

They Don't Represent Us: Reclaiming Our Democracy

Our democracy is in crisis. The people who are supposed to represent us in government are increasingly out of touch with our needs and values. They are more interested in playing partisan politics than in solving the problems that we face. As a result, our government is gridlocked and unable to address the challenges of the 21st century.



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The Problems with Our Current System

There are a number of problems with our current electoral system that make it difficult for our government to represent us. These problems

include:

- **Gerrymandering:** This is the practice of drawing electoral districts in a way that gives one party an unfair advantage, regardless of how people actually vote. Gerrymandering has become increasingly common in recent years, and it has made it much harder for third-party candidates to win elections.
- **Voter suppression:** This is the practice of making it more difficult for certain people to vote. Voter suppression tactics include cutting back on early voting, requiring ID cards at the polls, and purging voter rolls. Voter suppression has a disproportionate impact on people of color, young people, and low-income people.
- **The Electoral College:** This is the system that we use to elect the president. The Electoral College gives disproportionate power to small states and rural areas, and it can lead to the election of a president who did not win the popular vote.
- **Citizens United:** This is the Supreme Court decision that allowed corporations to spend unlimited amounts of money on elections. Citizens United has given corporations a huge voice in our elections, and it has made it more difficult for candidates who do not have corporate backing to win elections.

What We Can Do

There are a number of things that we can do to fix our electoral system and make our government more representative. These include:

- **Support electoral reform:** There are a number of electoral reform proposals that would make it easier for third-party candidates to win

elections, reduce voter suppression, and make the Electoral College more democratic. We need to support these proposals and elected officials who will fight for them.

- **Get involved in politics:** The best way to make sure that our government represents us is to get involved in politics. We need to run for office, volunteer for campaigns, and donate to candidates who share our values.
- **Educate ourselves and others:** We need to educate ourselves about the problems with our electoral system and the solutions that are available. We also need to talk to our friends, family, and neighbors about these issues.

Our democracy is in crisis, but we can still save it. The first step is to educate ourselves about the problems with our electoral system and the solutions that are available. The second step is to get involved in politics and fight for the changes that we need.

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Together, we can reclaim our democracy.

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