Campaign Finance

Objective:
Students will examine the multi-faceted issues facing campaign finance and what impact it has on our government

Description:
1. In groups students will create a policy that would eliminate the need for politicians to raise their own funds.
2. Students should make certain to address the following questions when researching this:
   - How would one qualify for this money?
   - Where does this money come from?
   - How do you decide how much everyone gets?
   - Would candidates only be allowed to spend from this pool? Would candidates be allowed to opt out and spend out-of-pocket?
   - Who selects the candidates that are eligible for funds?
   - How are the people who make this decision appointed?
   - Would private citizens be allowed to pay for advertisements for candidates?
   - Would groups of citizens (unions, corporations, non-profit organizations) have this same right?
   - How important is transparency in this process?
   - Is this Constitutional under the First Amendment?