wouldn't 2
- you expect the ad still to be named in the name of 3
- 4 that organization?
  - MR. PAOLELLA: Could I hear the question
- 6 one more time?
- THE REPORTER: "Question: If you will 7
- assume with me that the Coalition to Make Our 8 9 Voices Heard was an organization which was
- 10 interested in fostering voter registration and
- voting within the minority communities in 11
- 12 Connecticut, and even if the AFL contributed money
- to that organization, wouldn't you expect the ad 13
- 14 still to be named in the name of the
- 15 organization?"
- THE WITNESS: I am not sure I am clear 16
- 17 what the representation of that organization is,
- 18 the Coalition to Make Our Voices Heard?
  - BY MR. TRISTER:
- 20 Q. Yes. The coalition that was carrying
- 21 on this type of voter registration and other
- get-out-the-vote activities in the minority 22
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- 24 A. I am not surprised. I would expect
- organizations like Coalition to Make Our Voices

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Heard to do get-out-the-vote activities in an 1 innocuous name like this. 2

And interest groups like labor are also not surprisingly interested and willing to do that for the very reasons Mr. Rosenthal indicates.

He is quoted here as saying it helps to get a broader group of supporters when you use the innocuous name than when you use your real name.

And if the purpose is a broader group of 10 supporters by masking your identity, you have accomplished your purpose.

- Q. Right. When Mr. Rosenthal answered the 12 13 question at the panel, this was in a question and 14 answer period after the --
- 15 A. Yes, after lunch.
- 16 After the lunch. Who spoke at the lunch?
- Well, there were no speakers at the 17
- lunch. We had had a set of panels in the morning 18
- 19 in which we discussed House and Senate races,
- showed examples of commercials and mail, then had 20
- 21 a buffet lunch.
- 22 While people were finishing up we had a 23 panel discussion where Mr. Rosenthal as well as
- Mr. O'Keefe, Mr. Hanson and Mr. Engle each were
- invited to make brief comments and then respond

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- question, if he believed that, why did you do this 2 in Connecticut 5.
  - Q. And he responded?
  - And he responded as indicated. Α.
  - Did he have any materials or written
  - materials in front of him at the time he was
- responded to this about the AFL ads in 1998, about 7
- 8 specific AFL ads in 1998?
  - A. Nothing that we had provided him.
- 10 Whether he brought a folder with him, or had any
- materials, I don't recall. 11
- 12 Q. And he didn't refer to any information
- that was in front of him about this specific ad? 13
- A. Not that I recall. It has been five 14
- years ago, or three years ago. 15
- Q. Did you, or anyone associated with your 16
- project, your research project, interview 17
- Mr. Rosenthal separately from this Q and A in 18
- 1998? 19
- A. Yes. 20
- Q. And was he asked about the Coalition to 21
- Make Our Voices Heard? 22
- A. Not that I remember. 23
- Was he asked about his role in the AFL 24
- 25 communications program in 1998?

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- to questions. It was mostly an hour or so of 1
- 2 Q and A. 3
- Q. Apart from this, how much of the time in this Q and A, of this one hour in Q and A, was
- 5 devoted to the ad by the Coalition to Make Our
- 6 Voices Heard?
- 7 A. Oh, this was not a major focus. It was
- 8 in response to a statement that Mr. O'Keefe had
- made from Americans for Limited Terms defending
- 10 the practice of not disclosing any of their
- 11 contributors.

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A man named Kent Cooper asked two questions of Mr. O'Keefe. One, would you identify your three largest contributors, Mr. O'Keefe said

15 I would not. 16

Two, would you identify your average contribution, and he said, I would not, and then explained why.

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- And Mr. Rosenthal then, if I am remembering this correctly, and we do have a 20
- 21 transcript, volunteered to want to speak further
- 22 on that point and indicated that he believed
- 23 people should campaign in their own name.
- 24 Q. He did.
- 25 A. At which point, Ms. Ingland asked the

A. Yes.

2 O. And what did he say?

A. The conversation I remember best had to 3 4 do with the ground campaign in the Nevada Senate

5 race.

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I had met with Mr. Blackie Evans who is 6

the AFL-CIO director in Nevada, and met Vinnie 7

O'Brien, who was the AFL-CIO staff person working 8

in the Nevada race. 9

10 And then after the election, asked to be able to interview Mr. Rosenthal, and did so, and 11

spoke about the shift in strategy between

broadcast in 1996 and mail/phone personal contact,

14 GO-TV in '98.

There was at least one like the interview 15 with Mr. Rosenthal post election. There may have 16

been two. 17 Q. Right. And my question specifically was 18

- whether you spoke to him about his role, not in 19
- connection with what you refer to as the ground 20
- war, but his role with respect to the AFL-CIO 21
- advertisement in 1998? 22
- 23 A. Well, in general terms I do believe I
- talked to him about that. He also referred me to 24
  - another person at the AFL, I have forgotten her

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- name, it is not Karen Ackerman. 1
- 2 O. Denise Mitchell?
- 3 A. It may be Denise Mitchell, that I have
- 4 also interviewed.
  - Q. Do you recall what her role was?
- 6 A. I don't.

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- Q. All right. If I tell you she was the
- director of communications and is the director of
- communications at the AFL-CIO, would that refresh
- 10 your recollection?
- 11 A. That helps.
- 12 Did Mr. Rosenthal or Ms. Mitchell, in
- 13 your interviews with either of them, describe the
- role of Mr. Rosenthal in the political department
- in the advertising program of the AFL-CIO? 15
- 16 A. Not that I recall.
- 17 Did they, either of them, mention the O.
- fact that the political department was walled off
- 19 from making decisions about the advertising
- 20 program at the AFL-CIO in 1998?
- 21 A. Not that I recall.
- 22 Q. In your research, have you identified any
- 23 other instance in which the AFL-CIO has used the
- so-called front group?
- 25 A. I was trying to find, and I am not sure

not independent of the candidates?

- A. I believe that they are aggressively trying to pursue a category to defeat or elect a
- candidate in ways that will reinforce what the
- candidates are going to do that they hope to
- 6 benefit.

Therefore, it is not surprising that they are campaigning on the same themes and messages typically in a much more negative or contrasting way.

11 Q. I don't think you answered my question.

12 MR. TRISTER: Would you read back the 13 question.

THE REPORTER: "Question: My question is, are you suggesting in that sentence that the reason for the congruence is that the noncandidate campaigns are, in fact, not independent of the candidates?"

MR. DODYK: I would object to the commentary. But if you want him to try to answer the question again, go ahead.

BY MR. TRISTER:

- 23 Q. Yes, why don't you try answering the
- 24 question again.
- 25 A. In effect, they are not independent of

- whether this would fit your categorization of the
- AFL-CIO. Would AFSCME --2
- 3 Q. No. I am speaking of the AFL-CIO, not
- 4 one of its constituent units.
- 5 A. Not one of its constituent units.
- 6 Q. No.
- A. I don't know of other examples. I do 7
- 8 know of an AFSCME one.
- Q. And the one that you know about AFSCME is Q
- 10 American Family Voices?
- 11 A. Correct.
- 12 But the AFL wasn't involved in that.
- 13 A. I just assumed that it was an affiliated
- 14 unit and it would fall under your question.
- Q. Let me refer you back to Page 26. The 15
- statement in the first paragraph under Theme And
- Message in which you state: While the
- noncandidate campaigns are presumed to be independent of the candidates, there is remarkable
- congruence between the themes of the candidate
- 21 campaigns and those of the interest groups and
- 22 parties.

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- 23 My question is, are you suggesting in
- that sentence that the reason for the congruence
- is that the noncandidate campaigns are, in fact,

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- the candidates. In, as the Dictum Without Data shows, the eyes of the voters, they are not 2
- 3 independent of the candidates.
- 4 Q. How does Dictum Without Data show that
- 5 that groups are not independent of the candidates
- because of the congruence? 6
  - A. The voters perceive the campaign messages
- 8 to be about electing or defeating a candidate.
  - Q. Right. But, this is a section that
- 10 focuses on the congruence between the themes of
- the candidate campaigns and those of the interest 11
- 12 groups and parties.
- 13 A. I am suggesting that the congruence
- 14 reinforces the other elements of the ads which
- makes the ads by the interest groups and the
- 16 parties indistinguishable as to purpose or intent
- in the eyes of voters. 17

MR. DODYK: When you get to a convenient

- place. I would like to take a break. 19
  - MR. TRISTER: Okav.
    - BY MR. TRISTER:
- 22 Q. But, when I asked you a few moments ago,
- 23 I think you acknowledged that the survey research
- that is the source of the Dictum did not in any 24
- way provide information to the respondents about

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congruence of themes between candidate campaigns 2 and those of the interest groups.

