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**Gorsuch and Citizens United: Some People Are Making Foolish Predictions!**

An April 14 writer predicted that, as an "originalist," Supreme Court Justice Gorsuch would support reversing Citizens United. The writer obviously believes this to be a new concept, and objects to Freedom of Speech (in the form of political expression) applying to corporations. I ask you to consider:

- "Corporate personhood" is an old legal concept dating back to pre-Revolutionary War times and the laws of England. It also appears in an early entry to the U.S. Code.
- Alexander Hamilton observed that to "erect a corporation, is to substitute a *legal* or *artificial* to [for] a *natural* person" – i.e. an "artificial person." Justice James Wilson (nominated in 1789) stated "artificial persons have been formed to promote and perpetuate the interests of commerce, of learning, and of religion."
- One justification for "corporate personhood" and the related freedom of speech is that individual "people," when collectively coming together in corporations, unions, or non-profit organizations, don't give up any Constitutional rights.
- Careful analysis indicates the Supreme Court followed the Constitution and applied precedent in deciding "Citizens United." No new precedent was established!

Those comments apply "whether we like it or not." I advise the writer that the strongest rebuttal that can be made is "Tell me it ain't so!"