

## ALEC EXPOSED

"ALEC" has long been a secretive collaboration between Big Business and "conservative" politicians. Behind closed doors, they ghostwrite "model" bills to be introduced in state capitols across the country. This agenda--underwritten by global corporations--includes major tax loopholes for big industries and the super rich, proposals to offshore U.S. jobs and gut minimum wage, and efforts to weaken public health, safety, and environmental protections. Although many of these bills have become law, until now, their origin has been largely unknown. With **ALEC EXPOSED**, the Center for Media and Democracy hopes more Americans will study the bills to understand the depth and breadth of how big corporations are changing the legal rules and undermining democracy across the nation.

### ALEC's Corporate Board --in recent past or present

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- Bayer Corporation
- GlaxoSmithKline
- Energy Future Holdings
- Johnson & Johnson
- Coca-Cola Company
- PhRMA
- Kraft Foods, Inc.
- Coca-Cola Co.
- Pfizer Inc.
- Reed Elsevier, Inc.
- DIAGEO
- Peabody Energy
- Intuit, Inc.
- Koch Industries, Inc.
- ExxonMobil
- Verizon
- Reynolds American Inc.
- Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
- Salt River Project
- Altria Client Services, Inc.
- American Bail Coalition
- State Farm Insurance

For more on these corporations, search at [www.SourceWatch.org](http://www.SourceWatch.org).

**DID YOU KNOW?** Corporations VOTED to adopt this. Through ALEC, global companies work as "equals" in "unison" with politicians to write laws to govern your life. Big Business has "a VOICE and a VOTE," according to newly exposed documents. **DO YOU?**

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### Resolution Against Amnesty

Did you know the NRA--the National Rifle Association--was the corporate co-chair in 2011?

#### Summary

Requests that the United States Congress oppose any legislation supporting amnesty or the granting of lawful status to any person that has entered or remained in the United States illegally.

#### Model Resolution

**WHEREAS**, amnesty was the failed solution of past federal legislation; and

**WHEREAS**, amnesty allows for increased cost in all areas of life for legal citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, amnesty rewards illegal aliens for breaking our laws; and

**WHEREAS**, amnesty would allow illegal-alien gang members, criminals, and terrorists to be eligible to become citizens of the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, amnesty would increase the poverty rate and allow more people to collect unemployment benefits; and

**WHEREAS**, amnesty would encourage millions more to fraudulently apply for amnesty; and

**WHEREAS**, amnesty actually serves to punish those foreign nationals that respect the law and seek to enter the country properly; and

**WHEREAS**, amnesty fails to require use of any verification system by employers such as the "Basic Pilot Verification System;" and

**WHEREAS**, amnesty would increase the number of people eligible for the already financially suffering Medicaid and Medicare systems; and

**WHEREAS**, amnesty would allow individuals to become eligible for Supplemental Social Security Income, which is currently in need of much reform; and

**WHEREAS**, it cost billions of dollars to educate illegal immigrants and the children of illegal immigrants with a cost of up to \$8500 per child; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of amnesty is estimated in the trillions and would add additional burden onto all State and federally funded programs;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the American Legislative Exchange Council urges the Congress of the United States to strongly oppose any legislation supporting amnesty or the granting of lawful status to any person that has entered or remained in the United States illegally.

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**Center for Media and Democracy's quick summary:**

This Resolution, issued after the failure of George W. Bush's 2007 push for comprehensive immigration reform, makes a series of inaccurate assertions in its effort to oppose a path to citizenship, which ALEC brands "amnesty." The Resolution alleges "amnesty" would allow "illegal gang-members" and "terrorists" to become citizens, but no federal legislation under consideration would allow undocumented immigrants to adjust their status without a review of criminal history by immigration authorities. It also alleges that a fault of Comprehensive Immigration Reform or "amnesty" programs is that they do not require use of the "Basic Pilot Verification System," a system that is entirely unrelated to the issue of adjusting legal status and fraught with errors. The system had a 50% error rate for immigrants (denying employment to lawfully present non-citizens) and even had an error rate of 1% for U.S. citizens seeking employment (which, in a country with a population of 200 million, would deny 200,000 U.S. citizens the right to work). This Resolution makes baseless allegations about immigrants who adjust their status depending on social programs, while also claiming it would result in "increased cost in all areas of life for legal citizens." Unscrupulous employers would have a harder time under-paying and mistreating immigrant labor if laborers could more easily enforce safety and wage laws without risk of retaliation by employers due to their undocumented status.