3 MR. DODYK: I think that is a mischaracterization of the testimony, but why 5 don't we just put a clean question in the record. 6 BY MR. TRISTER:

7 Q. Did you provide, as part of your research 8 in Dictum Without Data, information to the 9 respondents about congruence of themes between the 10 candidate campaigns and those of the interest

11 groups?

12 A. No. We did not provide explicit 13 information on that point. The context of the 14 data collection, however, was in the midst of a 15 campaign in which Social Security and other topics

16 were central to the campaign. 17 Q. Well, are you saying that the respondents understood that, and when they saw a Social 18 19 Security ad they knew that candidates were also

running ads and they then factored that into their

21 characterization of the ads?

22 A. I am saying that is possible.

23 Q. Were either of the two ads that you have 24 characterized as electioneering advertisements in

25 your study, were they on the subject of Social

What page are we on? Α.

Q. 26.

A. Okav.

Q. Is it your position that the noncandidate

5 campaigns, particularly the interest group

6 noncandidate campaigns, are not independent of the

7 candidates because they are running ads on 8 congruent themes as the candidate?

9 That is one indicator. There are others.

10 What others?

11 A. Interviews with party leaders and others.

12 Evidence of party leadership signalling in advance

13 what the issue agenda of the 1998 Democratic

14 candidates would be, that kind of thing.

15 Signalling to whom?

Voters, interest groups, donors.

17 How did they signal?

I believe Mr. Gephardt, among others

19 identified three or four issue agendas in the 1998

20 cycle, including Social Security.

21 Q. Issues that he believed would be

22 important for Democratic candidates?

23 A. Uh-huh.

Q. And how would interest groups have

learned about that?

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A. Yes. The RLC ad was called Social 3 Security, and an older woman explains how

4 Al Gore's Medicare Drug Premium will cost the 5 program.

6 She ends up giving this message to 7 Al Gore, get your hands off my Social Security 8 check. It is not enough now.

9 Let me please check whether the American 10 Family Voices mentions Social Security. It 11 doesn't seem to.

12 Q. And when you tested, in the question that

13 became the basis for what I think we were referring to as Table 4 in the Dictum report, the

15 one that refers to the reasons why -- that is the

16 one, yes -- the reasons why the respondents

characterized ads as being electioneering, did you

ask them about congruence between the themes in the candidate campaigns? 19

20 A. No.

21 Q. Is it your position that the noncandidate

campaigns, and that is the phrase in your report,

23 but, let me take out of that equation the parties,

I am referring to the interest group component of noncandidate campaigns.

A. Reading the newspaper.

2 Q. Reading the newspaper, other public 3

sources?

4 A. Any sources. It is also the case that in these campaigns it is not atypical for the

5 steering or the coordinating committee for a

7 candidate to include people who are volunteers or

8 connected with these interest groups. 9 There are relatively few secrets in

10 politics. It is not hard to figure out what the 11 issue focus of a campaign would be.

12 Q. You are not suggesting, are you, that 13 interest groups met with the candidates?

14 A. No, no, I am not suggesting that. In

15 fact, I do not believe that happened. 16 Q. Okay. Are you familiar with the term

coordination as a legal matter? 17 18

A. Yes.

Q. You are not suggesting that the interest 19 20 groups coordinated with the candidates?

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MR. DODYK: Is this a good time? 22

23 MR. TRISTER: Yes.

24 (Brief recess -- 3:52 p.m.) 25

(After recess -- 4:05 p.m.)

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BY MR. TRISTER:

2 Q. Let me refer to what is the top of 3 Page 31. You state there that interest groups not 4 only target memberships or affiliates, they also taken aim at particular states with competitive U.S. Senate races or Congressional districts where 7 the outcome is in doubt.

Now, is this simply a descriptive statement of your observations of what interest groups are doing, or are you making a statement here about the intention of these groups when they target their memberships or they target competitive U.S. races?

14 A. I am saying that interest groups often 15 have a strategy to communicate broadly with their 16 membership.

17 In addition to that, they focus 18 additional effort and resources at particular 19 states with competitive races or competitive 20 Congressional districts, and spend more, invest 21 more, campaign more there.

22 Q. So, you don't draw any inference from the 23 fact that interest groups do, in fact, target

24 their memberships?

25 A. No.

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part is there may be more media scrutiny on those

races than there would be on noncompetitive races.

3 Q. All right. And so the media might be more interested in reporting what the interest

5 groups are doing and saying --

6 A. In those races.

Q. - In those races, as distinct from

noncompetitive races?

A. Yes.

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10 Q. At the bottom of 31, the last paragraph

11 on 31 and over on to 32, you are talking, you are

12 describing activities, and you state that

targeting discreet voter groups within the

14 district that are persuadable on an issue of

15 polling and communications has also become a 16

preferred strategy. 17

And you go on and describe that NARAL 18 phone banks, and so on, and the practice that I see described there, that is properly called

20 voter ID?

21 A. Yes.

22 Q. And that is what you are describing

23 there?

24 A. Uh-huh.

25 Q. And voter ID is a process by which you

1 Q. And, what inference, if any, do you draw from the fact that interest groups, as you say,

take aim at states with competitive races?

A. They care about the outcome of the election in general, and especially majority control of one or both Houses of Congress.

Q. Okay.

8 A. And, therefore, they compete in the 9 battleground districts more intensively.

10 Q. Okay. Are there any other reasons why 11 interest groups might target competitive races. other than the outcome of the vote?

12 13 A. Yes.

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Q. And what would those be?

It may give them more credit with the 15 party that becomes the majority in terms of

17 helping to deliver the majority.

It may give them more visibility in the 18 media as a powerful group. 19

20 Q. With respect to visibility, more

21 visibility in the media because the race is a

competitive race, and there is a good deal of

23 media attention in the race; is that what you are 24 saying?

25 A. That may be part of it. An additional Page 209

identify specific voters, and you then find out

2 how they are going to vote, or you hope you find 3

out how they are going to vote, and you then call

them before the election and make sure they vote,

5 if they are going to vote your way; is that

6 correct?

7 A. Yes.

8 Q. And this process of voter ID, this is a

process that takes place exclusively with

10 telephone banks; is that correct?

A. No.

12 Q. What else?

13 A. Person-to-person.

14 Q. Person-to-person?

15 A. Door-to-door.

16 Q. Other forms of what you call the ground

17 war?

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18 A. And there are other ways.

19 Q. What other ways?

20 A. Workplace.

Q. What about broadcast advertising? 21

A. Not that I know of.

23 Q. Over on Page 32, down at the bottom of

the page under the Item 4, you state the timing of

electioneering advocacy often suggests

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- coordination among the political parties,
- 2 candidates and interest groups.
- 3 A. Uh-huh.
- 4 Q. How does that happen?
- 5 A. I don't know how the coordination
- 6 happened.
- 7 Q. How does timing of electioneering
- 8 advocacy suggest coordination?
- a A. The example that we give is from the
- 10 Michigan Senate race in 2000. And in the book
- 11 there is more detail than I provide here about how
- 12 interest groups and the DSCC essentially
- 13 campaigned back-to-back, one week at a time during
- 14 the late summer, in the Stabinow (ph.) campaign
- 15 attacking Spencer Abraham.
- 16 And how in the Missouri Senate race, the
- 17 Party and allied groups also campaigned in ways
- 18 that seemed to be consistent with the strategy
- 19 that the candidate would have wanted.
- 20 Q. Now, what exactly happened in Michigan?
- 21 I am not sure I followed you.
- 22 A. Well, and this is confirmed also with
- 23 interviews with a woman named Dawn Ligands (ph.),
- who was the consultant with the Stabinow campaign.
- 25 She is cited in the Michigan case study, she may

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- section, this section is about indicia of the
- electioneering intent of what the interest groups
- and the parties do, and by electioneering intent I
- mean candidate-specific electioneering intent.
- And so the timing of these ads in the
- Michigan Senate race in 2000, suggests that we had 6
- a parallel campaign operating with the Party and
- two interest groups to assist Ms. Stabinow in her
- 10 Q. But, neither you nor your researchers
- have any evidence of actual coordination with the 11
- 12 Stabinow campaign?
- 13 A. No. I am not asserting coordination with
- 14 the Stabinow campaign. I am saying that Dawn
- Ligands, the Stabinow media manager, found the 15 16
  - impact of the ads to her liking.
- Q. Right. But, if when candidates tell you 17
- 18 they didn't find ads to their liking, that doesn't
- 19 tell you anything either, does it? 20
  - A. Anything about?
- 21 Q. About the purpose of the group running
- 22 the ads?
- 23 A. Well, no, I disagree with that. There
- are examples in which the candidates have 24
- disagreed and it has been informative as to how

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- be footnoted here. 1
- 2 Abraham had substantially more cash on
- 3 hand than Stabinow did. She was husbanding her
- 4 resources for the end, and in that critical
- period, a combination of interest groups and parties, and I would have to refresh my memory to
- 7 remember exactly who, but one of which was the
- 8 DSCC, made substantial TV buys a week at a time
- 9 over a three-week period, three groups.

