

The text of the material must present the facts of an issue in a fair way so that the reader might reach an independent conclusion based on fair information. This type of material is considered educational and not political propaganda. Any other type of political material will endanger the tax-exempt status of the foundation.

The National Rifle Association has for years distributed literature which educates the public on the pros and cons of the statutory regulation of rifles. The literature is "objective" and presents both sides of the story. And yet few readers can conclude that rifle legislation is good after reading the literature. Perhaps the truth alone is the convincing factor. I hope so.

Due to recent Treasury criticism (which has strong legal basis) of politically active foundations, it is not recommended that foundations participate in any political activity which might lead to harassment or litigation.

B. Endangering Foundation Funds

A foundation may lose its tax-exempt status if it