

## **Discussion and Critique of Current Approaches**

Of the current approaches we have found thus far, all rely heavily on the government itself to enact reforms. The most common approaches include support for a constitutional amendment to Citizens United, increasing public financing of elections to candidates who qualify, fighting for increased disclosure through new legislation and for the FEC to be a more effective monitor of campaign financing. Currently 19 states have called for an amendment for Citizens United (Communications Workers of America, 2011), 15 states have some form of public financing (Fighting Big Money in Politics) and certain places such as Maine, Connecticut and New York City have measures in place to encourage small donors (Communications Workers of America, 2011). Due to our group's focus on the ineffectiveness of government these approaches are clearly not the recipe for the change we envision.