10 The timing of them coming up and going down appeared coordinated. 11

- 12 Q. Coordinated with whom?
- 13 A. Amongst themselves in some way.
- 14 I am sorry, amongst?
- The interest groups and the parties. 15
- 16 Not coordinated with the candidate?
- 17 No, not coordinated with the candidate.
- 18 All right.
- 19 But, they did not overlap substantially
- 20 and in the view of Mr. Traugott (ph.) at the
- 21 University of Michigan, that timing of
- communication was important to keeping Stabinow 22
- 23 afloat.
- 24 Q. And I am --
- 25 A. So the timing conveys, remember, in this

the purposes of the communication take. 1

- 2 For instance, the South Carolina Senate
  - race in '98, in which Mr. English, the Senatorial
- 3 4 candidate and NRSC disavowed the NRSC soft money
- 5
  - ads and asked that they be stopped.

6 There is a candidate who didn't like the

- 7 ads and by the very statement indicated that 8 point.
- 9 Q. He made that public?
- 10 Oh, yes, very much so.
- 11 Q. And what does that tell you about the
- purpose of the groups that ran those ads? 12
- A. It says the candidates don't always agree 13
- 14 with what their parties are saying on their
- 15 behalf.
- 16 О. Well, I am talking about interest groups
- 17 now.
- 18 What does it say about the interest
- 19 groups that run the ads?
- 20 A. It says that interest groups occasionally
- 21 run ads that hurt candidates.
- Q. And, presumably, when they do that, their 22
- purpose is not to get them elected or defeated. 23
- It is something else. 24
  - A. Well, that may, their purpose may be to

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- get somebody elected or defeated, and they may not 1 2 be good at it.
- 3 Q. I see. Do you have other examples other 4 than the Michigan race and the Missouri example of
- 5 where the timing of ads suggests to you an
- 6 electioneering purpose?
- 7 A. Oh, yes. In general, the expenditure in
- these areas, and for these purposes happens after
- Labor Day, and especially when it comes to mail
- 10 and phone, ground war as I describe it, and
- internal communications, they happen in the last
- two to three weeks, which reinforced my conclusion
- 13 that the real purpose of these communications is
- 14 electioneering.

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- 15 Q. And what about broadcast ads?
- 16 A. They also appear disproportionately in
- 17 the last 60 days, or so before an election.
- 18 Q. Disproportionately in the last 60 days?
- 19 A. Before a general election.
- 20 Q. As compared to what?
- 21 The period before the 60 days. The
- 22 timing, the question I believe was does it convey
- 23 anything about the purpose of the ads, and the
- 24 answer is more generally the timing does convey,
- that the purpose is electioneering.

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- 1 issues on the same, on the topic of the issues?
- 2 Do you ask for that information? 3
  - A. From whom?
- 4 Q. From the researchers.
  - A. The researchers are monitoring the
- 6 campaign, not pending Congressional legislation. 7
  - Q. That is my point. And they don't report
- 8 to you on whether there is pending legislation; is
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- 10 A. They report to us on the advertising and
- the mail and the personal contact. 11
- 12 Q. Right. So I am not sure how you can
- 13 reach the conclusion that you have just reached,
- 14 that issues of this kind come up rarely.
- 15 A. We reviewed earlier the secure web site
- data entry windows in which the academics would 16
- 17 have recorded and described briefly the content of
- the ad that spoke to an important piece of pending 18
- 19 legislation.
- 20 Q. But, that is just a general question
- 21 about the description, it doesn't say tell us
- 22 whether there is pending legislation, does it?
- 23 A. It doesn't say that.
- 24 Q. Were they instructed to report on pending
- 25 legislation?

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- 1 Q. But, I thought you didn't collect
- 2 information on ads except for a few that ran
- 3 before Labor Day.
- 4 A. We interview representatives of all of
- 5 the interest groups, the parties, and ask them
- these very same kinds of questions about when you 6 7
  - advertise and when you don't.
- 8 And the clear common sense is that you 9 advertise close to election day. You move back only if it is going to be noisy and crowded, as it
- is currently in the South Dakota case.
- 12 Q. Is it not possible that legislative
- 13 issues might arise in the last 60 days before an
- election that would cause a group, an interest
- 15 group, to want to run broadcast ads during that
- 16 period?
- 17 A. It is possible.
- Q. Is it your testimony that that doesn't 18
- 19 happen, or it does happen, or how rarely it
- 20 happens?
- 21 A. It has arisen rarely in the two years
- 22 that I have been monitoring this, '98 and 2000.
- 23 Q. When you get information from your
- 24 researchers about ads to put in the database, do
- you get information about pending legislative

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- 2 (Mr. Lopez leaves the room.)
  - (Discussion off the record.)
- 4 BY MR. TRISTER:
  - Q. Let me turn to Page 55. And,
- 6 specifically the first paragraph, the first full 7 paragraph.
- 8 The first sentence: In addition,
- 9 individuals and groups can also spend unlimited 10
- amounts on electioneering advertisements. 11
  - Now, is this a statement about your
- understanding of what is permissible under BCRA? 12
- A. As well as what is permissible under 13
- 14 FECA, I am speaking there of independent
- 15 expenditures.
- Q. Well, when you use the term groups, you 16
- are not talking about corporations? 17
- A. I am not talking about corporations or 18
- unions being able to use treasury funds. I am 19
- speaking about groups like the NAACP being able to 20
- 21 do an independent expenditure.
- 22 Q. Isn't the NAACP an incorporated entity?
- 23 A. It may or may not be, I don't know.
- 24 If it is incorporated, would you --
- 25 A. We are talking about the provision here

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- of groups like the National Conservative Political
- Action Committee in 1980 and '82 that spent a
- large amount of money on independent expenditures.
- We are talking about the NEA or the NRA,
- 5 who spend a lot of money on independent
- expenditures.
  - Q. The NEA?
- 8 A. They are heavy independent expenditures
- Q group.

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- 10 Q. In treasury money?
- 11 No, not in treasury money.
- 12 Q. In hard money?
- 13 In hard money.
- 14 And the NRA, when you say they are heavy
- into independent expenditures, you are talking 15
- about also --
- 17 A. Hard money.
- 18 Ο. -- hard money through their PAC; is that
- 19 correct?
- 20 A. That's correct.
- 21 Q. You are not suggesting in that sentence
- that incorporated groups and unions can spend
- 23 unlimited amounts on electioneering advertisements
- 24 from their treasury funds?
- 25 A. No, I am not. In fact, they may not.

- from their treasury funds, on electioneering
- communications as compared to the amount of money 2
- 3 they raise in hard money?
- A. No. 4

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- Q. You have never looked at that question?
- 6 A. Not that I can recall.
  - Q. All right. So, if it turned out that an
- organization such as the AFL raises a tenth as
- 9 much money for its PAC as it spends on
- 10 electioneering communications, that wouldn't
- 11 surprise you?
- 12 A. I haven't looked at those data.
- 13 Q. BCRA doesn't raise the contribution
- 14 limits for PACs, does it?
- 15 A. No, it does not.
- 16 Q. Do you, have you formed any opinion as to
- 17 the ability of PACs to raise, union and corporate
- 18 PACs to raise hard money after BCRA takes effect
- 19 as compared to their ability to raise hard money
- 20 before BCRA takes effect?
- 21 A. I have not analyzed that, no.
  - Q. So, when you say corporations and unions
- 23 can also spend money on electioneering
- 24 advertisements as long as the expenditures are
- through PACs, that is simply a simple statement of

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- Q. And, in fact, two sentences later you say corporations and unions can also spend money on
- electioneering advertisements as long as the
- 4 expenditures are through PACs; is that correct?
  - A. Right.

