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## Letters to the editor, July 2, 2012 Big spenders seek to control elections

In this time of extreme partisanship and zero compromise, it's nice to see someone like Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., show a willingness to step back and speak about the "foreign money" coming into Mitt Romney's coffers.

Not that anyone on the Republican side will listen. In fact, they will probably slam him for his comments when he suggests that casino magnate Sheldon Adelson's \$10 million contribution to a Romney super PAC is just a conduit to use profits from Adelson's properties in Macau to shape American elections.

And that is a key phrase: "to shape American elections." That is what these super PACs are all about: corporations taking control of our country.

And how nice it is to hear McCain criticize the Supreme Court ruling allowing corporations to make such unlimited donations.

The Republican Party, the party that brought us Citizens United, is counting on these rich corporations to invest in their own best interest: low taxes and little regulation, at the expense of the rest of us.

When Romney says that "corporations are people, my friend," one has to wonder whose interests he really has in mind.

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