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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. American Plutocracy By J.L. Populist What I like about this book more than anything else is the history lessons that the authors provide. They go beyond articulating the problems by detailing how we got to this point. They also provide solutions. And very good ones at that, not easy, but simple. Everyone knows the Citizens United ruling and that's only the most well known example of corporation

friendly, judicial legislating. That goes back to the days of corporate activist/Supreme Court Judge Lewis Powell quite a few decades prior. Another aspect that the authors nailed is the media issues. Lack of verifying claims made in campaign ads and televised media are only a part of the problem. They are connected to money in politics. Election coverage is sensationalized and the point that the media chooses the candidates is obvious. Another example of too much money in politics....if you don't have the money you won't get the coverage. All of the advertising money on tv goes to the same wealthy individuals that own the media corporations. For me, the most revelatory subject was data-mining and microtargeting. That's not a partisan issue as both parties do it. But it is disturbing! If you want to understand how money has corrupted American politics read this book. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A Call to reclaim the country! By Michael Wierzbicki The book not only tells us what has happened to our government, it gives the history of the movement to take over the government. It should be must reading for every concerned citizen. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five Stars By thomas e. Quality book in fine condition delivered in a timely way. Thanks.

Fresh from the first 10 billion election campaign, two award-winning authors show how unbridled campaign spending defines our politics and, failing a dramatic intervention, signals the end of our democracy. Blending vivid reporting from the 2012 campaign trail and deep perspective from decades covering American and international media and politics, political journalist John Nichols and media critic Robert W. McChesney explain how US elections are becoming controlled, predictable enterprises that are managed by a new class of consultants who wield millions of dollars and define our politics as never before. As the money gets bigger—especially after the Citizens United ruling—and journalism, a core check and balance on the government, declines, American citizens are in danger of becoming less informed and more open to manipulation. With groundbreaking behind-the-scenes reporting and staggering new research on “the money power,” Dollarocracy shows that this new power does not just endanger electoral politics; it is a challenge to the DNA of American democracy itself.

“With this book, John Nichols and Bob McChesney invite Americans to examine the challenges facing America in new ways, and to fully recognize the threat that the combination of big money and big media poses to the promise of self-government. They paint a daunting picture, rich in detail based on intense reporting and groundbreaking research. But they do not offer us a pessimistic take. Rather, they call us, as Tom Paine did more than two centuries ago, to turn knowledge into power. And they tell us that we can and must respond to our contemporary challenges as a nation by rejecting the Dollarocracy and renewing our commitment to democracy.” United States Senator Bernie Sanders “Incisive.... [A] fervent call to all citizens.” Publishers Weekly