

Ultimately, Roberts said the money nationalizes state issues, and devalues the civility that Wyoming politicians of both parties have long held in high regard.

"[You] basically start modeling yourself after that awful example of U.S. Congress that has become a fundraising machine more than a deliberating body," he said.

"I don't think it is good for democracy, and I don't think it's good for Wyoming."

Roberts' position squares with many groups that believe the growth of money in politics poses a threat to the process.

Yet for Klein, the Gore groups' efforts to reduce campaign finance regulations would benefit not just the wealthy, but all donors who want to give to a group and speak their minds. He said the dangers are "vastly overemphasized."

"[Americans] spend a heck of a lot more on Halloween than in an election cycle," Klein said. "I think we are certainly out of danger."

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