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- 6 Q. If a union were to spend money on
- 7 electioneering advertisements through their PAC,
- 8 would that not reduce the amount of money that
- Q they have available for contributions to
- 10 candidates?
- 11 A. Presumably it would.
- 12 Q. And would it also reduce the amount of
- 13 money they have available for independent
- 14 expenditures, would it not?
- 15 A. It presumably would.
- 16 Q. Right. Now, have you formed an opinion
- 17 as to whether unions and corporations will be able
- 18 to spend as much money, as much hard money on
- 19 electioneering communications after BCRA takes
- 20 effect, as they are currently spending in treasury
- 21 money, on the same kind of communications?
- A. No. I have not analyzed whether they 22
- 23 would be able to do that.
- 24 Q. Do you have any view as to the amount of
- 25 money that unions and corporations have spent,

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- fact, you are not talking about probability, or
- that they will be able to do that, or how much
- 3 money they will have available to do that?
- 4 A. I am just saying that that is an option
- 5 that will be available to them.
- 6 Q. That is theoretically an option under
- 7 BCRA?
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- A. I think it is more than theoretically an
- 9 option under BCRA. I think it is an option under
- 10 BCRA.
- 11 Q. Okay. I think you mentioned earlier, in
- 12 response to a question earlier in the day, that
- you were currently engaged in research on the 2002 13
- 14 election; is that correct?
  - A. That's correct.
- 16 Q. Is that a monitoring project, as I have
- 17 been using the term, or is that a survey project?
- 18 A. Yes, both.
- 19 Q. Both. In the monitoring portion of the
- 20 project, how many jurisdictions are you looking
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- 22 A. Somewhat over 20. So, it is a somewhat
- 23 larger sample than in previous cycles. I don't
- remember the exact number. I would have to do it 24
- 25 on a sheet of paper.

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- Q. Are you using the same methodology as you 1 used in 2000? 2
- 3 A. Essentially. There are a couple of
- 4 components that are -- well, there is one
- 5 component that is new, which is we are monitoring
- 6 a set of control districts in which we don't
- anticipate soft money or electioneering advocacy
- 8 to establish a baseline of that and to demonstrate
- that empirically within those district. Q
- 10 O. To demonstrate what in those districts?
- A. That it doesn't happen there. So, in the 11
- 12 New Mexico Senate race, we are monitoring, even
- 13 though Domenici is almost certain to win and there
- will be relatively little party or interest group 14
- electioneering advocacy. 15
- And why do you expect that? 16 Q.
- 17 Because it is not a competitive race.
- 18 And so you are trying to verify that that
- 19 supposition is true?
- 20 A. It is a helpful addition to what we have
- 21 done before.
- 22 Q. What about your methodology in terms of
- 23 how you collect data and information, have you
- 24 changed that?
- 25 A. I think we have modified the secure web

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- to do with how adequate they felt disclosure was,
- the tone and content of the campaign, the extent
- to which they were able to differentiate candidate
- 4 from party and interest group advertising and so 5
  - forth.

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- Q. Now, you are not showing them ads?
- A. Not showing them ads.
- Are you showing any ads this time? О.
- A. Not this cycle. The other survey
- component is to try to assess what voters do when 10
- they are essentially inundated with information, 11
  - as we document they were in these races with '98
- and 2000, by asking them to complete a log. 13 14
  - It is a mail survey. We piloted it in the South Dakota primary. It will be in four
  - states. The most prominent academic in mail
- 16
- 17 surveys is Don Dillman at Washington State
- University. He is conducting that survey for us. 18
- 19 And the log suggests we will have a quite
- 20 high response rate and this will permit us to have 21 evaluations in real time, as to the mail and
- 22 telephone and GO-TV context, which we anticipate
- 23 will be heavy in the competitive races this year.
- 24 Q. Would you turn to Page 56, please, the
- 25 second paragraph of the conclusion.

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- 2 Q. Have you modified it in terms of the 3 information you gather?
- 4 A. Yes. There may be a few additional 5 questions that we have asked this time that we
- didn't ask before. 6
  - Q. Do you recall what those are?
  - A. I don't remember what those are, and the survey components are new and different.
- 10 Q. On the survey side of your research, are you, is it the same methodology? 11
- 12 A. No. We are testing a couple of new
- 13 dimensions. One of them is to assess the reaction of voters, the view of voters about the campaign 14
- 15 and election process in a panel study with three
- 16 waves in highly competitive races.
- 17 So, we are in four jurisdictions. We 18 have two prominent Republican and two prominent
- 19 Democratic pollsters, Nellman and Yang on the
- Democratic side, Duvall and Goas (ph.) on the 20
- 21 Republican side who are working with us.
- 22 We will release those data on
- 23 November 13th at the National Press Club. And we
- will be interviewing people on election day or the
- day after to assess a range of questions that have

- Uh-huh.
- Q. In the first sentence you say: The
- potentially corrupting influence of large
- contributions has been a motivating factor for
- multiple past acts of Congress and remains so 5
- today. 6

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- And, then you go on to say: Concern
- 8 about the corruption that can come from large
- contributions is amplified when corporations or 9
- unions are able to use their treasury funds for 10
- 11 campaign purposes.
- 12 Now, is it your understanding that under
- BCRA, corporations and unions can still make what 13
- are called membership communications or restricted 14 class communications? 15
- A. Yes. 16
  - Q. Using treasury money?
- 18 A. I believe so.
- Q. And is it also your understanding that 19
- membership or restricted class communications can 20
- actually be coordinated with the candidate? 21
- 22 A. I don't know about that.
  - Q. You don't know. Now, it is also true, is
- it not, that under BCRA, unions and corporations 24
  - can continue to engage in ground war types of

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- activities aimed at the public, not just at their 1
- members; is that correct? 2
- A. That is my understanding. 3
- Q. In fact, you made a proposal to Professor
- Ornstein asking him to change the law on that 5
- subject, didn't you? 6

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- A. I believe I did.
- Q. And now, the question I have is: If
- unions and corporations can continue to do both
- types of activities under BCRA, have you formed an
- 11 opinion about the extent to which money, treasury
- 12 money, which is now spent on broadcasting ads,
- 13 will simply be reallocated by unions and
- 14 corporations into these other kinds of activities?
- 15 A. I don't know that they would do that.
- 16 Some have told me they would.
- 17 Q. Who has told you that?
- 18 A. I don't remember. It is just, it is a
- range of the interviews I have done. I have 19
- suggested that the money would simply be shifted 20
- 21 to the ground.
- Which is why I suggested to Professor 22
- 23 Ornstein that this is a loophole.
- 24 Q. This is a loophole in what sense?
- 25 A. That groups will divert money from

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- Q. Well, I realize that.
- A. But, the corrupting influence seems to
- be -- would not have changed. 5
  - Q. Would you turn to Paragraph 10, please.
    - MR. DODYK: Page 10?
    - THE WITNESS: Page 10?
  - BY MR. TRISTER:
- Q. I am sorry, Page 10. And specifically to 9
- 10 Footnote 7.
- A. Uh-huh. 11
- Q. I am curious about something. At the end 12
- 13 of -- I am sorry, the first paragraph of
- Footnote 7 you refer to --14
- 15 MR. DODYK: There is only one
- paragraph -- oh, I'm sorry, you are right. 16
- THE WITNESS: There is two. 17
  - BY MR. TRISTAN:
- 19 Q. It is late, but not that late. The labor
  - campaign triggered a complaint to the Federal
- 21 Election Commission by the NRC.
  - A. I think it was NRCC.
- 23 Q. NRCC, yes. And you go on and describe
  - that and indeed you attach a copy of that
- complaint to your report, which struck me as odd,

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- 1 broadcast to mail, phone and ground.
- 2 Q. All right. And, if they do that, then
- 3 unions and corporations will be able to spend as 4 much under BCRA as they currently spend, is that
- not correct? 5
- 6 A. Conceivably. I mean, I think what is
- 7 important to put on the record in response is that
- 8 a lot of the money now goes to soft money.
- 9 And of the nonparty soft money coming out 10 of corporate treasury funds or union treasury
- funds that gets spent on electioneering advocacy 11
- 12 on television amounts to a substantial amount of money. 13
- 14 Whether all of that can be productively 15 spent on the ground, I think is the question I will research in 2004.
- 17 Q. If it should turn out, in your research
- 18 on 2004, that unions and corporations are
- 19 essentially reallocating money, treasury money,
- 20 from electioneering communications to these other
- 21 kinds of permissible activities, in your opinion
- will there have been any change in the potential
- 23 for corruption as a result of union and corporate
- 24 expenditures?

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25 A. The mode of communicating would have

Page 229 since it is the only document that isn't produced

by you that is attached to your report.

Why did you attach that to the report?

