Corruption is rife in today’s political climate from Citizens United to the Koch Brothers and other corporation backed lobbyists. The average cost of running a campaign excludes most everyday people from running meanwhile the “salary” of an elected official is really small – most town council members, state senators, even Congressman can’t afford to commit the time necessary because it won’t pay the bills – meaning that only folks with certain types of careers can run (lawyers, businessman, wealthy). Is the political system rigged against only those who can afford to play the game - run a campaign, survive on political salary which in most cases are very low? Meanwhile, how do we prevent big business from influencing our representatives on important decisions? Should terms limits or caps on political spending be imposed? These and other issues will be taken up on this promising panel.

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