

THE PROBLEM

Power has shifted from the many to the few. The rights, liberties, and economic well-being of 300 million Americans have been eroded by the demands of 1500 mega-corporations.

The number of Washington lobbyists working for mega-corporations has skyrocketed from 3,470 in 1976 to 35,000 today—a population adjusted increase of 741%.

The two major parties have been corporatized and hijacked.

The Democrats and Republicans field presidential candidates who argue over lapel pin patriotism and are unwilling to address the daily realities of Americans with meaningful solutions.



“Whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute new government...”
Thomas Jefferson

16 SOLUTIONS TO SHIFT THE POWER

END CORPORATE CONTROL TAKE BACK OUR GOVERNMENT

END CORPORATE PERSONHOOD

Take away corporations' unfounded rights that have been granted unconstitutionally: Only real people should have constitutional rights.

Subordinate corporate power to the sovereignty of the people via a federal charter with a clear social contract, and by supporting people-powered neighborhood businesses and local economies.

CRACKDOWN ON CORPORATE TAX AVOIDANCE

Close the off-shore reincorporation tax loophole and ban government contracts and subsidies for companies that relocate their headquarters to an offshore tax haven.

END CORPORATE WELFARE

Stop allowing billions of our tax dollars to be used for unnecessary subsidies, tax breaks, and bailouts to the biggest corporations while people are left behind.

RECLAIM PUBLIC AIRWAVES

to establish people-controlled radio and TV stations and networks.

LIMIT COMMERCIALISM

Some things should not be for sale: childhood, health, education, elections, government, and war.

PROVIDE SINGLE PAYER

HEALTHCARE for all with free choice of doctor and hospital. Put people's health before profits.

INVEST IN A CLEAN ENERGY

POLICY that funds renewable energies (wind, solar, geothermal) and mandates energy efficiency.

FIX THE PENSION SYSTEM

Give workers a voice on the pension boards and the right to control their 401(k) plans.

MAKE POLITICIANS

ACCOUNTABLE to citizens by creating Congress watchdog groups in every congressional district.

ENACT WORKERS' BILL OF RIGHTS

Withdraw from trade agreements that undermine jobs, workers' rights, environmental protections, and consumer rights, or renegotiate them into "pull-up," not "pull-down" trade agreements. Repeal Taft-Hartley.

SHIFT TAXES

off of things we like (income), and onto things we don't like, e.g. pollution, Wall Street speculation.

END POVERTY WITH GREEN JOBS

Abolish poverty with a public works project to green and rebuild America's cities, by implementing ambitious, affordable housing programs, and efficient mass transit systems that free people from high gas prices.

REPEAL THE PATRIOT ACT

the FISA 'snoop' Act, and any other legislation designed to violate or destroy basic civil liberties of the American people.

REVERSE US FOREIGN POLICY

to wage negotiated peace instead of illegal war, starting immediately with a six-month corporate and military negotiated withdrawal from Iraq. Stop massive overfunding of the military industrial complex.

REFORM ELECTIONS

with public financing, instant run-off voting, proportional representation, and a binding none-of-the-above option to help create a vibrant, active, participatory democracy.

ENSURE A LIVING WAGE

\$10/hr minimum wage that adjusts for inflation and pass pro-union organizing laws.