**U3 Day 5 notes** – “Campaign Finance Reform”

- Campaign = running for office

- Finance = funding

- Reform = change

**Problem:**

America needs to change the way people run for office.

There is too much money involved.

**Who is causing the problem?**

**Interest Groups:** group of people that believe in one issue

* give $$$ to politicians running for office
  + politicians vote for the interest group **not** for the people
* **Lobbyists:** an interest group employee that persuades politicians
  + - give $$$, favors

**PAC: Political Action Committee**

* a **group** of interest groups & wealthy people
* almost unlimited $$$ to influence politicians

**Result**

- Campaign Costs are rising every year

* limits opportunities to run:
  + - Who can run for office:

Only Rich

People picked by the rich

* + Fund-raising is out of control
    - Politicians spend time fundraising **NOT** fixing problems

**Who can fix this?**

* Lawmakers? They’re getting the $$$
  + No $$$ can’t get elected, lose their job