

Money has become too important and it's become very difficult, if you can't raise money you can't run. So, you have people running perhaps for mayor of small cities or selectmen or state reps, state senators. I would say the first year I ran for the state Senate, a quarter of a million dollars, \$250,000 was probably what I raised and I probably didn't spend it all, but I, but I knew I had to do that. Now that's to represent about a 160,000 people, so there are 40 of me all over the state that are worried about raising at least a couple hundred thousand dollars. Now some people cannot do that, and they have a difficult time with that. If they are running in a race and their opponent can raise 250, 300,000 dollars they're at a very, very big disadvantage. Media is very expensive, when I say the first time I ran for state rep I went to every single door, I probably spent that year, if I had \$3,000, \$4,000 that was a lot. But very often people don't have the stamina or the volunteers to help them, I always had somebody with me, and they, or they just can't do that, and they have a job, they have a job that maybe they work to 5 or 6 o'clock at night, and a family, and they can't be on the road all the time. So money even for the smaller races has become very difficult. Now once you get into the national races it's totally obscene, it's just, I'm looking now at the U. S. Senate race in Massachusetts, and looking at the millions and millions of dollars that are coming and I still can't believe the Supreme Court said a corporation is like an individual because there's an endless source of money from people who have an agenda. And I understand that when people give me \$25 to run for a state rep seat they have an agenda also. They have things that they want me to support, but on the other hand now that you're getting into unlimited money, you're going to have maybe ten people in the whole country controlling elections.