A Call To Defy Corporate Domination

Giant corporations govern the US and the Earth. This rule by corporations violates the fundamental democratic principle of consent of the governed.

The Declaration of Independence and the American Revolution unleashed great democratic energies.

But the rich and powerful quickly limited the majority's basic rights. Aristocratic white men defined everyone else as their property...and as a rabble to be feared.

Shielded by the Constitution, the wealthy few etched their values into the culture.

They wrote the laws of property and personhood, commerce and contracts. They defined elections, education and labor. They amassed fabulous riches by enslaving, exploiting and exterminating under the rule of law.

Throughout the 1800's...the majority struggled to pry open the Constitution to obtain their basic rights.

Meanwhile the propertyed class unleashed its corporations upon people and the land.

Today, the largest non-governmental landowners are corporations.

The biggest shareholders in Fortune 500 corporations are other corporations. Corporations define the country's education, food, energy, labor, transportation, news, information, health, land use, military and monetary policies.

The wealthy few use our government to deny people's basic rights and to destroy the natural world.

Their corporate chiefs are backed by the courts, police, Marine, Army, Navy, Air Force, FBI and CIA. Their transnational corporations vacuum the Earth. They write global property rights laws like NAFTA and FTAA. They create global institutions like the WTO and the IMF to enforce their rule.

Corporations are not persons.

They are not citizens. They are legal fictions created in our names. We the People have the authority to do more than beg our bosses to behave a little less badly. Other species depend on us to do more than resist corporate assault after another, or regulate the planet's destruction.

We can challenge illegitimate corporate authority.

We can strip corporations of Bill of Rights powers and Constitutional protections. We can oust public officials who enable corporations to trample human rights and govern the earth. But we can't stop there.

Building on this history, we can direct our goals, resources and organizations toward establishing democracy.

We can begin by reshinking our country's stores. Reducing our culture's obsessive worship of money, competition and endless more. Challenging property rights with human rights.

Democracy can contest corporate domination.

But democracy must be much more than holding elections, or even redefining business.

Democracy must make people's humanity and constitutional rights reality.

So we the people can use self-government to live in harmony with all species and the Earth.

Support, Assistance, Resources

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