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The American tax system has been particularly vulnerable in the last decade to the proliferation of tax-exempt nonprofits. A Campaign for America’s Open and Representative Elections (ACORN), headquartered in Washington, D.C., was one of the most prominent of these groups. ACORN’s success is due largely to its ability to attract public and private funding, while simultaneously avoiding the scrutiny of federal law enforcement agencies.

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In 2010, for example, The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) launched an investigation into ACORN’s activities. The IRS investigation focused on ACORN’s use of its charitable status to shield its political activities and funding. The IRS investigation found that ACORN had engaged in a number of improper activities, including providing financial assistance to political candidates and using its charitable status to avoid paying taxes.

The IRS investigation was just one of many that ACORN has faced in recent years. In 2011, the IRS revoked ACORN’s charitable status, citing the group’s failure to file tax returns for several years. The IRS also imposed a $5,000 penalty on ACORN for each year it failed to file a tax return.

ACORN has been a controversial organization for many years. In the 2000s, the group was involved in a number of high-profile cases, including the 2008 presidential election, when ACORN was accused of assisting felons and non-citizens to vote.

Despite these controversies, ACORN has remained a prominent player in the political landscape. The group has been involved in a number of high-profile cases in recent years, including the 2016 presidential election, when ACORN was accused of providing financial assistance to political candidates.

ACORN has also been involved in a number of legal battles, including a lawsuit against the IRS over the revocation of its charitable status. The case is currently pending in federal court.

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