



Getting Big Money Out of Politics

Freedom of speech does not mean the freedom to buy our government. Big Oil, drug companies, Wall Street and other powerful special interests have poured money into our political system for years. In 2010, a bad situation turned worse when the Supreme Court opened the floodgates with the Citizens United decision - allowing corporations and the wealthy to spend unlimited and undisclosed money to buy our elected officials. They essentially declared that corporations are people.

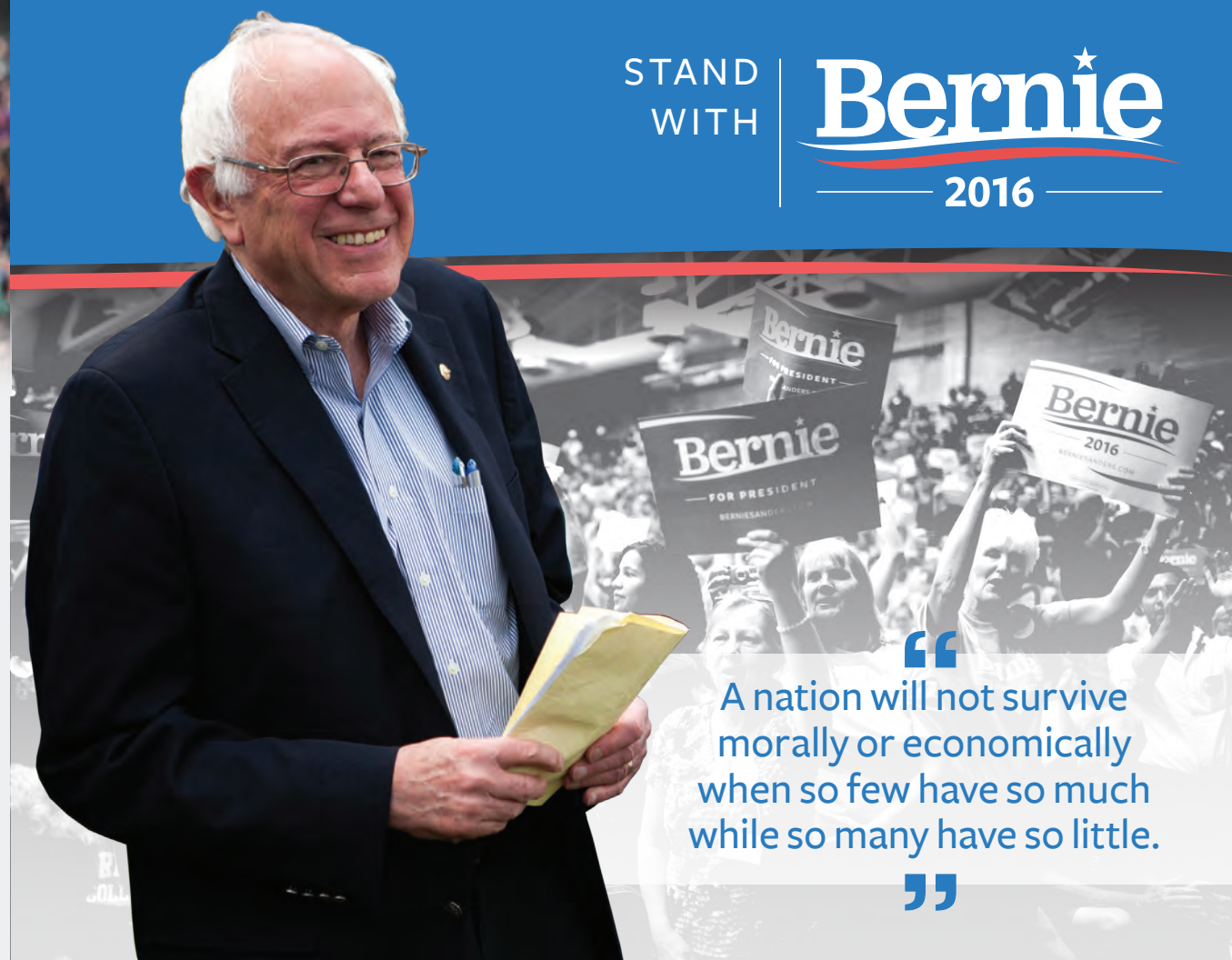
Our democracy is under fierce attack. Billionaire families are now able to spend hundreds of millions of dollars to buy the candidates of their choice. These people own most of the economy. Now they want to own our government as well. The Koch brothers, the second wealthiest family in America, plan to spend some \$900 million in the coming 2016 election — more money than either of our major parties spent in the last election. That is not democracy, it is oligarchy. To restore our democracy, we must pass a constitutional amendment to overturn Citizens United and move toward public funding of elections.

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A nation will not survive
morally or economically
when so few have so much
while so many have so little.
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MEET Bernie

Bernie Sanders is a Democratic candidate for President of the United States. In 2006, he was elected to the U.S. Senate after 16 years as Vermont's sole congressman in the House of Representatives. Bernie is now serving his second term in the U.S. Senate after winning re-election in 2012 with 71 percent of the vote.

In Congress, Bernie has fought tirelessly for working families, focusing on the shrinking middle class and growing gap between the rich and everyone else.

Born in Brooklyn, New York, he attended James Madison High School, Brooklyn College, and the University of Chicago. After graduating, he moved to Vermont where he worked as a carpenter and documentary filmmaker. In 1981, he was elected as mayor of Burlington. Bernie's leadership helped transform Burlington into one of the most exciting and livable small cities in America.

Bernie lives in Burlington, Vermont with his wife Jane. He has four children and seven grandchildren.



Real Family Values

Real family values strengthen the bonds of family and improve the lives of our families.

We are the only major nation in the world that doesn't guarantee paid time off for new parents. We are the only one of 22 wealthy nations that does not guarantee some type of paid sick leave. We are the only advanced economy, and one of only 13 nations in the entire world, that doesn't guarantee workers a paid vacation.

We lag behind much of the world in policies that bring working families together. That's wrong. It's a travesty, and it should be an embarrassment to anyone who claims to speak for family values in this country.



Creating Decent Paying Jobs

Real unemployment is much higher than the **official** figure reported in the news. When you include workers who have given up looking for jobs, or those who are working part time that want to work full time, the real number grows.

It's even worse for young people. A recent study found that over 50 percent of young African Americans and more than one-third of white and Hispanic youth are looking for full-time work. We are in the midst of an ongoing unemployment crisis, and we must take bold action to address it.