

TOP 10 WAYS *CITIZENS UNITED* HAS HURT OUR DEMOCRACY

"The Supreme Court reversed a century of law that I believe will open the floodgates for special interests -- including foreign corporations -- to spend without limit in our elections. I don't think American elections should be bankrolled by America's most powerful interests, or worse, by foreign entities."
- President Barack Obama, 2010 State of the Union

- 1) Since the 2010 *Citizens United* decision, there has been **\$4.4 billion** of outside spending in federal elections.
- 2) Of the \$4.4 billion, nearly **\$1 billion** in untraceable "dark money" has been spent in federal elections since the decision.
- 3) **86%** of all outside spending in federal elections since 1990 has come since the 2010 decision.
- 4) Super PACs have spent almost double what it cost to make all the Star Wars movies combined in federal elections.
- 5) **11 megadonors gave \$1 billion** to super PACs in races 2010-2018. That's more than 1/5th of the total \$4.5 billion collected by Super PACs.
- 6) Wall Street is **the top industry** contributor since *Citizens United*, giving over \$1.3 billion, \$300 million more than any other industry.
- 7) Pharma corporate PACs have spent over **\$141 million** in federal elections, including \$30 million in the 2018 cycle.
- 8) In 2016 the NRA spent \$35 million in dark money. Since the decision, the NRA has spent nearly **14x more** in dark money than before.
- 9) **10 of the 17** biggest corporate contributions to outside in 2018 cycle were from oil and gas companies.
- 10) **76%** of Americans believe that government is "run by a few big interests looking out for themselves."