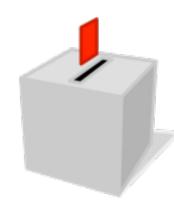
## **Who Rules America?**





## Things Do **NOT** Go Better With Koch ...

On October 5, 2014, at 7PM, the **Washington Ethical Society**, located at 7750 16th Street, NW, will host a screening of **Koch Brothers Exposed**, a film by Robert Greenwald and Brave New Films.

On January 21, 2010, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in **Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission** that corporations have a First Amendment right to spend as much money as they want to promote or defeat candidates. Essentially, corporations ARE people according to the Roberts Court in this and other rulings.

Money has since flooded political races at all levels. This film is about Koch Industries, one of the more dramatic beneficiaries of the Citizen's United ruling.

The Koch brothers and others like Karl Rove and Sheldon Adelson can spend <u>UNLIMITED AMOUNTS OF MONEY ON ELECTIONS</u>, promoting their right wing agenda, as long as they do it through SuperPacs that are formally separate from the official campaigns. In this sea of cash, the average citizen's voice is being drowned out.

**What can we do?** Many Americans who want clean government believe the best way is through an amendment to the U.S. Constitution. The amendment would overturn the ruling in Citizen's United and McCutcheon; and state clearly that Federal and State governments have the right to regulate campaign finance.

- This movement to amend is growing around the United States. Hundreds of activist committees have formed.
- Hundreds of cities passed resolutions and referenda demanding an amendment.
- The U.S. Senate leadership has promised to bring a campaign finance amendment up for a vote by the full Senate this summer.
- Many state legislatures are working on the issue.

We need a massive effort by us, the people. Almost every issue affecting our quality of life--environmental, health care, gun control, social justice, education--and essential democracy such as our right to vote--are impacted by unlimited money in elections. **Koch Brothers Exposed** demonstrates the insidious ways the 1% can influence and buy elections. If you think there's too much money corrupting elections, and are wondering how ordinary people can compete, come view the film. **Join the movement to amend!**