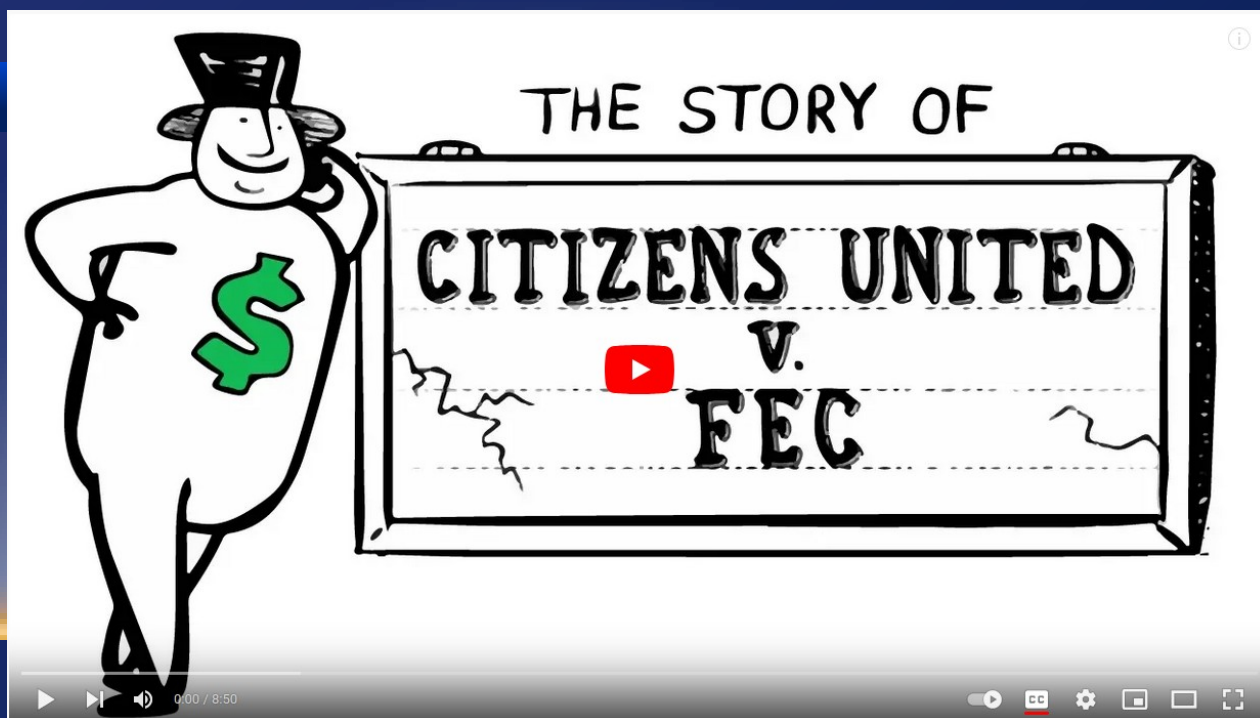




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**Corporations vs. We the People
(oligarchy vs. democracy)**

Supreme Court decreed:

- 1) corporations get Constitutional rights;**
- 2) money is speech protected by 1st Amend.**

MOVE TO AMEND: WHO WE ARE, WHAT WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED

- ◆ Formed in 2009 in anticipation of the *Citizens United* decision.
- ◆ Goal—Enact a federal constitutional amendment establishing that
 - ◆ **Corporations are not people** and do not have the rights of people,
 - ◆ **Money is not speech** protected by the First Amendment and shall be regulated in political campaigns.
- ◆ 56 affiliate groups in 23 states, a nine-member Board, only seven staff, \$40 average contribution
- ◆ More than 480,000 people have signed our Pledge, over 3700 in SC Co.
- ◆ Nationwide, 732 organizations and govt. bodies have passed resolutions or ballot measures supporting our amendment (as of February 2023).
- ◆ 2021/2022 Congress: 94 Representatives co-sponsored our **We the People Amendment**, HJR 48.

Majorities of the public agree on policy changes to abortion, guns, environment, and democracy – but appropriate changes are stalled.