- A. Multiple reasons. One, we were aware of
- the -- I was aware of the matter under review and
- actually have copies of all of the documents from
- that matter in my possession.
- 8 So, it is something that is on my research agenda longer term. It is also a case
- 9
- 10 that in interaction with counsel, that they
- suggested that this might be something useful to 11
- integrate into the report, so I did. 12
  - Q. Did they suggest why?
- 14 A. Those are really --
  - MR. DODYK: Wait, wait, wait. Michael --
- MR. TRISTAN: I will withdraw the 16
- 17 question.
- BY MR. TRISTAN: 18
- 19 Q. First of all, you might have seen my ears 20 picked up.
- You said you have the documents in that 21 22 case?
- A. If this is the right case, I believe it 23
- 24 is. This is where the FEC released the documents
- for a few days; is that correct?

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- Well, some of the documents.
- 2 Some of the documents. The ones that A.
- 3 were released were copied by Mr. Cooper, and I
- secured a copy of that copy. 4
- 5 Q. I see. So you have what he secured, what
- was released, and he secured?
- A. Because I would like to read it on the 7
- 8 matter speaking to coordination as well as the
- other complaint that wasn't released, I would like Q
- 10 to read that.

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- 11 Q. But you don't have any of the documents
- 12 that were not released during that few-day period?
- 13 A. No. I don't have any of the documents.
- 14 O. And are under a Court Order not to be
- 15 released.
- 16 A. No. I don't have those.
- 17 Q. Good. Are you aware of the outcome of
- 18 that case?
- 19 A. I believe so.
- 20 And what do you believe?
- 21 A. I believe the FEC did not take any
- 22 action.
- 23 Q. And don't you think that should have been
- 24 mentioned, if you are going to attach this
- complaint and refer to it in your footnote, just

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- A. No. But I do elsewhere in the report.
- And so you attached a copy of the AFL-CIO Q.
- complaint filed by the National Republican
- Congressional Committee in order to show that 4
- 5 there was coordination between --
- A. No. To show the extent to which the
- 7 concerns of the NRCC about the impact of
- electioneering advocacy by groups were relevant
- 9 and important.
- Q. Have you considered the possibility that 10
- the filing of this complaint by the NRCC had 11
- 12 certain political motives?
- 13 A. I haven't thought about what those might
- be. I assume virtually everything in this area 14
- 15 has a political motive.
- Q. We can agree on that. You weren't citing 16
- 17 the complaint for the truth of what is alleged in
- 18 there?
- 19 A. No. I do not presume to judge the truth
- 20 of it.
- 21 Q. I am sorry?
  - A. I do not presume to judge the truth of
- 23 it.

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- Q. On Page 18 in the report, under the 24
- heading of Avoid Disclosure, as one of the reasons

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- in the interests of completeness?
- A. Perhaps, but the FEC so routinely doesn't 2
- 3 take action, that it doesn't seem extraordinary. 4
- Q. I see. But, you only report, an entire 5 expert report of 50 some odd pages, you cite one
- 6 complaint out of thousands and thousands that have
- 7 been filed since 1996, and you leave it hanging
- there without, for the Court, or anybody else to 8
- 9 read, as if there is something to be insinuated
- 10 from this complaint.
- 11 A. That is not my intent.
- 12 Q. It is not. What was your intent?
- 13 A. To document that the coordination issue
- 14 had been raised in the FEC, that there was a
- 15 matter under review and, in fact, that the
- 16 language under the matter of review speaks very
- 17 clearly and directly to the arguments that we were
- 18 talking about this morning, in terms of party
- 19 concerns about the impact of the initiative taken
- 20 by the AFL and quickly followed by the Coalition,
- 21 Chamber of Commerce, Triad and others, to invest
- 22 heavily in competitive races through
- 23 electioneering.
- 24 Q. But, you don't mention anything about
- 25 Triad in this paragraph.

- why electioneering is conducted outside of the
- 2 FECA framework, you say the 1996, '98 and 2000
- 3 election cycles all saw examples of groups who
- sought to avoid accountability for their
- 5 communications by pursuing an electioneering
- 6 advertisement or election advocacy strategy, et
- 7 cetera.
- 8 And you make the same point, I think, in
- Q several other places in your report about groups
- 10 wanting to avoid disclosure.
- 11 A. Uh-huh.
- Q. Now, I assume that you are familiar with 12
- the legislation enacted by Congress in June of 13
- 2000, amending Section 527 of the Internal Revenue
- Code to require additional disclosure by certain 15
- groups engaged in electioneering activities? 16
  - A. Yes. I am familiar with that.
- Q. And, in fact, you have written about that 18
  - in various other places, have you not?
- 20 A. Yes.

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- Q. And do you mention that legislation
- 22 anywhere in your expert report?
- 23 A. I don't recall.
- Q. Have you studied, in any way, the impact 24
- 25 of that legislation in achieving Congress' goals?

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- We are currently studying the impact.
- Right. But, you have not yet formed an opinion about it? 3
- A. I am on my way to forming an opinion on 5 it, yes.
  - Q. But none that you have reported in this?
- 7 None that we have reported. A.
- 8 Q. All right.
  - (Discussion off the record.)
- 10 BY MR. TRISTER:
- 11 Q. Let me have you turn to Page 52, if I 12 may.

13 The paragraph under No. 2, Influence on 14 Election Outcomes. You start that paragraph by

saying: In terms of influencing the outcomes of 15 elections, several of the academics monitoring the

- races with substantial party soft money or 17
- interest group electioneering advocacy believed 19 that the noncandidate campaigning was important to
- 20 the outcome of the races they monitored.
- 21 A. Yes.
- 22 Q. Now, were any of these academics able to
- 23 analyze the outcomes, at a sufficient degree of
- specificity to make a distinction between soft
- money and interest group electioneering activity

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- and corporations making soft money contributions
- were to remain in the law, but issue advocacy or
- electioneering communications were not to be in 3 4
  - the law?
  - A. I am not familiar with that analysis.
  - Now, back on Page 52, after quoting the
- academics, you give three examples of instances in 7 which soft money and interest group advocacy may 8
- 9 have played an important part in the outcome of
- 10 the race.

11 The first example, I just want to clarify 12 is the Ohio Sixth, in 1998.

And I take it that the expenditure in 13 14 question is what is an independent expenditure; is 15 that correct?

- A. In that case, it would have been.
- Q. Not an electioneering communication. 17
  - A. That's right.
- 19 Q. And, in the third example, the American
- Medical Association PAC ran an ad for Republican 20
- John Fox, and I think you point out in Footnote 21
- 22 185 that that, too, may have been an independent
- 23 expenditure.
- 24 A. The AMA has typically used independent
- expenditures. They are only now, I think,

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- in terms of its impact?
- A. I don't think any of them distinguish
- within the category of noncandidate. I think they
- are saying here that the noncandidate spending,
- that is, soft money and interest group
- electioneering, in the aggregate, was important.

7 It is fair to say that there is more soft money activity in these races, typically, then

9 there is interest group electioneering activity.

10 Q. Coming back for a moment to the question 11 about corruption that we were discussing a moment

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13 I have seen it suggested that the ability 14 of unions and corporations to make soft money contributions to the parties is a potential source 16

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And I have also seen it suggested that

18 their ability to engage in interest group

19 electioneering advocacy is a potential source of 20

21 My question for you is: Are you aware of 22 any research, or studies of your own or anyone

- else, who has tried to analyze the impact in terms of corruption, political corruption, if the soft
- money prohibition on unions making contributions

- thinking of doing electioneering. 2
  - All right. So, more likely than not --
- 3 More likely than not independent. A.
- 4 Q. All right. Now, the third that you use
- is the support of the League of Conservation 5
- Voters, which helped Udahl in New Mexico Third
- Congressional District in 1998; do you know 7
- 8 whether that was an independent expenditure? 9
  - A. I don't know.
- 10 Q. Let me call your attention to Footnote
- No. 183, which I don't think answers the question, 11
- 12 but it does, does it not, describe the person
- interviewed, or the source of the information as 13
- the independent expenditures campaign director? 14
- Yes. 15 A.
- Q. It does. All right. And if we can take 16
- a quick look at outside money in terms of the New 17
- Mexico Third race. I don't have a copy of this, 18
- but let me refer you to Page 141. 19
  - I guess it is already in the record,
- 21 Page 141, at the bottom of the page, where he is
- talking about the League of Conservation Voters, 22
- 23 and what does the first sentence say?
- 24 A. It says: The League of Conservation
- Voters, LCV, ran an independent expenditure

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campaign, period. 1

- 2 Q. So it sounds like all three of your
- 3 examples involve independent expenditures, does it

4 not?

- 5 A. Uh-huh, that's right.
- 6 Q. Let me ask you, we really haven't talked
- 7 much about you or your background in this
- 8 deposition. I was more interested in the report.
- Q But, there are a few questions.

