

Wolf-PAC's Application for an Article V Convention

The ostensible purpose of Wolf-PAC's various proposed amendments to the US Constitution is to circumvent or repeal the US Supreme Court's opinion in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, 558 U.S. 310 (2010). The proposed amendments would permit the federal government to restrict political speech and campaign contributions by corporations. Such proposed amendments would be a major step in eliminating free speech and the private use of money in this country.

1. The federal government does not now have the constitutional authority over the country at large to restrict **any** form of speech, to restrict campaign contributions, or to limit the spending of money. These are not enumerated powers delegated to the federal government. Furthermore, the exercise of such powers is expressly forbidden by the First Amendment.¹
2. The effect of the amendments would be to increase the powers of the federal government over The People by delegating to the federal government the power to **prevent** or **restrict** certain groups and combinations of people from speaking in the public square on the critically important area of political speech. And we won't find out, until the amendment is drafted, which groups or combinations of people will be allowed to speak out on political issues and donate money to the causes or candidates they support; and which groups or combinations of people will be prohibited from doing the same.
3. Our problem isn't that corporations donate money to political campaigns - our problem is that everyone ignores the Constitution. How many of us know the enumerated powers delegated to the federal government? How many know that our Constitution created a federal government of enumerated powers only? If "We the People" had demanded that Congress restrict itself to the enumerated powers, no one would want to spend large sums to influence federal legislation. Who would pay large sums of money to influence Congress's laws respecting the Bankruptcy Code (Art. I, §8, cl. 4); the patent and copyright office (Art. I, §8, cl. 8); and the standard of Weights and Measures (Art. I, § 8, cl. 5)?!
4. Our federal government is corrupt because it exercises thousands of usurped powers – and special interest groups pay large sums to get unconstitutional legislation favorable to them passed; and legislation unfavorable to them killed.
5. Nothing in Article V, US Constitution permits the federal or state governments to control the Delegates to an Article V convention. As Sovereign Representatives of "We the People," the Delegates have the power to do whatever they want, including proposing a new Constitution with a new mode of ratification. Our Declaration of Independence recognizes the "self-evident Right" of a people to throw off one government and set up a new one with a new and easier mode of ratification.

¹ To the extent that Congress and the federal courts have in the past restricted such speech and contributions, their acts have been unconstitutional as outside the scope of powers delegated by our Constitution, and as in violation of the First Amendment.