



## Toward Revoking Corporate Personhood

One of our core beliefs at ReclaimDemocracy.org is that the U.S. Constitution's Bill of Rights exists exclusively to protect the rights of living human beings. Since 1886, however, our courts have operated on the premise of "corporate personhood"--the claim that corporations, as a type of legal "person," are intended to enjoy the protections of our Bill of Rights. As those of you familiar with our work know, that premise has no Constitutional basis.

Ultimately, the illegitimate privilege and power that corporations wield today comes at the expense of our rights as individual citizens. While corporations are setting the agenda on many issues in our Congress and courts, *We the People* are not. For we can never speak as loudly with our own voices as corporations can with the unlimited amplification of money.

An opportunity looms as of this printing for us to bring our long-term work of building awareness of--and opposition to--corporate Constitutional "rights" into a targeted campaign that focuses on revoking the fraudulent premise of "corporate free speech." *Kasky v. Nike Inc.* could prove to be the highest-profile court case concerning corporate free speech to date.

As reported in our Spring issue, the California Supreme Court ruled last May in *Kasky* that Nike Inc. can be held liable under state consumer protection laws if found guilty of disseminating misinformation about pay and working conditions

in its overseas factories. (This was a public relations maneuver to deflect criticism voiced by anti-sweatshop activists.)

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Northern California sided with Nike, arguing that because the company's PR communications were partially political debate rather than purely commercial advertisements, Nike had the "right" to tell its story with full First Amendment protection--with no legal duty to be truthful.

The California Court rejected that assertion, ruling that corporate communications need not be purely advertisement to be considered "commercial speech," a

Court-created class of communication that receives less Constitutional protection than non-commercial speech. Nike's lawyers have appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, creating an opportunity for national attention on the issue in 2003. If the Supreme Court takes up the case, it is likely to rule only on the narrow question of whether or not Nike's speech was commercial, rather than on whether corporate "speech" deserves constitutional protection. Nevertheless, it would be an excellent teaching and organizing opportunity, thanks to Nike's

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## Reprogramming the Machine

*Though some of you already have seen our primer on the "Inherent Rules of Corporate Behavior," this is the first time we've put these ideas into our newsletter.*

*We break with our custom of putting only all-new material in our newsletter on this occasion for due to the timeliness of the message and the utility of putting it into a concise and easily accessible format.*

As much as I enjoyed seeing corporate glamour boys like General Electric Inc.'s Jack Welch finally getting some richly deserved mud in their eyes, I'd swap that satisfaction in a heartbeat to see national reporting of the serious crimes perpetrated by GE--a corporation whose rap sheet would garner multiple life sentences for any human being. During his two-decade reign as CEO, Welch oversaw dozens of

incidents of illegal poisoning of communities, defrauding taxpayers and violating workers' rights, yet his exorbitant compensation package garnered more ink than all of those crimes.

By now every thinking person has discarded the notion promoted by the Bush administration and Corporate America that corporate wrongdoing is rooted primarily in unethical behavior among executives. But the myopic focus on accounting issues and Wall Street, exemplified by Welch's case, only serves to threaten misdirecting our attention further from the real source of corporate harms--the very framework of the modern corporation.

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notoriety and the involvement of the ACLU.

For more than 80 years, the work of the ACLU has been of immeasurable value in protecting and extending freedom and democracy. Perhaps its greatest contribution has been in its advocacy of First Amendment rights. Given the ACLU's historic role, it is disturbing that its current position in support of free speech rights for corporations is undermining democracy, not strengthening it.

We believe that U.S. citizens cannot fully realize the promise of democracy until they are able to assert their rights to control the activities of the enormous, unaccountable institutions we know as corporations.

Corporations are not people. They have no voice, but they have become instruments by which the powerful few drown out the voices of the many. We fear that the ACLU leaders have forgotten that their organization was founded to ensure that social and political institutions serve the interests of living human beings, not vice-versa.

