

Counts can threaten American democracy. They take decisions that belong to the American people. And they try to weaken or control or wreck any part of our democracy standing in their way.

And this violates fundamental American values.

America is of the people, by the people, and for the people. Our Constitution, our laws, our elections are how we work with neighbors to regenerate our American Life and set our destiny.

Extreme money can turn any regular problem in America into an extreme threat.

Elite, entitled Counts endanger America by wielding extreme E8, E9, E10, E11 Money Counts to:

- ▶ **Take the power of the American people.** America is *we the people*. Legitimate power in America is based in the will of the people. But it can be hard for a Count armed with extreme money to accept that reality. He can try to turn American citizens into mere subjects.
- ▶ **Ignore the US Constitution, laws, and regulations.** Erosion of the rule of law is a symptom of the corruption of extreme money. Our Constitution, laws, and regulations are our American agreements. But it's too easy for a Count to exempt himself from our rules.
- ▶ **Abuse America's justice system.** Counts can force our justice system to do the work Counts should be doing by following American laws. Like entitled children, they do what they please and leave our US courts to clean up their messes. Counts can overwhelm our justice system.



- ▶ **Capture our democratic representatives.** Counts can turn America's public servants into their own personal servants who owe them personal loyalty. They purchase candidates, purchase political parties, and purchase elected officials. Counts take away our representation.
- ▶ **Outmatch democratic governments.** Counts outmatch America's democratic governments. Counts rule with their own armies of lawyers, money managers, lobbyists, and consultants. Our governments aren't equipped to defend the American people against the Counting Class.
- ▶ **Prepare to dump American democracy.** Counts act like they never have to listen to "no." When Americans get in the way of their plans, Counts complain about having to get our consent. Then they threaten to set up private cities with their own rules, or leave America entirely. ■