10 You are being paid for your testimony

- 11 today; is that correct?
- 12 That is correct.
- 13 Q. And you are being paid by the Brennan
- 14 Center?
- 15 A. I am.
- 16 Do you know whether the Brennan Center is
- 17 receiving the money for this from Pugh Charitable
- Trust? 18
- 19 A. I don't know.
- 20 Q. You are described in various places as
- 21 having an affiliation with the Senate for the
- 22 Study of Elections and Democracy, as well as being
- 23 a professor at Brigham Young, or a dean now at
- 24 Brigham Young.
- 25 A. That's correct.

- 1 A. Not yet.
  - 2 Q. All right. How is it funded?
  - 3 Α. It is funded entirely by outside grants.
  - Q. Foundation grants?
  - 5 A. Yes.
  - 6 Q. Including grants from Pugh Charitable
  - 7 Trust?

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- 8 A. Primarily from the Pugh Charitable Trust.
  - Q. And when you say primarily, what are you
- 10 talking about?
- 11 A. There are three other foundations who
- 12 have supported research. They are fully
- 13 documented in the footnote in the report.
- 14 I think it is Footnote 3, 2 or 3, which
- 15 mentions the -- yes, Footnote 2, the Joyce
- Foundation, the Carnegie Corporation of New York,
- 17 and the Open Society Institute which jointly
- 18 funded the book I edited, Financing the 2000
- 19 Election.
- 20 Q. Right. But what proportion of the
- 21 funding of the center has come from Pugh? 22
  - A. A high proportion.
- 23 Q. Okay. What is high? Greater than 75
- 24 percent?
- 25 A. Yes.

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- Q. What is the Senate for the Study of
- Elections and Democracy?
- A. I have long done exit polling in the
- State of Utah since 1982, which involves college
- students from nine universities and colleges in
- the state. Also produced a voter guide for high 6 7 school students.

8 And I am an authority on the initiative 9 and referendum process and have done research in

10 that area.

11 And, so, in the context of no longer

- 12 being the department chair, I decided that it was
- 13 time to have a center that would permit us to
- 14 mount this and other studies.
- 15 Q. Structurally speaking, is this a center
- 16 within Brigham Young?
- 17 A. Yes. It is a center within Brigham
- 18 Young, it is the University Research Center.
- 19 Q. It is not separately incorporated?
- 20 It is fully within the university. A.
- 21 Q. Does it have an advisory committee of any
- 22 kind?
- 23 A. No.
- 24 Q. And would not have a board of directors
- 25 then?

- Q. Greater than 90 percent?
- A. No. I don't have the exact figures in 2
- front of me, but, I don't think so. 3
- 4 Q. Who is your program officer at PU?
  - A. Shawn Trailia (ph.).
- Q. And he is the same program officer as for 6
- 7 the Brennan Center, I believe; is that correct?
- 8 A. I believe that is correct.
  - Q. And is his area campaign finance reform?
- 10 It is.
- 11 Q. I see. Now, are you also familiar with
- 12 something called the Campaign and Media Legal
- 13 Center?
- 14 A. I am.
- 15 Q. And I think you are on the advisory board
- 16 of that, am I correct?
- 17 A. I am.
- 18 Q. Now that is an entity that is not
- 19 affiliated with Brigham Young; is that correct?
- 20 A. That's correct.
- Q. Is it affiliated with the University of 21
- 22 Utah?
- 23 A. That's correct.
- 24 And who else is on the advisory board?
- 25 A. I believe Tom Mann of the Brookings

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- Institution, Norm Ornstein of the American
- 2 Enterprise Institute. I am not remembering who
- 3 else.
- 4 Q. Doug Bailey?
- 5 A. I think Doug Bailey is on that, that's
- 6 right. I think Norm Benger, the former governor
- 7 or Utah is on there.
- 8 Q. How about Bradley Phillips?
- 9 A. I don't remember.
- 10 Q. I see. Do you know who Mr. Phillips is?
- 11 A. Uh-uh.
- 12 Q. I see.
- 13 A. I should have said no.
- 14 Q. Now, is the Campaign and Media Legal
- 15 Center affiliated in some way with the Center for
- 16 the Study of Elections and Democracy?
- 17 A. No.
- 18 Q. Are you aware of an article that appeared
- 19 recently in the National Journal which suggests
- 20 that the two entities are affiliated?
- 21 A. No. I am not aware of that article.
- 22 Q. I see. Were you interviewed for an
- 23 article by Mr. Stone from the National Journal
- 24 about either one of these entities in the last few
- 25 months?

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- A. He is a leader of it.
- Q. Was he involved in founding the
- organization?
- A. I believe so.
  - Q. Does the Center for Study of Elections
- 6 and Democracy provide research support to the
- legal center?
- A. No. Well, let me adjust that. We
- provide research support through our monographs
- 10 and publications to anybody who reads them. If
- 11 they choose to read these, that is great.
- 12 Q. That is not what I meant. I meant
- 13 research in the sense of conducting research at
- 14 their request.
  - A. No. I have not done research at their
- 16 request.
- 17 Q. Are you aware of the fact that the Legal
- 18 Center has filed comments in response to FEC rule
- 19 making, under the BCRA regulations?
  - A. I am aware of that.
- 21 Q. How did you learn of that?
  - A. E-mails that arrive periodically.
- 23 Q. Were you in your capacity as a member of
- 24 the advisory board?
- 25 A. I am not sure why the E-mails are

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- A. Not that I recall.
- 2 Q. I see. And you haven't seen that
- 3 article?

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- 4 A. No. The research associate who helped do
- 5 outside money is Mary Ann Holt-Vari (ph.). She is
- 6 a former student and was the research associate.
  - So, she is a BYU alumnus, but there is no institutional connection.
- 9 Q. There is no institutional affiliate?
- 10 A. Connection or affiliation.
- 11 Q. Does Pugh also fund the Campaign and
- 12 Media Legal Center?
- 13 A. I believe they are one of the funders of
- 14 that.
- 15 Q. I see. Primary funder?
- 16 A. I don't know.
- 17 Q. I see. And Trevor Potter is the general
- 18 counsel of the Campaign and Media Legal Center; is
- 19 that correct?
- 20 A. He is affiliated with it, I am not sure I
- 21 know his title within the center.
- 22 Q. Is it possibly chairman of the board?
- 23 A. It could be. I mean, he is a leader of
- 24 it in some way.
- 25 Q. He is the leader?

# 1 arriving, maybe.

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- Q. Did you consult in any way with any of
- 3 the preparation of the comments?
- 4 A. No.
- 5 Q. Well, what was the purpose of the
- 6 e-mails?
- 7 A. I suppose informing me and anybody else
- 8 that is on their list server.
  - Q. I see.
- 10 A. These are their publically distributed
- 11 documents only.
- 12 Q. But you had no role in developing their
- 13 positions or their comments?
- 14 A. No. I have been very busy preparing this
- 15 report.
- 16 Q. Are you aware of whether the Legal Center
- 17 is involved in working with Senators McCain and
- 18 Feingold on what is sometimes referred to as
- 19 BCRA 2, some form of additional or future campaign
- 20 finance legislation?
- 21 A. No. I wasn't aware that they were
- 22 working with them.
- 23 Q. I see. And, so, if they are, you haven't
- 24 been involved in that?
- 25 A. I haven't been involved in any of that.

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Q. Now, earlier today I mentioned the policy 1 2 committee at the Brennan Center, what was that?

3 A. I believe, in the early going, I, along 4 with others, were invited to provide advice or 5 input into how the Brennan Center might

6 productively use CMAG type data.

7 I attended a one-day conference at the 8 NYU Law School, along with others, where a 9 discussion ensued about those possibilities.

10 Q. Do you remember when that discussion took place? 11

12 A. I don't. There had been an earlier

13 meeting at the Brennan Center that was not related

14 to an advisory board. And so I don't remember

15 when that happened.

16 Q. The first meeting that you referred to, 17 the earlier meeting when did that take place?

18 A. A year or so earlier.

19 Q. What was the purpose of that?

20 A. To discuss the possibility of the Brennan

21 Center developing an emphasis in campaign finance

22 reform.

23 There were some constitutional law

24 scholars, three or four. There were some

political scientists, and there were some others

1 reform?

2 A. No. I don't think that was a topic that 3 day.

4 Q. Do you recall ever attending a meeting at 5 the Brennan Center, of the policy committee, in 6 which that was the topic?

A. This is the only meeting I ever attended of the policy committee.

(Discussion off the record.)

(The document referred to was marked Magleby Exhibit No. 10 for identification.)

13 BY MR. TRISTER:

14 Q. Let me have this marked as Exhibit 10 and

15 have you take a look at this.

