

#### Welcome to RepresentUs & the Anti-Corruption, Pro-Voter Movement!



# **Tell Us About Yourself**

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- What's your name
   & pronouns (optional)?
- 2. Where are you signing on from?
- 3. One way you are already taking action to save our democracy.

# Introducing....

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#### Today's Agenda

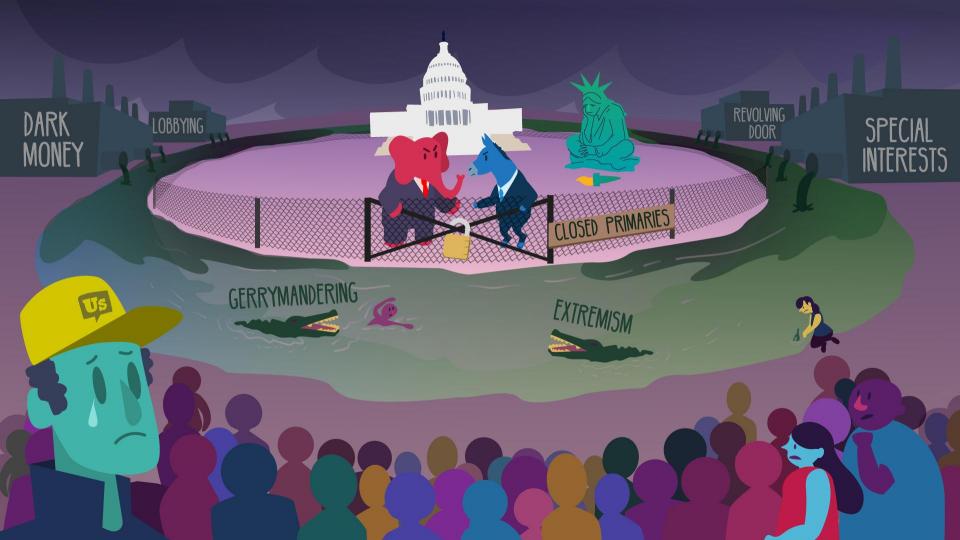
- RepUs' Theory of Change.
- What excites you about this work?
- How you can get involved!







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# BIG MONEY

### **Campaign Finance Reform**

- Public campaign financing
   Levels the playing field
- Transparency rules
  - Shine a light on dark money
- Foreign-influenced corporation (FIC) contribution bans
  - Keep big corporations with foreign ownership out of elections





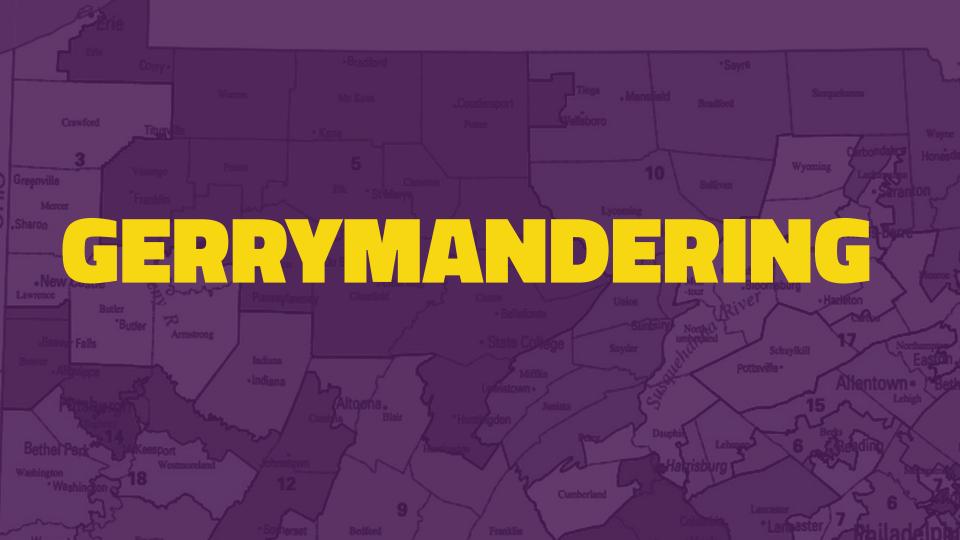


### **Ranked Choice Voting**



- Eliminates the spoiler effect
- Voters can follow their conscience and avoid the lesser-of-two-evils problem
- Encourages competition
- Elects consensus candidates with broad support





