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News You Need to Know

January 21 marked the fifth anniversary of the *Citizens United* decision. Instead of focusing on the ways this court case has marred our political landscape, millions of Americans across the country concentrated their efforts on solutions through [demonstrations](#), [petitions](#) and [editorials](#). Meanwhile, 15 U.S. Representatives and Senators introduced a [comprehensive legislative package](#) to address reform issues like disclosure and small donor match programs, and 85,000 Mainers successfully pushed for a ballot initiative to reform their public financing system ([read about it here](#)). From [Tallahassee](#) and [Maryland](#) to [Arkansas](#) and [New Hampshire](#), Americans are fighting back and creating unprecedented pressure for real change.

Using language from Issue One's research on how to market this cause to all

- Though national surveys show a majority of Republicans support money-in-politics reform, **there has never been an organization with conservative bona fides to mobilize the right around this issue.** Enter John Pudner (the architect of David Brat's historic primary upset against Eric Cantor last year), who recently launched a new non-profit dedicated to pushing conservative solutions to the money-in-politics problem. **Take Back Our Republic** will fight for small donor programs and sensible reforms to curb crony capitalism. Read this **op-ed in Fox News** detailing some of Take Back's proposals.
- Did you get up to New Hampshire for the walk with Larry Lessig? The **New Hampshire Rebellion**, an Issue One grantee, is working to make money in politics a central issue in the 2016 New Hampshire presidential primary. Founder Larry Lessig and others walked hundreds of miles across the state to make their case, culminating with a rally on the anniversary of *Citizens United*. **Here's some coverage of the event, if you missed it.**

Stuff We Like



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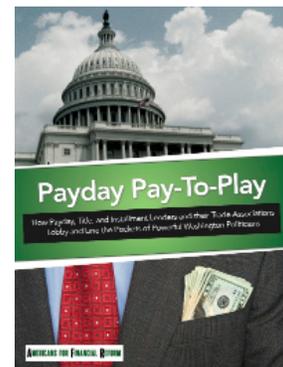


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More than 32,000 individuals and groups submitted comments to the #FEC. 75% said we should do more to regulate #moneyinpolitics.

Thanks to all of our subscribers who submitted comments to the FEC—we swamped them! You can read all about the results from our friends at **Sunlight**.

A new report from Americans for Financial Reform highlights the connection between payday lenders and financial services regulation. Check out **CNN's** coverage of AFR's **new "Payday Pay-to-Play" report**.



- For big business, making donations to politicians is seen as part of the cost of doing business these days. But all this money wedges out start-ups who can't afford to buy favorable regulations. They just can't keep up. This is bad for the whole economy because start-ups account for **20 percent of the new jobs** out there. **Check out this new coverage and video.**
- Members of Congress responded with some great thoughts about the fifth anniversary of *Citizens United* and the **introduction of the "Defending Democracy" legislative package.**
- Everyone needs to put himself in a timeout once in a while, even members of Congress. Rep. Ted Deutch (D-Fla.) is taking a break from fundraising this month—he's calling it **Fundraising Free**