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# **FOR SALE: DEMOCRACY**

**Guest Lecture by John Bonifaz of the  
Center for Responsive Politics,  
Washington, D.C.**

**The Center for Responsive Politics was founded in 1983 by U.S. Senators Frank Church (D-Idaho) and Hugh Scott (R-Pa) as a non-partisan research and public education institute focusing on making Congress more responsive to the American people. The Center presently is involved in education concerning the role of private money in federal elections and is an important resource on these kinds of issues. The Center is perhaps most known for its compilation and publication of PAC contributions to members of Congress that compares contributions from certain groups to the legislative interests and voting records of individual members of Congress. Representatives from the Center appear regularly on national media programs and its director was recently a guest on "Donahue."**

**John Bonifaz is a staff attorney at the Center and is involved in researching a class action suit that would show how campaign contributions from private sources violate the Constitution and Voting Rights Act by undermining the principle of "one person, one vote." He is a graduate of Harvard Law School.**

**"Money in Politics and the Right to Vote:  
A New Threat to Our Democracy"**

**Marshall-Wythe School of Law, Room 127  
Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 3:30 PM  
South Henry Street**