

# U.S. Campaign 2016: Searching for Democracy in a Broken System

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*"It's organized crime. All you do is you call the Republicans the Genoveses and you call the Democrats the Gambinos. The people at the top, they treat it like a crap game. It's their crap game, like they're making lots of money.*

*Occasionally, somebody at the table shoots each other, but the moment anything threatens their crap game, they all unite to protect it. ..They're both controlled by the same financial, economic and corporate interests." -Michael C. Ruppert (excerpted from the film [America Freedom to Fascism](#))*



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Politics has been called a rigged game, with elites using money and organizational resources to pull the puppet strings of most candidates for high office. However, the entrance into the race for US president of candidates Bernie Sanders and Donald Trump who both reject funding from Wall Street threatens to challenge that truism.

This week's Global Research News Hour attempts to cut through the propaganda and jargon and assess what real options are out there for making substantive and humane political change.

**William Blum** is a long-time critic of US foreign policy. He has authored five books including his most recent, [America's Deadliest Export: Democracy](#) - The Truth About US Foreign Policy and Everything Else. He also publishes the "Anti-Empire Report" on his site [www dot williamblum dot org](http://www.dotwilliamblum.org). In this interview, Blum outlines his reservations about Hillary Clinton and Bernie Sanders, the problematic media coverage of the campaign, and the astonishing view that Trump may actually be the less objectionable in certain respects than both Sanders and Clinton.

**Mark Robinowitz** is publisher of [oilempire dot us](http://oilempire.com), a political map to connect the dots. He has been a writer, political activist, ecological campaigner and permaculture practitioner for over three decades. He is also author of the forthcoming *Peak Choice: cooperation or collapse, an uncensored guide to Earth, energy and money*. In this interview, Robinowitz equates the choice between the Democrats and the Republicans to one between death by lethal injection and death by the electric chair. He outlines the mechanisms employed to stop any threat to the establishment from ever becoming elected president. He also explains how the energy and economic decline is becoming reflected in the politics of the Trump campaign.

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