**The Campaign:** Our primary aim is to spark widespread public debate over the issue of corporate personhood and to begin building momentum to reverse current legal precedent. We will use the opportunity presented by the Kasky case to widely publicize the issue of corporate personhood and generate public pressure for dismantling it. An intermediate goal of the campaign is also to persuade the ACLU to reconsider its consistent claim that Bill of Rights protections apply to corporations.

**Actions include the following:**

☞ Gather endorsements from a wide range of individuals and organizations for our letter to the ACLU board of directors and staff, requesting a dialogue on this matter. The letter, which lays out the argument against corporate free speech in detail, can be read and endorsed on our website. We

will have several organizational partners engaged in the effort.

☞ If the national ACLU is not receptive, we will contact every state chapter individually. Although the national ACLU consistently defends corporations' "rights," each chapter may take an independent position.

☞ Publish articles nationally and generate news coverage via our campaign to shift the ACLU. Articles will clearly demonstrate how illegitimate corporate privilege impacts the lives of ordinary people



thanks to Matt Wuerker

through higher taxes, unsafe food, workplace deaths and injuries, even traffic jams, and more.

☞ Create the most comprehensive online resource on the history and impacts of corporate personhood, as well as resources for solutions to the problem.

☞ Research the Constitutional status of corporations in other nations and connect with organizations that are waging related campaigns internationally.

☞ Teach about the history of civil rights in the U.S., emphasizing the fact that major progress for expanding democracy in the courts and legislature has always been preceded by public uprising.

☞ Provoke letters to the editor and calls to talk shows across the political spectrum and across the nation.

☞ Work with student and other organizations to create teach-ins and expand the reach of our presentations.

☞ Organize creative media events to dramatize the absurdity of corporate personhood (such as a wedding between a corporation and real human being).

**What You Can Do**

**Talk About It**

Start the conversation with people you know. Use examples of how corporate "rights" impact issues they care about.

**Write About It**

Write letters to the editor to relevant publications you read, (and please e-mail us a copy). Refer people to our website as a source of engagement.

**Lobby the ACLU**

Write or call the ACLU (see our site for contact information or call us) with your thoughts and *please copy us* with letters to and from the ACLU national or state offices. We'll be posting some of the best letters online as examples.

**Spread Information**

Send your friends a link to our corporate personhood web page or print copies of our campaign flyer--available online or by request.

**Support the Campaign**

by making a tax-deductible contribution. Hosting a houseparty can serve dual purpose for grassroots education and fundraising.

**Organize a Community Forum or a Presentation for a Specific Group**

Environmental, human rights, health, labor, economic justice groups and university or law school classes are just some of the allies we need to reach on this issue.

See our "Corporate Personhood" and *Kasky v. Nike* web pages for more information, updates and to endorse our sign-on letter to the ACLU.

Book Review of Thom Hartmann's

## Unequal Protection:

### The Rise of Corporate Dominance and the Theft of Human Rights

As we launched our campaign to revoke the precedent of corporate free speech (cover story), we learned of the perfectly-timed release of *Unequal Protection*, which offers new insights into the role of corporations in early U.S. history and the process through which corporate lawyers successfully promoted the corporate personhood doctrine.

We have long reported that the application of Bill of Rights protections to corporations arose from the 1886 Supreme Court ruling in *Santa Clara County v. Southern Pacific Railroad*, but Hartmann's new research has added rich detail to the story.

You may have read accounts of *Santa Clara* citing the Court record that "The Court does not wish to hear argument" on the question of whether the 14th Amendment applies to corporations, and "we are of the opinion that it does." But the Court made no such decision because the Constitutional question never arose in deciding the case (though arguments on the topic were heard).

Proof lies in the concurring opinion of one Justice Field, who was an adamant supporter of corporate personhood. In his dissenting opinion Field lamented that the Court did not rule on the question! In fact, the Court record that subsequently was cited to claim Bill of Rights protections for corporations reflects nothing more than the spoken opinion of one Chief Justice Waite and a clerk.

