

with high sounding names give the appearance of being grass roots organizations made up of people like you, the appearance of representing a vital growing majority when they may really be a majority of just one or two people with very deep pockets. Many super PAC ads on both sides are thinly disguised efforts to promote a candidate or destroy an opponent. They influence elections in exactly the same way as ads directly from the candidates and his campaign but the candidate's ads are subject to existing campaign finance laws. There is no real difference in the type of message being sent. There is a loss of transparency and accountability since super PACS are exempted from the requirements to disclose their donors.

Super PACS are not independent of campaigns, but hire the same people and give every appearance of working closely with campaigns. Finally, the most important, the court declared corporations and other artificial legal entities to be just another form of human association, Justice Stevens in his dissent said that, unlike individuals, "these legal entities have perpetual life, limited liability, no ability to vote and no purpose outside of profit making." What is to be done? First it is likely that this election will spawn numerous lawsuits but it is not likely that the Supreme Court will hasten to reconsider their decision. They will not hear the cases. A second alternative is to force super PACS to comply with the same campaign finance laws as campaigns, by disclosing their expenditures and donors. To date, the Disclose Act has twice failed to get through the filibusters in the Senate. Finally, we could define corporations as not enjoying the constitutional right of free speech. It is abhorrent to most Americans to consider restricting speech. Let me remind you that it can be and has been legally restricted; no one has the right to incite a riot (Moderator interrupts with five minute warning) no one has the right to slander, no one has the right to sell you something by lying about its ingredients. Corporations are artificial legal entities which We the People can legally define as having different rights from natural born citizens.

I urge you to consider this article seriously. The issue before you is whether corporations and PACS should continue to have the extraordinary privileged position of unrestricted spending to influence elections.

MODERATOR: If we need a third night I think that will be tomorrow at 7PM.

WALLY HESS: I move that we move the question. (applause)

MODERATOR: I think they should name the Green Monster after you in left field. (laughter)
That takes a two-thirds vote to move the question. All those in favor raise your hand. Thank you.
Opposed the same sign.

Motion carries, now we go on to the vote.

You've heard the motion which is an amendment to the original motion under Article S and its right up there (indicating the screen). All those in favor please say aye. Opposed say no.

That motion carries.

I'd like to thank all of you for participating in our democracy tonight and last night – really appreciate it. I did hear a motion to dissolve the meeting which has been seconded. All those in favor please say aye, opposed say no.

That motion carries.

The meeting dissolved at 9PM.