



**What the Amendment would say is simple.**

**Section 1.**

We the people who ordain and establish this Constitution intend the rights protected by this Constitution to be the rights of natural persons.

**Section 2.**

People, person, or persons, as used in this Constitution, does not include corporations, limited liability companies or other corporate entities established by the laws of any state, the United States, or any foreign state, and such corporate entities are subject to such regulation as the people, through their elected state and federal representatives, deem reasonable and are otherwise consistent with the powers of Congress and the States under this Constitution.

**Section 3.**

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to limit the people's rights of freedom of speech, freedom of the press, free exercise of religion, and such other rights of the people, which rights are inalienable.

**Join the Campaign.**

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# Corporations don't bleed.

## Corporations don't have children.

## Corporations don't die in war.

## Corporations shouldn't be running our democracy.



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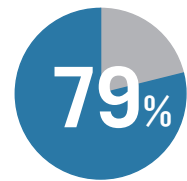
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**Support the campaign  
to restore our democracy  
to the people with  
a 28th Amendment.**

“This is a moment of high danger for democracy, so we must act quickly to spell out in the Constitution what the people have always understood: that corporations do not enjoy the political and free speech rights that belong to the people of the United States.”

*Professor Jamin Raskin, constitutional law expert at American University's Washington College of Law and Maryland state senator*



*Americans who support an amendment to overturn the Citizens United ruling*

“Thank you so much for working on what I see as no less than the salvation of our democracy. I'd like to see a large and effective nationwide uprising against the current imbalance of power which allows corporations too much influence over the common good.”

*A concerned citizen from Española, New Mexico*

**Who we are.**

Free Speech For People is a national nonpartisan campaign working to restore democracy to the people and to ensure that people, not corporations, govern in America.

**The challenge.**

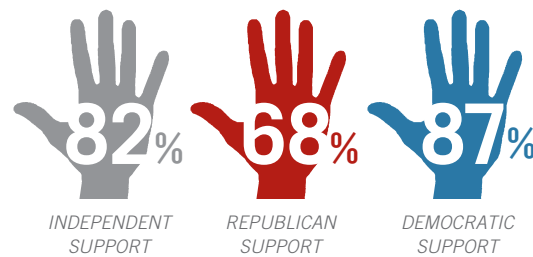
The Supreme Court's ruling in *Citizens United v. FEC* is a direct threat to the future of our democracy. The ruling fabricated constitutional rights for corporations. Multinational corporations today misuse the First Amendment to trump needed reforms — reforms to protect the environment and public health; to keep consumers safe and to preserve civil rights; to safeguard our elections and our democracy for the people. The domination of our political process by corporate money and corporate power undermines our American self-government. We can change this. We can win. We can do what Americans have done before. We can come together to enact a constitutional amendment to defend our democracy. Free Speech For People. Real living, breathing people. Because our democracy depends on it.

**We reflect the will of the people.**

79% of Americans support passage of an amendment to overturn the *Citizens United* ruling and make clear that corporations do not have the same rights as people. — *Hart Research survey conducted for Free Speech For People, Dec. 2010–Jan. 2011*

**We transcend political and ideological lines.**

This is a truly American campaign. This is not Democrat versus Republican versus Independent. It is the voice of the American people versus corporate power. Support for the passage of a constitutional amendment crosses party lines:



# The Campaign

## 1 Grassroots

- A “people’s campaign” should start with the people.
- We are building steering committees to pass local amendment resolutions in the states.
- We organize house parties, rallies, citizen advocacy days, and town-hall forums.
- We work in coalition with local and national organizations.

## 2 Business

- We conduct education and outreach to the business community, enlisting the support of leaders across the country for an amendment.
- We have established a partnership with the American Sustainable Business Council.
- We support efforts to get businesses to educate and engage their consumers.
- We promote the business rationale for supporting this campaign.

## 3 Legal

- We are building a legal network that will push back in the courts against the corporate rights doctrine and will be a driving force to build support for the amendment.
- We are expanding our community of law school professors and former attorneys general to support the campaign.
- We file friend-of-the-court briefs in targeted cases to challenge the corporate rights doctrine.
- We prepare and submit expert testimony to the US Congress and to state legislatures.

## 4 Transpartisan

- Our entire effort is to preserve the voice of the voters no matter their political affiliations.
- We have commissioned research and polling that show strong public interest across party lines.
- We work in coalition with people across the political spectrum, from progressive to conservative activists, from libertarian advocates to democracy reformers.
- We are holding roundtables and teletown meetings to engage a broad cross-section of the public.

## 5 Accountability

- We hold corporations accountable via corporate charter laws in the states.
- We are pressing the Delaware Attorney General to revoke the corporate charter of the Massey Energy Company for its repeated and flagrant violations of the law in its coal mining operations.
- We conduct public education and outreach on the people’s charter revocation power, highlighting that corporations are artificial entities created by the state and that a corporate charter is a privilege, not a right.
- We advocate for reforms of state corporate charter laws to bar corporate political expenditures as a condition on any charter.