16 A. Okay.

17 Q. First, let me represent to you, as

indicated by the Bates numbers, that these are

documents produced by the Brennan Center in

20 response to a discovery subpoena in this case.

21 They appear to me to be handwritten notes 22

from a meeting of the policy committee on 23 October 25, 1999.

24 Is that what they look like to you?

A. That is what they may be.

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there as well as potential donors.

Q. Who were the donors? 2

3 A. George Psoras (ph.)

4 Q. Only Psoras?

A. To my recollection. 5

Q. Was Pugh there? 6

A. I don't think Pugh was there. 7

Q. At the meeting of the policy committee

that you referred to earlier, a moment ago, was

Pugh at that meeting?

A. I believe Mr. Trailia might have been at 11

12 that meeting.

13 Q. Do you remember what was discussed at

14 that meeting?

15 A. I believe Ken Goldstein and John Crasnow

(ph.) took the lead in talking about the kind of

17 data that might be available through Campaign 18

Media Analysis Group, the kinds of questions that 19 data would help address and answer.

20 How it might be relevant to both law and

21 to political science. It was that kind of

22 discussion.

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Q. Do you recall any portion of that meeting

being devoted to what I will call lobbying

strategy with respect to passing campaign finance

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Q. Because the individuals mentioned are, in fact, members -- were, in fact, members of the

3 policy committee; is that correct?

4 A. I believe so.

Q. And, in fact, you are identified in

several places as having attended this meeting. 6

Having looked over these notes, does this refresh your recollection about possibly having

9 attended a second meeting?

10 A. No. This is the meeting I attended. 11

This is the meeting you attended, okay.

12 And let me first ask you, at the bottom of the

13 first page, the note taker, which I assume was not

you --14

A. This is not my handwriting.

16 Q. Do you recognize the handwriting?

A. No.

18 Q. Is it possibly Nancy Northrup's?

I don't know.

Q. There is a comment at bottom, the very

last comment on Page 1: Magleby: What do the 21

22 instructions to the coders look like?

Does that look like --

24 A. Yes. I believe I asked that question.

25 Q. You did. And why did you ask that

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- question?
- A. Because I was curious about how the 2 3 coders were being instructed.
- 4 Q. And do you recall what the answer was?
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- Q. Do you recall whether they received, you 6 7 were informed whether they were receiving any
- instruction?
- A. I believe this was in the very formative 9 10 stages and I was indicating that I thought it was
- important that some of those things be thought 11
- through carefully. 12
- Q. When you say this is the formative 13 stages, this is October of 1999; is it not?
- 14 A. Yes. And I think, are we talking about 15 16 the 2000 data or not, I don't know what this is
- 17
- 18 Q. I see. But, as to the 1988 (sic) study,
- 19 it was complete, if not published, as of the time 20 of this meeting.
- 21 A. I am not certain of that.
- Q. I see. 22
- 23 In fact, I doubt that. A.
- 24 All right. Q.
- A. I believe the --

- legislation might be framed? A. I am not recalling, it may have been.
- Q. Do you recall such a conversation taking
- place at that meeting?
  - A. We were talking about how to study
- election engineering advocacy using the CMAG data,
- so, yes, if that is what this was about. 7
- 8 Q. Well, I am not asking you how to frame a 9 study of the CMAG data.
- 10 I am asking you whether there was also a
- 11 discussion about what I will refer to as
- legislative strategy with respect to how to 12
- construct and pass campaign finance reform 13
- 14 legislation.
- 15 MR. DODYK: Let me be clear here, you are
- 16 asking whether he recalls the meeting. You are
- not asking him just to interpret the document. 17 BY MR. TRISTER:
- 18 19 Q. I am first asking him whether he recalls
- 20 such a discussion.
- 21 A. I recall the meeting. I recall Mr. Mann
- being at the meeting. And I don't doubt Mr. Mann 22
- 23 would have talked about various approaches to
- 24 defining electioneering communications.
- 25 These were in the public record, I

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- MR. DODYK: I think you are a little off 1
- 2 on your dates. You might want to check the date 3 on the report.
- THE WITNESS: I think it came out in 4 5 2000.
- BY MR. TRISTER: 6
- 7 Q. I think the report came out in 2000, but
- 8 the question was when was the research done, that 9
- is what I am asking.
- 10 A. It was not done simultaneously with the
- election, it was done after the election. The 11
- 12 CMAG data was transmitted to them later. So, I am
- 13 not certain.
- 14 But, I do not believe that they were
- 15 anywhere near finished, and may have been in the
- early stages. 16
- Q. Okay. Now, over on Page 3? 17
- 18 A. So, 863?
- Q. Yes. 19
- A. Okay. 20
- 21 Q. I am sorry, let's go back to Page 862.
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- 23 And picking up with the notes attributed
- 24 to Mr. Mann, and continuing, does that look to you
  - like a discussion about how campaign reform

- believe, based on the League of Women Voters'
- project ideas, some wording of ideas in the Mann
- 3 and Ornstein.
- 4 Q. I am sorry, what was in the public
- 5 record?
- 6 A. That Ornstein and Mann had, I believe,
- 7 spoken about some of these kinds of ideas in terms
- 8 of campaign finance reform.
- 9 Q. Okay. Let me refer you on Page 3 to the
- 10 first comment attributed to you. Do you recall
- making that comment? 11
- 12 A. I can't read it.
- 13 Q. Well, let me try. It appears to me to
- 14 say: Members don't like that the issue advocacy
- 15 is out of control, way to play on fear and what
- will happen to them. 16
  - Does that seem like a fair reading of
- 18 that language?

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- 19 A. I don't recall making that statement.
- Q. I see. Is that a thought that you have 20
- expressed at one time or another? 21
- A. Yes. In fact, we, in the other campaign, 22
- 23 talked about some members who don't like issue
- 24 advocacy and earlier today I spoke with you about
- Mr. English's views. 25

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Q. Now, does this comment, as you read it here, sound to you like you were making a 2 suggestion of legislation strategy? 3

MR. DODYK: I believe that you need to 4 5 interpret the document --

6 MR. TRISTER: I understand that.

7 THE WITNESS: I was not commenting on 8 legislation strategy in this meeting.

BY MR. TRISTER:

10 Q. Well, what were you doing in making that 11 comment, if you made it?

A. I was commenting on how members perceived 12 13 the issue. We had two former members of Congress in the room. The topic somehow got to how do 15

members feel about this. 16 Q. Well, if this is an accurate rendition of 17 something you said, it says, way to play on fear, 18 re what will happen to them.

19 That doesn't sound like simply an 20 observation to me.

A. Well, I don't recall making that 21

22 statement.

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23 Q. I see. Were you involved, apart from

this meeting, in lobbying -- well, set aside

lobbying.

A. I was.

2 Q. Apart from the studies that we have

discussed today, and reports on issues related to

Campaign Finance Reform, I assume you have also

published and conducted studies in other areas

over the years; is that correct?

A. That's correct.

Q. What other areas? I don't need an

exhaustive list.

A. Initiative and Referendum Process, I am 10 the author of the book. And frequently cited 11

author on Direct Legislation, including a piece on 12

13 Paycheck Protection.

14 I am a coauthor with others of a major

American government text book, Government By The 15 People. I have been involved with that book for 16

the 15th through the 19th Edition, we are just 17

18 finishing the 20th edition.

19 I am the author, with others, of a book 20 on party identification, called the Myth of the

21 Independent Voter.

Q. Who published that? 22

23 A. The University of California Press.

Q. Uh-huh. Speaking generally of your non

campaign-finance-related publications, books and

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1 Were you involved, apart from this 2 meeting, in discussions about the drafting of 3 campaign finance legislation over the last five 4 years?

5 A. Well, the reason I am pausing is I was involved in 1990 as one of six advisors to the

United States Senate.

Q. Yes. You mentioned that in your report. 8

9 I am trying to focus on --

10 A. I am trying to think if there is

11 anything. No, I don't believe I have played that

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13 Q. Okay. Were you involved in lobbying on

14 the BCRA legislation or its predecessors?

15 A. No.

16 Have you ever testified on it?

17 A. I testified in about 1998, '99.

Q. Before whom? 18

A. Before one of the Senate Committees. 19

20 Senator Stevens of Alaska chaired the Committee.

21 Q. What was the subject of?

22 Campaign Finance Reform, my research.

23 Q. Your research?

24 A. Yes.

25 Were you invited to testify? Q.

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articles, have you ever hired a public relations firm to publicize the existence of those studies,

or the findings of those studies?

A. The 2000 grant retained a public

5 relations firm. The 1998 grant did not.

6 And we were urged by the Pugh Charitable

7 Trust to do a better job of promoting our

8 research, in terms of getting it into the public 9

domain.

