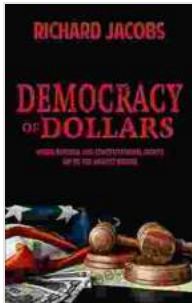


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In the United States, we are taught that we have certain inalienable rights, such as the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. These rights are enshrined in our Constitution, and they are supposed to be protected by our government.

However, in recent years, we have seen a disturbing trend: our natural and constitutional rights are being sold to the highest bidder. This is happening in a variety of ways, but the most common is through campaign finance laws.

Campaign finance laws allow corporations and wealthy individuals to donate unlimited amounts of money to political campaigns. This gives them

an unfair advantage over ordinary citizens, who cannot afford to donate large sums of money.

As a result, politicians are more beholden to the interests of corporations and wealthy individuals than they are to the interests of the people they represent. This has led to a number of policies that benefit the rich and powerful at the expense of the poor and middle class.

For example, the Citizens United decision by the Supreme Court allowed corporations to spend unlimited amounts of money on political campaigns. This has given corporations a huge advantage over individual citizens, and it has led to a situation where corporations can essentially buy elections.

Another example is the way that the Koch brothers have used their wealth to influence public policy. The Koch brothers are two of the richest men in the world, and they have spent millions of dollars on political campaigns and conservative think tanks. They have used their money to promote policies that benefit their own businesses, and they have also worked to suppress policies that would help the poor and middle class.

The sale of our natural and constitutional rights to the highest bidder is a serious threat to our democracy. It is undermining our ability to govern ourselves, and it is making it impossible for us to achieve a just and equitable society.

We need to take action to stop this trend. We need to pass campaign finance laws that limit the amount of money that corporations and wealthy individuals can donate to political campaigns. We also need to overturn Citizens United and other laws that give corporations too much power in our political system. Only by taking these steps can we restore our

democracy and ensure that our natural and constitutional rights are protected.

The Impact of Wealth Inequality

The sale of natural and constitutional rights to the highest bidder is a problem that is exacerbated by wealth inequality. In the United States, the gap between the rich and the poor is widening, and this is giving the wealthy a greater and greater degree of power over our political system.

According to a report by the Institute for Policy Studies, the top 1% of earners in the United States now own more wealth than the bottom 90% combined. This means that the wealthiest Americans have a disproportionate amount of influence over our political system.

This influence is used to shape policies that benefit the rich at the expense of the poor and middle class. For example, the wealthy have used their influence to pass tax cuts that benefit themselves, while cutting social programs that help the poor. They have also used their influence to deregulate industries, which has led to increased pollution and other environmental problems.

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The Role of Corporate Power

Corporations play a major role in the sale of natural and constitutional rights to the highest bidder. Corporations are able to donate unlimited amounts of money to political campaigns, and they use this money to influence politicians and public policy.

Corporations have a vested interest in policies that benefit their bottom line. For example, the oil industry has spent millions of dollars on campaigns to deny climate change. The tobacco industry has spent millions of dollars on campaigns to prevent regulation of tobacco products.

Corporations also use their power to suppress policies that would help the poor and middle class. For example, the pharmaceutical industry has spent millions of dollars on campaigns to prevent the government from negotiating lower drug prices.

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What Can We Do?

There are a number of things that we can do to stop the sale of natural and constitutional rights to the highest bidder.

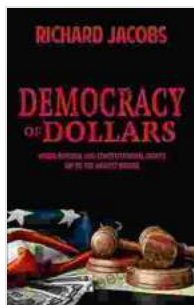
- We can pass campaign finance laws that limit the amount of money that corporations and wealthy individuals can donate to political campaigns.
- We can overturn Citizens United and other laws that give corporations too much power in our political system.
- We can support candidates who are committed to fighting for the interests of the people, not the interests of corporations.
- We can get involved in the political process and make our voices heard.

By taking these steps, we can help to restore our democracy and ensure that our natural and constitutional rights are protected.

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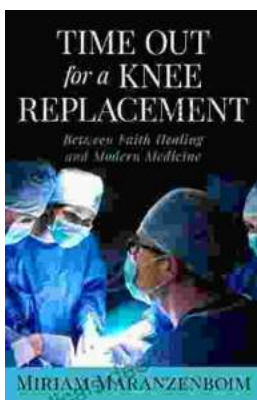


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