



U.S. Government

TED Talk: Lawrence Lessig

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Directions: Watch the TED Talk by Lawrence Lessig titled “We the People, and the Republic we must relaim” from February 2013 and answer the thought questions below.

Thought Questions:

1. How does Lessig use the idea of “Lesterland” to explain the equality, but inequality that exists within our election system?
2. In the United States who are the “Lesters” and how do they influence elections?
3. How is the United States actually worse than “Lesterland”?
4. How has Congress deviated away from the original intent of the constitution into the realm of corruption?
5. How does the Economy actually work against democracy? And why does it continue?
6. What ways does Lessig propose fixing the system? Why is this difficult?
7. Summarize in your own words what Lessig calls on the citizens of the United States to do and why he feels we must do this.