

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.

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--in recent past or present

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- State Farm Insurance

For more on these corporations, search at 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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Did you know the NRA--the National Rifle Association--was the corporate co-chair in 2011?

Resolution Calling on States to Defund ACORN

WHEREAS, the Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now (ACORN) was founded in 1970 with the mission of increasing voter participation, delivering services to inner-city neighborhoods, community organizing, and carrying out issue campaigns; and

WHEREAS, ACORN is an organization guilty of violating numerous laws and aiding and abetting criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, the National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) found that ACORN had illegally suppressed the ability of its employees to organize a union. The NLRB said, "By interrogating employees about their union activities, by informing employees that other employees have been discharged because of the union, by threatening employees that selecting the union to represent them will be futile, and by threatening employees with discharge, respondent has violated section 8(a) of the act;" and

WHEREAS, ACORN workers have been convicted of voter registration crimes in the following states: Colorado, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Washington; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2008, the Catholic Campaign for Human Development stopped all contributions to ACORN, citing "[S]erious concerns about national ACORN's financial accountability, transparency, governance and organizational integrity," and "reports of ACORN involvement in alleged voter registration fraud and political partisanship."

WHEREAS, ACORN workers were videotaped in Baltimore, New York City, San Diego, San Bernadino, and Washington, D.C. aiding and abetting prostitution, child prostitution, human trafficking, illegal immigration, and tax fraud; and

WHEREAS, ACORN workers instructed individuals to falsify tax forms by listing child prostitutes as "dependents;" and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2009, the United States Department of Commerce ended its partnership on the 2010 Census with ACORN, citing a lack of confidence in the organization; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2009, White House Spokesman Robert Gibbs remarked, "The conduct you see on those tapes is completely unacceptable;" and

WHEREAS, on September 15, 2009, the U.S. Senate voted 83-7 to prohibit federal funds from going to ACORN; and

WHEREAS, on September 17, 2009, the U.S. House of Representatives voted 345-75 to prohibit federal funds from going to ACORN; and

WHEREAS, a large portion of ACORN's funding comes from government grants; and

WHEREAS, since 1994 ACORN, has received more than \$53 million in government grants; and

THEREFORE, the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) calls on states to engage the appropriate state auditing authority to audit all grants in order to identify funding for ACORN and groups linked to ACORN.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ALEC calls on all states to immediately end support for ACORN and groups linked to ACORN.

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