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Imagine, if you would, this scenario: I go to a bank and deposit substantial sums of money periodically; after some time, I contact my friends and inform them that I have decided to allow them to make use of the funds I have deposited into the account with the sole condition that the money be utilized for the good of everyone involved. If my friends then move to spend the money which I deposited for everyone's benefit only to further their own personal whim while making me believe it is indeed being used for the benefit of all, am I not being deceived? Are my friends not exhibiting clear signs of corruption? Are they not behaving unethically?

Now imagine that "I," in the previous scenario, symbolize the people who pay taxes which they believe would be used for the benefit of the community as a whole while "my friends" symbolize those publicly elected officials who utilize public funds for their own masked reelection campaigns. Would these elected officials not be deceiving the people they were elected to protect and defend by using public funds to pay for ads that feature them proposing some public works program secretly meant to "brainwash" and sway the voters to vote for them? Is this not unfair and unethical? Senators, I am not at all promulgating the idea that publicly elected officials should not seek reelection, or that they should not seek funding from the people...not at all. I am merely arguing that reelection, the ultimate goal of most elected officials, should not and must not be sought at the full expense of the hard working people of the State of Nevada.

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