

VALLEY NEWS

Letter: Opening the Gates

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To the Editor:

I read with interest the commentary April 28 titled “ Campaign Finance: There’s Logic to the Supreme Court Decisions.” I can’t believe anyone is trying to validate what the Roberts court has done concerning campaign financing. What it has done is open the gates for unlimited money to be spent on campaigns. The super-PACs now rule the campaigns, and while they may not work directly with a candidate, they certainly back the candidate and send his or her views out over the airways and TV channels.

If you have any doubt, watch the Channel 9 news each night where there is a constant barrage of anti-Jeanne Shaheen ads concerning the Affordable Care Act, over and over again. This is what money buys, a constant barrage from both sides, and if you think companies are not pouring millions into these super-PACs, I suggest you do some reading.

Money does not equal free speech! What it equals is putting more and more ads out there on radio, TV, and newspapers. I have the freedom of speech to say what I want about elections and candidates also; however, I don’t have the money to pay millions for ads. So apparently my voice and the voice of millions of others like mine is not worth the voice of the super-PACs.

It is my sincere hope that people will not pay attention to these ads and do some homework and see who the best (not the best-funded) candidate is.

Also, please identify the groups who submit commentaries. The Cato Institute leans so far right, it’s a wonder it doesn’t fall over.

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