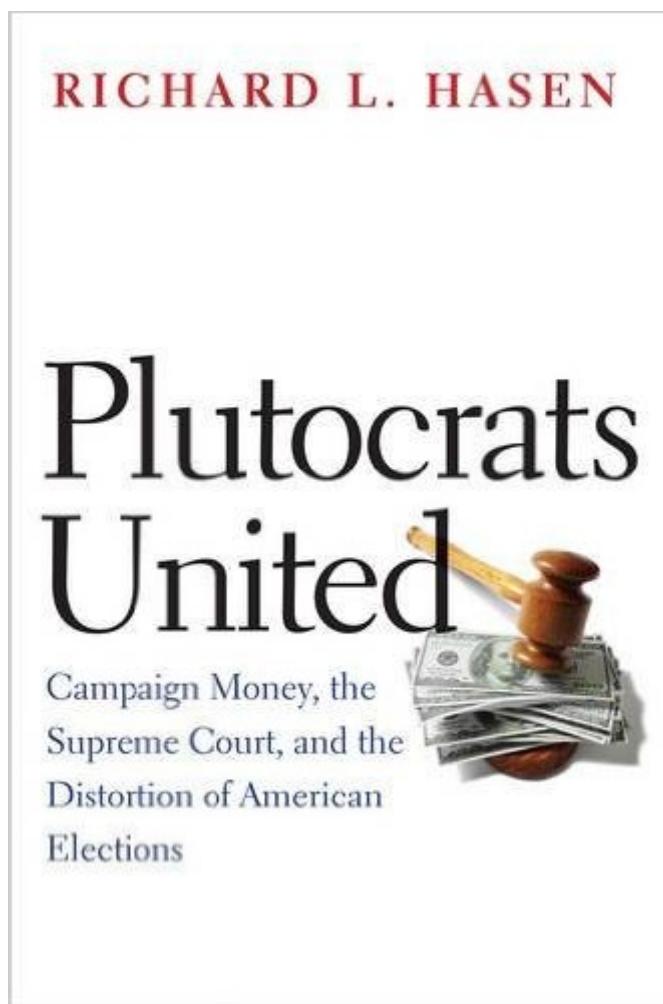


The book was found

Plutocrats United: Campaign Money, The Supreme Court, And The Distortion Of American Elections



Synopsis

From a leading expert on election law, a compelling answer to the dilemmas of campaign finance reform Campaign financing is one of todayâ™s most divisive political issues. The left asserts that the electoral process is rife with corruption. The right protests that the real aim of campaign limits is to suppress political activity and protect incumbents. Meanwhile, money flows freely on both sides. In *Plutocrats United*, Richard Hasen argues that both left and right avoid the key issue of the new Citizens United era: balancing political inequality with free speech. Â The Supreme Court has long held that corruption and its appearance are the only reasons to constitutionally restrict campaign funds. Progressives often agree but have a much broader view of corruption. Hasen argues for a new focus and way forward: if the government is to ensure robust political debate, the Supreme Court should allow limits on money in politics to prevent those with great economic power from distorting the political process.Â

Book Information

Paperback: 256 pages

Publisher: Yale University Press (August 23, 2016)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0300223544

ISBN-13: 978-0300223545

Product Dimensions: 5.8 x 0.7 x 9 inches

Shipping Weight: 12 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 5.0 out of 5 starsÂ See all reviewsÂ (3 customer reviews)

Best Sellers Rank: #60,414 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #2 inÂ Books > Law > Administrative Law > Urban, State & Local Government #25 inÂ Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Politics & Government > United States > Judicial Branch #89 inÂ Books > Politics & Social Sciences > Politics & Government > Specific Topics > Political Economy

Customer Reviews

Hasen explains that not all of the influence exercised by purveyors of Dark Money is considered corruption, in legal terms. But ingratiating is just as, or perhaps more, insidious and we can and must fight it.

This is the one to get, re campaign finance. Perfect touch, covers all the bases, both legal and political. Wonderful.

Rick Hasen is one of the nation's foremost efforts on money in politics, and "Plutocrats United" is an engaging, no-holds barred look at what's gone wrong with American democracy. Hasen's book had me right away, with a gripping scene of Republican presidential hopefuls going to kiss the ring of uber-donor Sheldon Adelson. The same kind of thing happens on the left, too, as Hasen makes clear. But, despite the allegations of reformers, the problem here isn't exactly bribery or corruption or vote-buying -- nothing illegal is going on here. Instead, the problems are perfectly legal (and, in fact, in large part protected by the Constitution, at least according to the current Supreme Court. Yet that makes the problem of big money in politics no less troubling, indeed, to some extent, it makes it worse. For years, Hasen has been a key voice on these issues, from his articles in leading law journals to the pages of the New York Times. His ability to cut through complex constitutional ideas and a morass of competing analyses comes through in every chapter of *Plutocrats United*. Hasen's writing makes the book is a quick and easy read, despite the seriousness of its content. And his diagnosis of possible reforms is sober, clear-eyed, and pragmatic -- a valuable antidote to both those who say nothing can be done to fix American politics and those who expect pie-in-sky changes in the near term. (Disclosure: Hasen is a member of a nationwide, nonpartisan group of several hundred researchers, the Scholars Strategy Network. I am also part of that network, and have spoken with Hasen a few times and liked him. To be clear, I have no financial relationship with him, Yale Press, or the book, nor am I receiving any form of compensation for this review).

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Plutocrats United: Campaign Money, the Supreme Court, and the Distortion of American Elections
Landmark Supreme Court Cases: The Most Influential Decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States
Supreme Conflict: The Inside Story of the Struggle for Control of the United States Supreme Court
The Supreme Court of the United States: A Student Companion (Oxford Student Companions to American Government)
May It Please the Court: The Most Significant Oral Arguments Made Before the Supreme Court Since 1955
The First Amendment: Transcripts of the Oral Arguments Made Before the Supreme Court in Sixteen Key First Amendment Cases (May It Please the Court)
A Guide Book of United States Paper Money 2nd Ed. (Guide Book of United States Paper Money: Complete Source)
The Campaign Manager: Running and Winning Local Elections
Ecuador and the United States: Useful Strangers (United States and the Americas) (United States and the Americas)
(The United States and the Americas)
The Supreme Court and Tribal Gaming: California v. Cabazon Band of Mission Indians (Landmark Law Cases and American Society) (Landmark Law Cases & American Society)
On Democracy's Doorstep: The Inside Story of How the Supreme Court

Brought "One Person, One Vote" to the United States Same-Sex Marriage in the United States: The Road to the Supreme Court The Supreme Court Decision United States v. Windsor - DOMA Case - Decided June 26, 2013 Pedro Albizu Campos et al., Petitioners, v. the United States of America. U.S. Supreme Court Transcript of Record with Supporting Pleadings United States Supreme Court Decisions A Guide to the Early Reports of the Supreme Court of the United States The American Supreme Court, Sixth Edition (The Chicago History of American Civilization) Scott 1998 Specialized Catalogue of United States Stamps: Confederate States, Canal Zone, Danish West Indies Guam, Hawaii, United Nations : United ... Catalogue of United States Stamps) American History: The People & Events that Changed American History (People's History, American, United States of America, American Revolution, Patriot, United States History Book 1) California Rules of Court - State, 2015 ed. (Vol. I, California Court Rules) (California Rules of Court. State and Federal)

[Dmca](#)