I am concerned that Corporations could have the right to sue individuals for defamation under this draft. Corporations have immense financial clout; individuals have by contrast almost none. Corporations frequently have a fiduciary duty, which means that by law they must maximise profits for their shareholders. If this means they must sue individuals and silence criticism, then they are required under fiduciary duty to do so, regardless of any morality. This stops all being equal under the law: it emphasises the fact that those with wealth have greater access to legal power than those without.

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