

From *Odyssey*, page 306, run-ons and comma splices.

In national politics, money talks a candidate can't expect to win today without enormous financial backing. It isn't unusual for a congressional campaign to cost each candidate several million dollars or more. People simply can't afford to run a campaign alone, they must count on donations incumbents have a great advantage over challengers in terms of fundraising incumbents already have contacts, businesses are therefore more willing to donate to them. With a little luck, the donations will pay off the incumbents will act on behalf of those businesses once they are re-elected. Challengers have no power and no influence, they have difficulty getting corporate support, of course there are exceptions misconduct or criminal charges against an incumbent will often shift popular and financial support to a challenger. Our campaign finance system is not productive or fair, we need to reform the laws that govern it. We should have a system that enables us to elect the best candidate, not the one with the biggest campaign.