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Now to the meat of Thursday. The Supreme Court destroyed American Democracy Thursday. Stick a fork in it. We are done. The grand experiment in democracy called the United States of America had a nice run, about 235 years, but it has been destroyed today, Thursday, January 21st, 2010 from within, the Supreme Court of the United States. The Supreme Court virtually assured we will be completely ruled by an Oligarchy from now on, which will of course lead to dictatorship, as we saw happened in both ancient Greece and ancient Rome. The Constitution has been destroyed. What did the gang of five do? The Supreme Court ruled 5 to 4 that corporations are people, and therefore have the right to spend all the money they want to in support of any candidate they choose. The Supreme Court ruled that corporations have the first amendment right of free speech because they are "people."

They have erred of course, and violated the intent of the U.S. Constitution. They have stretched the definition of "people" to non-people. They have called black white. Up is down. They have redefined the plain definition of a word to something totally different than that word. Corporations are not people. That is common sense and plain to any rationally thinking honest person with a soul. Corporations do not vote. Corporations do not run for election to political office. Corporations are legal creations, associations of people with human souls (shareholders) who already have the right to vote and hold political office. The human souls who are shareholders are not the same as the corporation itself. They are different.

This ruling undermines the integrity of the election system. It throws out over a century of restrictions imposed by Congress against corporations so that they would not influence the outcome of elections. Corporations have an unfair advantage over the small guy, over real people, in the amount of money they control.

What does this mean? It means future Supreme Court Justices will be appointed by presidents who have been bought, purchased, and are controlled by corporations, and confirmed by U.S. senators who also have been purchased by corporations. It means Exxon Mobil, who earn \$45 billion a year, can spend any amount of money they want on advertisements supporting a political candidate. It means any candidate who wants to get elected will cut deals with corporations in exchange for their billions in advertising support. It means Goldman Sachs will decide elections. It means Chubb and Cigna and General Electric and Microsoft and Astra Zeneca will put their people in place in our government, who will pass and enforce legislation favorable to their special interests.

Those who are happy with the Supreme Court's decision believe that large corporations are good, that they know what is best for us, that we should yield our rights and interests for the greater good as defined by large corporations' boardrooms. It means more Enrons, more AIGs, more Lehman Brothers, more World Coms. It means gasoline prices of \$10 a gallon if Exxon Mobil decides it needs the money, it means free loans to Wall Street firms so they can invest the money and make more profits and distribute larger bonuses to executives. It means biologically developed diseases being spread over land masses in

order to sell more drugs to cure those diseases. It means higher health insurance premiums, mandatory health exams to keep that insurance. It means the elimination of unemployment insurance, elimination of the minimum wage, elimination of social security. It means firing without cause and without severance. It means invasion of your privacy, requiring you to have a chip under the skin on your hand or forehead in order to buy or sell anything.

It means the elimination of antitrust laws prohibiting monopolies, it means the gobbling up of small businesses through unfair business practices. It means more wars so large corporations that produce military resources can profit. It means the changing of all laws and regulations to suit the desires of large corporations. It means no benefits for full time workers. It means requiring more hours or risk getting fired. It means euthanizing patients who are sick and costing insurance companies too much to keep alive.

This Supreme Court ruling changes everything. Whether you are conservative or liberal, you are now a slave, a serf, within the new ruling class, the large corporations. Power will be in the hands of the few CEOs and majority shareholders of the large corporations. Elected officials will be puppets.