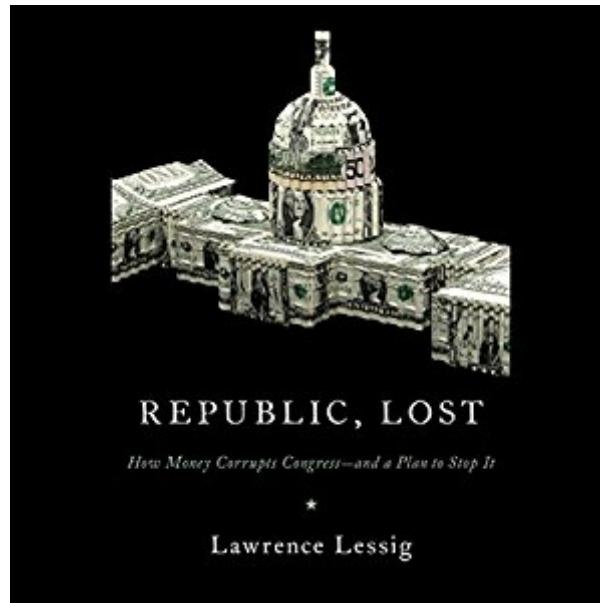


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Republic, Lost: How Money Corrupts Congress - And A Plan To Stop It



Synopsis

In an era of ballooning corporate campaign expenditures, unleashed by the Supreme Court in *Citizens United*, trust in our government is at an all time low. More than ever before, Americans believe that money buys results in Congress - and that our Republic has been lost. Using examples that resonate as powerfully on the Right as on the Left, *Republic, Lost* not only makes clear how the economy of influence defeats the will of the people, but offers cogent strategies to correct our course - from a constitutional convention to a Regent Presidency. A onetime friend of Barack Obama, Lessig, a professor of law at Harvard, is as critical of the president and the Democratic Party as he is of Republicans. Both have allowed the core institution of our democracy to become little more than a shill for the most powerful moneyed interests in our Republic. America may be divided, argues Lessig, but we must recognize that corruption is our common enemy, and we must find a way to fight against it.

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When it took Jon Stewart of *The Daily Show* to bring to my attention the fact that Lawrence Lessig had written a new book, I suddenly realized how apathetic I had become to the politics of the day. In his sixth book, *Republic, Lost: How Money Corrupts Congress--and a Plan to Stop It*, Lessig has examined the issue of corruption in our government and the loss of trust in our institutions and in Congress specifically. Corruption in this instance refers to the fact that money appears to define access to our politicians and to their influence. In the same way that *Code and Other Laws of*

Cyberspace, his first book, gave me an understanding of how law and government regulation and control works within our Internet world of electronic commerce, 'Republic Lost' tells us how the framers of the Constitution attempted to protect us from the influences of bribery and of corrupt practices from the very beginning and goes to great length to show us how our legal system has continued to work to accomplish this, at least up until recently. Lessig's perspective exposed me to the realities of our subsidized market economy and he colored his discussions with a wonderful assortment of facts to show the 'unprecedented dependence' on absurd campaign funding of our elected officials that exists today. His quote of the chairman of Archer Daniels Midland, "the only place you will see a free market is in the speeches of politicians."

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