

# Modeling government

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# Why construct a model?

- Understanding problem key to correction
- Displeased with current government
- General unease in populace
- Need more peace, prosperity

# Elections paramount in democracy

- Elections control who runs government
- Control government laws, goals, policy
- Governments control the nation, world
- Whoever controls elections controls nation

# Advertising is key

- More money → more advertising
- More ads → more votes
- No money, no chance in election

# Who pays for campaigns?

- Campaigns hugely expensive
- Extremely difficult for poor to contribute
- Ahhh, but the rich have money
- Corporations spend billions
- \$600 million from 195 families

# Money is king

- Expensive elections
- Politicians forced to curry favor of rich
- *Nearly every* political decision tainted or corrupted
- Systemic corruption virtually guaranteed
- Integrity very difficult to maintain
- Affects both major parties

# Explains most everything

- Regressive tax structure
- Payday loans
- Loss of rights, power for the peasants
- Climate of fear promotes losing rights, income
- Huge income inequality
- Sending jobs overseas
- Overseas wars for fear, distraction, greed
- Plutocracy

# Reform needed

- Reform needed on many levels
- You can help
- We need to reclaim our government
- Change campaign finance, change everything
- Public must finance elections
- Minimize private spending
- Overturn corrupt Supreme Court rulings