Notably, Justice Waite was appointed directly to the Supreme Court with no experience as a judge--he came straight from a position as a railroad lawyer.

The truth behind *Santa Clara* is just one of many engaging stories presented in *Unequal Protection*. Beyond illustrative history, Hartmann explores the real-life impacts of corporate personhood, including how corporations:

- ↪ hide accounting crimes and evidence of cancer-causing products by claiming the "right" against self-incrimination;
- ↪ block inspectors investigating toxic emissions and workplace dangers by claiming the "right" of privacy;
- ↪ defy local, state and national attempts to regulate the worst of their abuses by claiming the "right" to be free of discrimination.

Hartmann also provides a compelling argument that the current corporate hegemony was not what the American revolutionaries--both Federalists and Democratic Republicans--envisioned for the United States.

Even better, Hartmann offers specific actions to remedy the usurpation of our sovereign right to govern ourselves and the institutions we create. He helps deliver our message of why citizens must move beyond single-issue struggles and towards the assertion of democratic control of our economy and institutions.

*Unequal Protection* is recommended to all readers who wish to expand their knowledge of history relevant to our struggles against illegitimate corporate power or who wish to gain new insights on solving current problems in that realm. More information is available at [www.UnequalProtection.com](http://www.UnequalProtection.com).

*Thanks to David Cobb for contributing to this review.*

## New Online Resources

We've expanded and improved our website substantially in recent months. Here are some of the new resources you'll find:

### Corporate Personhood

This new page will be the most comprehensive resource for exploring how corporations seized illegitimate legal status, the impacts on society, and the movement to revoke corporate personhood.

### What Others Are Saying

Each week we review dozens of articles from corporate and independent media sources and pick one that we believe offers important insights into understanding an issue central to democracy. See the top of our home page for the current feature and an index of past articles.

### Volunteer Page

We've summarized the many different volunteer opportunities and listed the skills and time commitment necessary for each.

### Merchandise

Now you can order unique materials that help spread a democratic message while helping support our vital work.

**More print-friendly primers** for distributing our most popular features.

### Campaigns

See summaries to our current campaigns and find links to the details in one stop.

**Web-only features** Recent articles include:

*Bush And Cheney Critics May Be Too Generous.* Devin Nordberg offers a bit of hidden history on Iraq's 1972 nationalization of oil holdings away from a western oil consortium and the role it plays in the threatened attack on Iraq.

*Trading In Our Democracy?* By Jeffrey Kaplan, et al. A growing number of organizations representing states and localities are recognizing the threat to their authority and democracy posed by the proposed Free Trade Agreement of the Americas.

*A Missing Ingredient for Democracy* By Jeff Milchen. Most public debate overlooks the most basic of all electoral reforms--establishing a Constitutional right to vote!

### Quotable

*Democracy is an organic form and as such it does not maintain a stasis... Democracy must either expand and develop or shrivel up and die off. The only way to protect democracy is to advance it.*

--Vincent Harding, professor at Iliff School of Theology

*No nation can preserve its freedom in the midst of continual warfare.*

--James Madison, from *Political Observations*, published in 1795

### Criminal Lesson #1: Steal Big

A University of California study found that the crooks convicted of pil-laging billions from the savings and loans in the 1980s served an average of 22 months in prison. By comparison, burglars served an average of 55 months and drug offenders 66 months.

### A Time to Break the Silence

An excerpt from Martin Luther King's speech in New York City  
April 4, 1967

*A time comes when silence is betrayal. Even when pressed by the demands of inner truth, men do not easily assume the task of opposing their government's policy, especially in time of war...*

*We are called to speak for the weak, for the voiceless, for the victims of our nation, for those it calls "enemy," for no document from human hands can make these humans any less our brothers...*

*I am convinced that if we are to get on the right side of the world revolution, we as a nation must undergo a radical revolution of values. We must rapidly begin the shift from a thing-oriented society to a person-oriented society.*

*When machines and computers, profit motives and property rights, are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, extreme materialism, and militarism are incapable of being conquered.*

### Constitutional Review for the Bush Administration

Contrary to the rhetoric of the Bush Administration, the Bill of Rights protects the rights of all people, not just U.S. citizens, and at all times

The authors of our Constitution were quite familiar with war and designed the Constitution to be legally binding in war time as well as peace, and upon all people--even G.W. Bush and Co.

