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Still trying to sort out the implications of the *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* Supreme Court decision this week?

Puzzled by President Obama’s threat of a “forceful response”? Wondering what sort of legislative remedies against the First Amendment are being cooked up even now by Sen. “Schemer” Schumer?

Tempted to believe the [moonbat ravings of New York Times readers](#) or the unhinged, Howard-Beale-like broadcasts of MSNBC’s Keith Olbermann that the [5-4 opinion](#) presages a wholesale [corporate takeover](#) of the electoral process?



To get a sense of what really was at stake — nothing less than freedom of speech – have a look at this video, produced by the libertarian Cato Institute. As [Mark Tapscott](#) noted yesterday in the *Washington Examiner*:

I’ve read more newspaper and magazine articles, court cases, and blog posts on various aspects of campaign finance reform than I care to remember, but none of them captured the essential points of what is at stake as well as this video produced by the [Cato Institute](#):

And then shudder to think — if the lawyers who argued on behalf of the government in this case had their way — how close to the world of [Fahrenheit 451](#) we are.

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