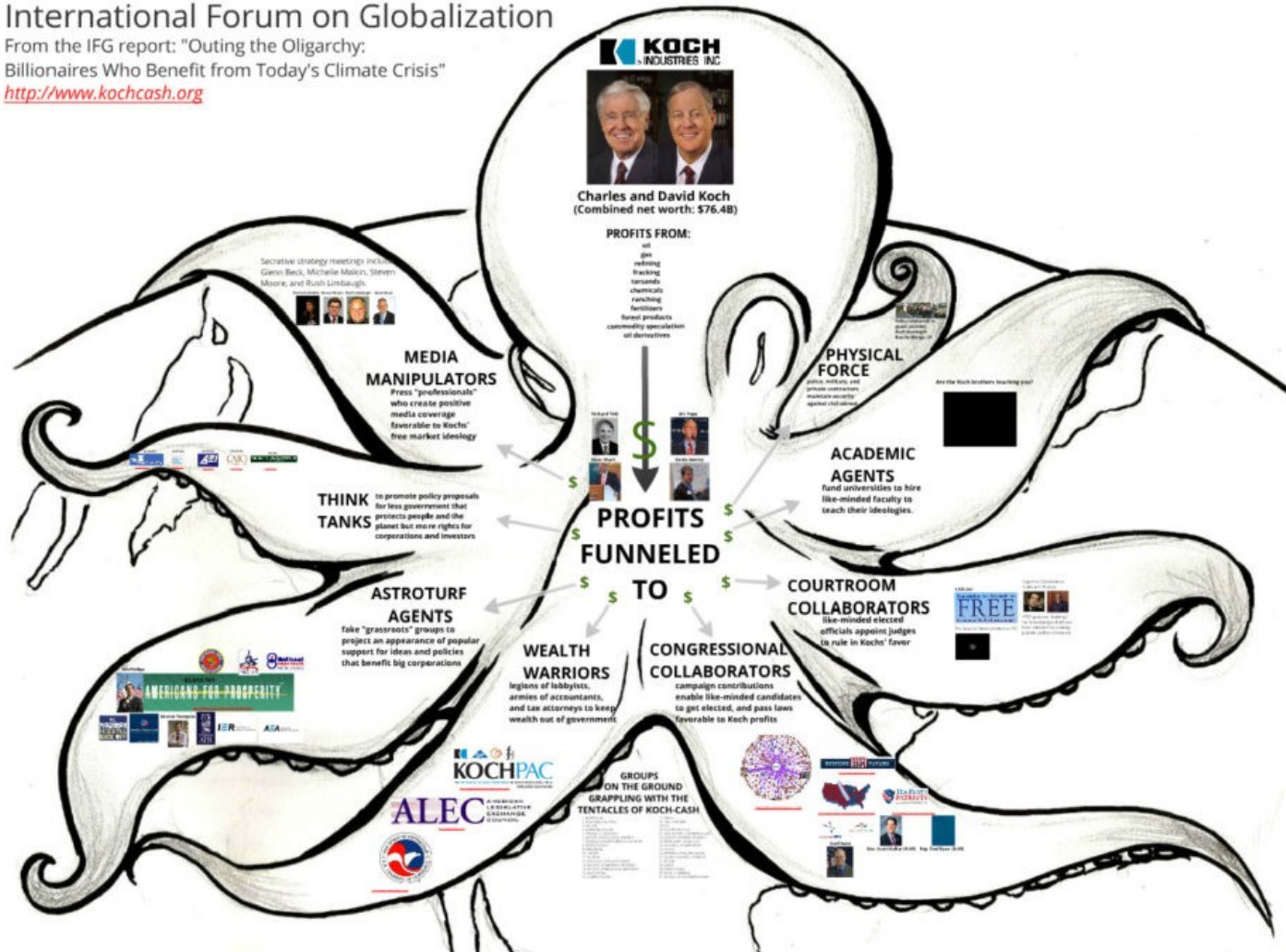
Oligarchy buying/bribing our representatives is most obvious at the national level, but the Kochtopus screws your lives and politics.

(1997-2017: Kochs put \$127M into 92 Climate denial groups.)

KOCHTOPUS: The Influence of Koch-Cash

International Forum on Globalization

From the IFG report: "Outing the Oligarchy:
 Billionaires Who Benefit from Today's Climate Crisis"
<http://www.kochcash.org>



SCOTUS decrees blew up 1000 local, state, and national laws restricting campaign financing.



SCOTUS has NEVER said WHY corporations should have constitutional rights.

ON CORPORATIONS BEING PEOPLE:

“There was no history, logic or reason given to support that view.”

- Justice William O. Douglas

- ◆ Illegitimate - Neither the Constitution nor the 14th Amendment give corporations constitutional **rights**.
- ◆ Unnecessary - Corporations have the **privileges** needed to conduct business granted by their creator - state law.
- ◆ Illogical - Giving constitutional rights created by and for We the People to **artificial entities** created by our government's laws *makes no sense*.

So what do we do?

- Pass a constitutional amendment

How?

- Create a social movement

U.S. Social Movements - Lessons

1. **We've been here before.** (History of Social Movements)
2. **Reform takes time.** (70 years for women's suffrage)
3. **Power concedes nothing without a fight - and it plays dirty.**
4. **There is no one model for social change.**
5. **Reform requires a broad-based movement and/or widespread acceptance.**

Reform movements have been plagued by factionalism, the inability of like minded groups to work together.

We can't afford this now. We must work together.

CORPORATIONS BECOME PEOPLE PARTING THOUGHTS...

“We must make our choice. We may have democracy, or we may have wealth concentrated in the hands of a few, but we can’t have both.”

- Justice Louis Brandeis

follow the money = follow the power



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MTA's We the People Amendment tackles both money as speech and corporate constitutional rights.

Both are necessary to restore our democracy.

(See why at MoveToAmend.org/other-amendments)

Learn more: MoveToAmend.org

Sign our motion: MoveToAmend.org/motion

Donate to the cause: MoveToAmend.org/donate

Org. Endorsement: MoveToAmend.org/endorsement-form

Enroll your representatives to co-sponsor HJR 48.



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