The principle was reinforced by the Supreme Court in *Ex Parte Milligan* in 1866: "The guaranty of trial by jury contained in the Constitution was intended for a state of war, as well as a state of peace, and is equally binding upon rulers and people at all times and under all circumstances." Also from *Milligan*: "Military commissions organized during the late civil war, in a State not invaded and not engaged in rebellion, in which the Federal courts were open, and in the proper and unobstructed exercise of their judicial functions, had no jurisdiction to try, convict, or sentence for any criminal offence, a citizen who was neither a resident of a rebellious State nor a prisoner of war, nor a person in the military or naval service. And Congress could not invest them with any such power."

We should be able to know that the Sixth Amendment guarantees, including a speedy and public trial and the right to know charges against you may not be disregarded.

If the civilian courts are operating, using military tribunals to try civilian offenses clearly is unconstitutional.

The U.S. Supreme Court acknowledged the political function of the jury in *Duncan v. Louisiana* (1968), wherein "A right to trial by jury is granted to criminal defendants in order to prevent oppression by the government."

The bottom line: our Constitution is not self-enforcing. Only YOU can prevent tyranny.

Share your concern for defending civil liberties while using a touch of humor with these fold-out greeting cards.

Cards come with envelopes and are available in sets of six for \$12 (includes postage) or 12 for \$20. Please inquire if you're interested in quantities for resale. You can order by mail or online.

Also available online: "End Corporate Rule/Reclaim Democracy!" bumper stickers and some of our most highly recommended books.

Support our work with a contribution of \$50 or more and we'll send along a set of six cards plus a bumper sticker at your request.



Get Well Soon!

## Reprogramming, from page 1

In his 1991 book, *In the Absence of the Sacred*, writer Jerry Mander included a self-descriptive list, "Eleven Inherent Rules of Corporate Behavior." The insights offered by Mander's brief list have never been more timely, as they illustrate the futility of pursuing "corporate responsibility" and illustrate the essential truth that corporations must be redefined and subordinated to democracy, not merely regulated or pleaded with to do the right thing.

These "rules" don't distinguish between publicly-traded and privately-owned corporations. To a degree, privately-held companies are more easily guided by individual standards of morality, but competition eventually will pressure all but community-serving or small-niche businesses toward similar behavior.

As a small business owner, I first saw Mander's book as a provocative but overstated diatribe. After years of immersing myself in organizing to revoke illegitimate corporate power, I recognize the wisdom the rules reflect. Taken together, they make a compelling case that many of the most destructive corporate impacts on our society and environment are necessitated by the form and power that we have permitted corporations to assume. Primary among these rules are:

### The Profit Imperative

Because maximizing return to shareholders is legally required of corporate officers, profit must be the ultimate measure of all corporate decisions. Profit necessarily takes precedence over community well-being, worker safety, public health, peace, environmental preservation, and national security.

The primacy of profit over ethics may have moderately destructive impacts, as with Enron's manipulation of electricity markets to maximize profit on the backs of California citizens. In other instances, it can mean the deaths of many innocent people, as when Ford and Firestone executives continued selling a product combination that they knew was killing many of their customers, while withholding the danger from the public. Their decision stemmed from a "rational"

cost-benefit analysis which indicated that settling lawsuits resulting from fatal accidents was less costly than a recall.

If you were to knowingly withhold such information when selling your personal vehicle, you could be convicted of manslaughter in the event of a fatality; yet those executives will never see the inside of a prison cell because they effectively enjoy corporate immunity.

