

STOP THE BILLIONAIRES FROM BUYING OUR GOVERNMENT



Election Day is Tuesday, November 4. Billionaires are spending hundreds of millions of dollars to gain control of both houses of Congress and state governments across the country. The money they're spending is for one purpose: to promote policies that will make the rich even richer.

Today in the U.S. an incredible 95% of all income growth is going to the wealthiest 1% of the population, while millions of families can't afford healthcare or a college education, and while the federal minimum wage remains a poverty wage at \$7.25 an hour. The gap between the rich and poor is growing wider. One family, the Walton family that owns Walmart, has more wealth than 40% of all Americans combined.

A turnover of just six seats in the U.S. Senate will give control to Republicans fiercely loyal to the billionaire agenda. It would be a disaster, opening the door to further attacks on Social Security and workers' rights and blocking progress on the minimum wage, global warming, campaign finance reform and more. A change in control in a number of state legislatures and governor's offices could be equally disastrous if it leads to Wisconsin-style attacks on the right to collective bargaining or creates momentum for "right-to-work" laws that weaken unions and slash wages.

These are results that would leave the Koch Brothers - already worth \$80 billion and major financial backers of anti-worker candidates across the country - cheering all the way to the bank.

The Kochs and their billionaire buddies are pinning their hopes on studies showing that more than 60% of Americans (including large numbers of low-income workers and young people) won't bother to vote in this year's midterm election. Coupled with a Supreme Court ruling that now allows billionaires to spend unlimited sums to buy elections, low voter turnout could bring disaster.

But we can fight back by going to the polls on November 4. We can stop the billionaire takeover of our state and federal government if we get out to vote, and bring our co-workers, families and friends with us. The working class has strength in numbers. We need to use it this November!

The gap between the rich and the rest of us is growing wider – and this election could make it worse!

VOTE NOVEMBER 4!

