

# Editorial



We spend almost 2 billion US dollars per year on 100 senators and 435 Congressmen in the United States of America. That does not include some special perks like pension and healthcare. I don't mind the expense of maintaining a group of representatives (ours or lobbyists'?), if they produced value for the money spent on them. The fact remains that they have done nothing for the country in decades. Here are some examples:

The Republicans fought tooth and nail to kill Affordable Care Act (ACA), a.k.a. Obamacare instead of cooperating and making it work. They didn't provide any suggestions to improve the plan. In the meantime, they still don't have a plan of their own to replace ACA. Question that we should be asking is what have the fat cats been doing for the last ten years other than having a comfy life on our hard-earned money? Imagine a corporate executive sleeping on a given project for ten years. How long will he last in his job? Now, may I ask you why did you reelect these blood sucking leaches? Do you care more for your party and labels you carry than the good of the country?

Now a question to Democrats: Did you elect your Congressmen (or women) and Senators only to impeach and get rid of Mr. Trump? If that's your only goal, I pity your low life. What have your reps done to work on infrastructure, immigration reform or homeland security? Please remove your colored partisan glasses and see the real world with naked eyes. Why do you reelect those power mongers? Why don't you make them accountable for the task they are supposed to do?

"Call it the Seinfeld Congress — all about nothing. It's gotten so small-ball that one congressman, a chairman of a highly influential committee, introduced legislation once to recognize the national significance of magic." (Politico)  
Congressmen (women) and Senators are less reliable than a used car salesperson. They are worse than hemorrhoids, traffic jams, and cockroaches, lines at the DMV, zombies and herpes. Realize how they are wasting your money:

1. A base annual salary of \$174,000
2. A \$1.2 million to \$3.3 million allowance
3. Up to 239 days off
4. Office and staff allowance: \$1,353, 205
5. A generous retirement plan
6. They fly free
7. Death benefits

(Source: <https://realityblogger.wordpress.com/.../the-senate-how-much-.../> and numerous other sources)

Majority of them are womanizers, corrupt (bought by companies and lobbyists). Many of them are child molesters and wife abusers. (You can search their history).

So, what can you do? Here are some suggestions:

1. Think independently. (Labeling yourself as liberals or conservatives will not get you brownie points. No one cares. Yes, you may impress the ignorant in dinner parties.)
2. Evaluate your Reps and Senators' work
3. If not satisfied, don't vote for them. Vote for independents
4. Contact them to let them know what you think
5. Here is the contact list

[https://www.senate.gov/.../contact\\_informati.../senators\\_cfm.cfm](https://www.senate.gov/.../contact_informati.../senators_cfm.cfm)

Wake up friends and countrymen! Never reinforce failure and if you do not see what you should see, you'll be a victim over and over again. Remember, "Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me."