#### Independent Redistricting Commissions

- Take politicians out of the redistricting process
- Produce fairer, more competitive maps
- Can address partisan and racial gerrymandering





# UNRESPONSIVE ELECTED OFFICIALS



#### **Direct Democracy**

- Ballot initiatives let voters bypass legislators to enact laws
- Create opportunities for change when elected officials can't or won't act
- Often the only path for major systemic reform
- Increasingly under threat by elected officials



VOTE

#### **The Problem**

- The average American has a near-zero impact on public policy
- Nearly every issue we face is caught in the grip of corruption
- America is experiencing a political system failure





#### How do we solve this?

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So we know what's wrong... we know what will fix it... but how do we get there?

# ACTUALLY WINNIG

#### VICTORIES FOR NONPARTISAN ELECTION REFORM, 2015-2022



#### 1 MILLION TEXT MESSAGES IN 2023

over 55,000 Phone calls

# **19 STATES** AND WASHINGTON D.C.

#### 56,000 CARACTIONS TAKEN ACTIONS TAKEN INCLUDING PEOPLE SIGNING UP TO VOLUNTEER ALONG WITH

UP TO VOLUNTEER ALONG WITH EMAILING THEIR FEDERAL AND STATE LEGISLATORS IN SUPPORT OF PRO-DEMOCRACY REFORMS

### A SUPER TUESDAY FOR RANKED CHOICE VOTING

MINNETONKA, MN
VOTES TO PROTECT RCV

KALAMAZOO, MI

ROYAL OAK, MI Votes to implement RCV

#### EAST LANSING, MI



#### **BREAKING:** MAINE VOTES TO BAN Foreign Campaign Spending





# Which one of our pro-voter solutions would you like to see in your community or state?

- Dark Money Reform
- Anti-gerrymandering
- Ranked Choice Voting
- Vote by Mail

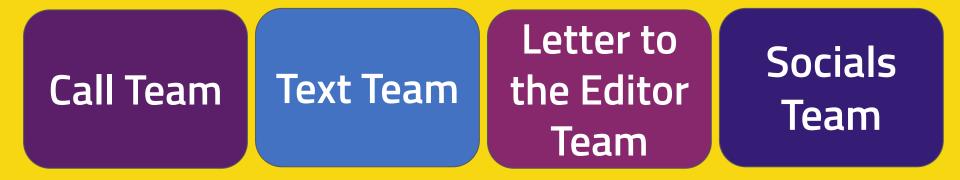
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- Public Financing for Campaigns
- Bringing conservatives, progressives and independents together
- Building a national Anti-Corruption, Pro-Voter Movement



### **Let's do this!** Where do we begin?

#### Action Brigade: What we do



Mobilization Teams give our volunteers anywhere in the US the opportunity to take meaningful action on the most critical campaigns.

Join your team of choice here: http://represent.us/chat

#### Local Action Teams: Build with Us!

#### What you can expect in 2024:

- Open Source Materials
- Volunteer Leader and Organizing Training
- Team-growth Support



#### **Power Our Movement**

The Common Wealth community is made up of dedicated RepresentUs supporters who make monthly contributions to support our front line campaigns.

When you join the Common Wealth, 100% of your gift each month will go directly toward making the greatest impact on our movement.

Join the Common Wealth by starting a monthly gift today by visiting <u>represent.us/donate4democracy/</u> or by scanning the QR code!





#### **HELP POWER THE POLLS:**

https://powerthepollg POLL WORKERS GET:  $\square$  TRAINING  $\square$  PAID\* \*Varies by location Help your community and sign up to Power the Polls! NAME EMAIL ADDRESS MOBILE PHONE ZIP ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO WORK A FULL DAY AS A POLL WORKER?

SIGN UP TO GET STARTED

# **Thank You!**

### **Any Questions?**