In both of these examples, the natural human reaction is outrage toward the decision-makers, but we should work past our visceral response. A thoughtful analysis that recognizes the profit imperative tells us that we can best prevent future harm by focusing on restoring citizen control over corporations systemically, not tackling one offender or harm at a time.

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Consider this: the much-publicized financial fraud cases occurred in (by far) the most highly scrutinized and regulated realm of corporate behavior. What might be unearthed if we adequately staffed and funded investigations into other areas where the profit imperative has more serious consequences, such as violations of workplace safety or compliance with laws to keep our drinking water and air free of toxins?

### The Growth Imperative

Corporations live or die by whether they grow. For a publicly-traded corporation, there is no such thing as "big enough." The growth imperative fuels the corporate drive to continually pursue new resources

and markets around the world. As natural resources are depleted, new frontiers continually are sought. The effects of this imperative are visible now, as more of the world's few remaining pristine places are targeted for commercial exploitation.

Corporate planners relentlessly lure "less-developed societies" into the global corporate economy to tap new sources of consumers and cheap labor while institutions like the World Trade Organization and International Monetary Fund supplement enticements with coercive power.

Corporations generate propaganda, claiming that global corporatization (promoted as "free trade") raises living standards. But this story is contradicted by global economic data (documented extensively by the Center for Economic and Policy Research: CEPR.net), which demonstrate that corporate colonialism—the siphoning of profit from the country or region of production—is having a debilitating impact on many developing countries.

### Structural Amoralty

Corporations are artificial creations, shielded from obligations of personal morality and responsibility by their very design. As a result, decisions that may be antithetical to community interests, workers' welfare, or public and environmental health are made without risk of personal liability. Furthermore, having no real commitment to a particular locale, corporations can relocate easily to escape taxes, unionized employees, and environmental protection laws.

In light of growing public awareness and resistance to environmental and societal harm, more corporations are seeking to veil their amorality and appear altruistic. This practice of "greenwashing" is intended to coax more people to buy their products, services or stock, but if corporate benefits do not accrue, altruistic poses are dropped. For example, when Exxon Corporation executives realized that their spending to mitigate damage to Alaskan shores after the Valdez oil spill was not swaying public opinion enough to benefit the company's bottom line, they dropped the pretense of moral obligation and stopped the cleanup.

## Save Freedom of Thought



I pledge allegiance to the Constitution of the United States of America, and to the Republic that it established: one Nation out of many Peoples, with Liberty and Justice for all.

Thanks to Micah Wright, micahwright.com

## Proud Parents

Just as parents take great pride in the accomplishments of their offspring, we are pleased to report that our spin-off project, the American Independent Business Alliance (AMIBA), has made great strides in its short life. AMIBA's efforts to help communities preserve their character, support their locally owned independent businesses, and halt chainstore encroachment garnered significant press last summer, most recently in the August issue of the *Utne Reader*.

The response has been overwhelming and is prompting AMIBA to include not only local Independent Business Alliances as affiliates, but also individual locally owned businesses.

AMIBA just received 501(c)3 status as a tax-exempt non-profit organization, enabling AMIBA to gain the attention of foundations, accept tax-deductible donations, and provide fiscal sponsorship for local IBAs wishing to apply for foundation grants.

See [www.AMIBA.net](http://www.AMIBA.net) for more.

## ReclaimDemocracy.org Progress Report

At a time when many non-profit organizations are closing their doors or scaling back, we're happy to report that we are expanding our campaigns and both increasing and diversifying our funding base. However, requests for our time, publications, and other resources has increased at double the rate of our funding, widening the gap between demand and capacity.

While we struggle to keep up with demands and launch an ambitious new campaign to confront corporate free speech, other campaigns necessarily have moved slowly or been on hold because of funding limitations. We also had to postpone this issue of *The Insurgent* and cut back on the list of opinion leaders we keep on our mailing list.

