

Responses to Excuses by Opponents

Corporations ARE People

Our founding fathers believed quite the opposite. This is a myth created by corporations over 100 years ago and perpetuated by an elitist Supreme Court. Yes, corporations have people in them. A corporation is an artificial entity. It's a legal container. Jelly beans are kept in a jar. A jar is not a jelly bean.

People should be able to spend their money on whatever they want

Putting limits on contributions would only affect the top tenth of one percent. That's the donor class. People with \$100M and up. Only a quarter of a percent of people give > \$200. Small donors are getting no representation for their money. **What about their rights?** Our politicians are basically controlled by billionaires and corporate fat cats. The American dream is gone and at this point, we're living in a plutocracy.

If you take away corporate rights, it'll cause all kinds of problems

This is a smoke screen. Corporations would go back to having privileges. The legal framework regarding corporate privileges dates back to the 1600s in England. We got along fine without corporate rights for the first 100 years of our country. This legal framework regarding corporate privileges is still there. Once we pass this amendment, McCain-Feingold will immediately go back into effect and Congress will be free to come up with a new reasonable campaign finance system without interference from an elitist Supreme Court.

The Supreme Court has ruled, so it's final

The Supreme Court also came up with the Dred Scott decision. Historians are still arguing about which was worst: Citizens United or Dred Scott. The only enduring way to correct the Supreme Court's mistakes is via a constitutional amendment.

The Constitution shouldn't be changed

The Constitution said slaves are 3/5th of a person and only men can vote. The Constitution has been amended 27 times and it's being badly misinterpreted at this point and needs a clarification.

The government can't be trusted to implement campaign finance rules

We the People are supposed to be the government. Currently, the government is only a tool used by the politicians to rule over us. If we want good government, We the People have to change that by amending the Constitution, so we can elect politicians who are good – that is, who represent us, not their big money funders.

This is a federal issue

This is no different than the state calling for a Constitutional Convention, which the Wisconsin legislature did in 2017. Congress isn't going to fix this on their own. Not until millions of Americans are screaming for it. Over five million people have signed petitions for this. Over 780 communities and 19 states have called for an amendment. Wisconsin should be on that list. Over half of Wisconsin lives in jurisdictions that have voted for this. At least 80% of Wisconsin wants this amendment.

Local governments have no business telling higher levels of government what to do

Maintaining a functioning Republic is not a national issue – it is a citizen responsibility. Municipal involvement is not only appropriate, but necessary. When the upper levels of power no longer listen to the American people, the citizens need to build the power to demand representation. We The People want local representatives to support their efforts to create change – citizen voting on referenda and municipal bodies passing resolutions in support of an amendment magnifies the voice for change. We are not telling them what they **have** to do, we are telling them what the people want them to do through referendum and resolution instruments of democracy.

This is a liberal issue

No, it isn't. Polls show over 90% of Americans think campaign cash causes corruption. Here in Wisconsin over 80% think we should amend the Constitution to fix this problem. There are plenty of billionaires on both sides of the aisle. Both parties put their quest for power and profit over the needs and rights of the people.