More than half of respondents agree that "strong and influential corporations are bad, even if they promote innovation and growth." Since 1958, public trust in the government has declined from 73% to 24%.

Our elected representatives keep promising improvement but more and more Americans feel Congress does not represent their views. After all, there are now over two dozen lobbyists on Capitol Hill for every one elected representative. With the majority of these lobbyists representing just a few wealthy and powerful interests, it's no wonder representatives find it so easy to drift out of touch with their constituents.

Percentage of respondents who said most members of Congress are out of touch and/or corrupt.

84% of respondents believe money has too much influence in political campaigns (as opposed to "too little" or "just right").

Wealthy interests can use Super PACs and "dark money" avenues to skirt around flimsy campaign finance rules.

Nearly three-fourths of respondents agree that they want more limits on Super PACs.

51% of Democrats and Republicans agreed that a company that spent $100,000 to help elect a member to Congress could successfully pressure him/her to change a vote on proposed legislation.

Why? Senate candidates in the 2014 race had to raise an average of $3,300 every day for six years to win a seat.

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Percentage of Americans who perceive "widespread corruption" throughout the government.

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