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10 And, so, a public relations firm was

11 involved in the 2000 project.

Q. And that was the Rabinowitz firm? 12

13 A. No. It was Woodmeyer & Baker initially

14 and then the Rabinowitz firm.

Q. And when did Woodmeyer start?

16 A. At the beginning of the project.

Which would be roughly when? Q.

18 A. Roughly 1999.

And when did Rabinowitz replace them?

20 Some time in 2000.

21 Q. My question, which I am interested in

what you had to say, but my question was about

your other noncampaign finance reports, and

24 whether you had ever had a public relations firm

associated with them.

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- A. Oh, no.
- Q. And so when you hired the Woodmeyer firm 2
- 3 in and the Rabinowitz firm that was the first time
- you had had a public relations firm to assist you
- 5 with one of your projects?
- A. It is the first time we have had a public 6
- relations firm. In all of my previous projects,
- we had relied upon the university's public
- Q affairs, public relations officers to do that
- 10 task, and we used those people in 1998.
- 11 Q. And the use, in connection with the 2000
- 12 study, that was suggested to you by Pugh?
- 13 A. That's correct.
- 14 0. Did Pugh refer you to the firms that you
- 15 used?
- 16 A. They suggested Woodmeyer as a good
- 17 candidate.
- Q. I see. And then somebody from your 18
- 19 office interviewed them?
- 20 A. Yes. And looked into two or three
- 21 others.
- Q. Okay. And how much did you pay the two 22
- 23 firms collectively from your project?
- 24 A. Our grant and the Brennan Center grant
- for 2000 for administrative purposes were merged.

- happen, writing media alerts, or they have a term of art for those, and so forth.
- Q. Did they also try to drum up people to come to the press event?
- 5 A. That was part of what they were supposed 6 to do.
- 7 Q. Did they also try to get articles written 8 about your research and your findings, other than
- 9 through the press release, through the press
- 10 conference?
- 11 A. Again, that was presumably part of what 12 they did.
- 13 Q. Did they also help you put together a conference on Capitol Hill with members of 14
- 15 Congressional and Senate staff.
- 16 A. That was the Rabinowitz group.
- 17 Q. And that was also part of what Pugh 18
  - helped pay for?
- 19 A. Yes.
- 20 Q. I see. And can you tell me about that
- 21 meeting?
- 22 A. In a desire to share more broadly the
- 23 data, especially with relevant legislative
- 24 staffers from the Dictum Without Data research, we
- 25 hosted a briefing which was broadcast on C-Span,

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They were administered through Brigham

- Young University and the two projects together
- 3 shared the account with Woodmeyer & Baker and then
- later with Rabinowitz.
  - And I am not remembering exactly the amount of money that was budgeted for public
- relations, but something approaching \$250,000. Q. When you say that the Brennan Center
- project for 2000 was administratively integrated
- 10 with your project, are you talking about Buying
- Time 2000? 11

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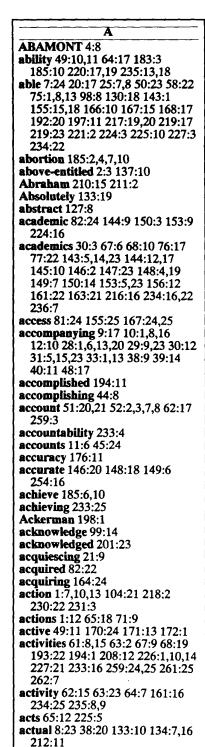
- 12 A. The Buying Time 2000.
- 13 Q. I see. So Pugh made one grant to Brigham
- 14 Young and then Brigham Young passed on a portion
- of the money to the Brennan Center, is that right? 15
- A. That is exactly right. 16
- 17 What did these firms do, these public
- 18 relations firms do in return for the money?
- 19 A. Their job was to help us with our
- 20 National Press Club events, in terms of informing
- 21 reporters, staffers, interested parties within the
- 22 Washington community and so forth.
- 23 They advised us about how to go about
- scheduling and organizing such activities, putting 24
  - out the word that those activities were going to

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- in which we presented essentially the same data 2 that we had presented the day before at the
- 3 National Press Club.
- 4 Q. And you presented it to --
  - A. Legislative staffers, primarily. I don't
- think any members were in attendance.
- O. I see. Were these staffers selected
- because they worked on Campaign Finance Reform?
- A. I think there was a blanket invitation to
- 10 all staff to attend.
  - MR. TRISTER: Let me have this marked as
  - Exhibit No. 11.
- 13 (The document referred to 14
  - was marked Magleby Exhibit
    - - No. 11 for identification.)
    - BY MR. TRISTER:
- 17 Q. I am not going to ask you any questions
- 18 about the substance, so I am only going the ask
- 19 you if you recognize this document.
- 20 A. I recognize the document.
  - Q. Did you receive this memorandum from
- 22 Rabinowitz?
- A. Yes. 23
- Q. I see. And, this is a report to you on 24
- some of their activities?

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10 11 12	that effect to Mr. Ornstein.  Q. I see. Do you remember how that came about?	10 money," at the bottom of Page 21.  11 A. Outside money provides groups and parties  12 with a means to influence the agenda of the most
13 14 15 16 17 18 19	A. No. I don't remember how that came about.  (The document referred to was marked Magleby Exhibit No. 12 for identification.)  BY MR. TRISTER:  Q. Okay. Let me see if this refreshes your	13 visible federal contests. In so doing, they may 14 advance their issue agenda or block an opponent. 15 Q. Thank you. I have no further questions. 16 MR. DODYK: We have no questions. 17 (Thereupon, at 4:33 p.m., the taking of 18 the instant deposition ceased.) 19
20 21	recollection.  A. Okay.	20 Signature of the Witness 21 SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this day
22 23 24 25	Q. Does this refresh your recollection as to how your proposal to Mr. Ornstein came about?  A. No. I don't remember whether he e-mailed me and said what do you think of this I don't	22 of, 20 23 24 NOTARY PUBLIC 25 My Commission Expires:
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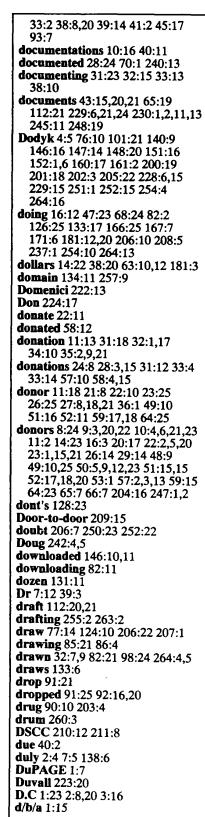
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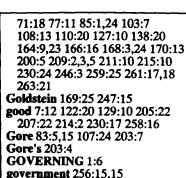
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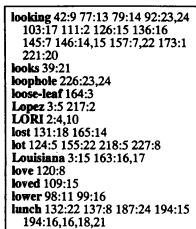
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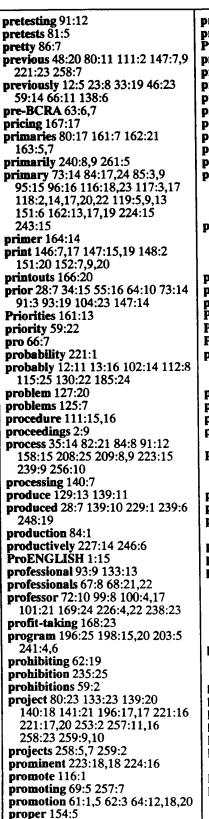
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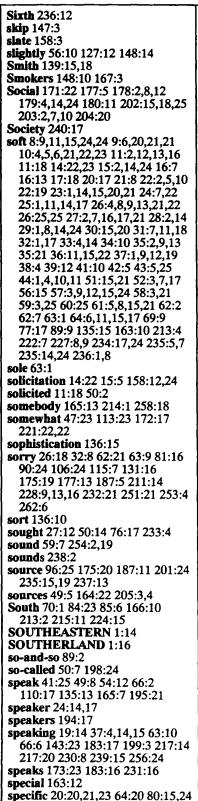
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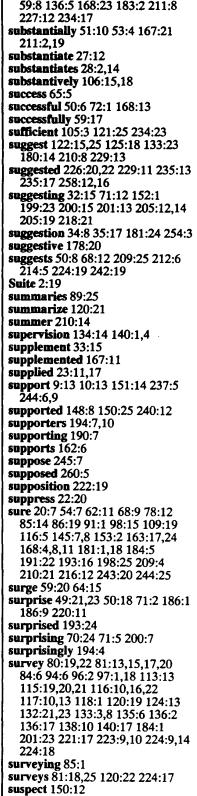
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