

Each year, millions of Americans contribute money to political campaigns and causes that they support. But millions more contribute to political causes without even knowing it: the shareholders of large corporations

The ads funded by these unaccountable corporate interests fueled massive attacks that helped to shape the 2010 election cycle.

Though it cannot undo the Supreme Court's *Citizen's United* decision, several key approaches can help to blunt unchecked corporate spending. First we can force greater disclosure of corporate contributions to political campaigns and secondly we can allow the shareholders who own the corporation greater input. By implementing these important corporate governance reforms we can limit the impact of the Citizens United decision by exposing corporate influence in our elections and bringing new accountability to corporate behavior via shareholder empowerment.