As corporate scandals continue to unfold, we have a great opportunity to reach a wide audience and deepen public understanding of the need for systemic changes--changes that go far beyond Wall Street and accounting practices.

While there are many organizations working hard to create a better world, our focus and demonstrated ability to make a big impact with modest resources are exceptional. Because we accept *no* government or corporate funding, we are uncompromised in our mission, but it also means that we depend on you to keep us working.

Please do what you can to help us "capitalize" on the immediate opportunities for advancing democracy. Thank you!

## The Struggle to Keep Public Lands *Public*

One hundred years ago, President Theodore Roosevelt used the words "democratic movement" when describing the early conservation movement's effort to protect and preserve unspoiled public lands "as playgrounds for rich and poor alike."

Last year we reported on the threat to our public lands legacy posed by the Fee Demo (Recreation Fee Demonstration) Program, the danger of Congress permanently implementing the program this year, and the growing citizen opposition to public lands commercialization.

Encouragingly, the opposition now has grown to include 241 groups across the country and citizen rallies are growing. The states of California, Oregon, New Hampshire and Colorado all officially have declared opposition to Fee Demo.

For our part, we've helped rally opposition through publishing articles in a wide array of outlets, including the *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, *The Washington Post* and, via Pacific News Service, many more.

Today, George W. Bush has made the permanent authorization of recreation user fees a high-priority legislative item. While three pending pieces of legislation in the US Senate would make these fees permanent, none is likely to muster sufficient support for passage. But a danger remains that a rider permanently authorizing Fee Demo will be attached to other "must pass" legislation and passed despite overwhelming public opposition. The program originally was passed as a legislative rider and three times has been extended through that evasive mechanism.

Please continue to spread word about this issue, make sure your employees in Congress are committed to opposing any permanent implementation of Fee Demo, and consider rallying official state opposition in your home state.

See the "environment" section of our site for an overview of the issue or visit our allies at [WildWilderness.org](http://WildWilderness.org) for the most complete information available.

*Thanks to Scott Silver of Wild Wilderness for contributing to this update.*

Reprogramming, from page 5**Quantification**

Corporations require subjective values to be translated into objective quantities that are easily tallied on balance sheets. Forests, for example, are valued only in terms of "board feet." Their immense value in sustaining life or providing clean water and spiritual nourishment goes uncounted. This carries over to government institutions that are heavily influenced by industry; hence the U.S. Forest Service considers trees worth thousands of dollars to timber companies as economically worthless unless they are cut down.

Such accounting without human values allows corporate cost/benefit analyses to be the measuring stick for many public health policies. The resulting policy of "risk-assessment" inflicts sickness and death from easily preventable pollution or toxic pesticides to avoid the "excessive" costs of healthier alternatives.

Corporate political powers succeeded in pushing Congress to effectively abandon the Precautionary Principle (addressing or preventing probable health hazards proactively, rather than waiting for definitive scientific proof of public harm) when it repealed the Delaney Amendment in 1996. *Delaney* simply required that our food be free of proven carcinogens.

**Exploitation and Homogenization**

Corporate profit depends not only on minimizing employee compensation but also on shifting costs created by business onto society as a whole, commonly called externalization. We all foot the bill for such externalized costs of pollution, illness, health care, public infrastructure to support corporate expansion, and much more.

Corporate employees often are dehumanized—seen as replaceable parts in a machine. For managers in the corporate workplace, personal morality must not interfere with profit-based decisionmaking, though these decisions often carry deep personal, community, or environmental consequences. A CEO who resists moving a factory overseas to evade environmental regulations or refuses to cut

workers' pay soon will be replaced if these actions result in an unexploited opportunity for profit.

Corporations have a tremendous stake in fostering homogeneous consumers and conformity. Consumption accelerates as more people believe that certain commodities bring material satisfaction. Inner satisfaction, self-sufficiency, and contentment in nature are subversive to corporate goals. As transnational chains increasingly dominate commerce, native societies are pressured to give up their traditional ways and join the corporate global culture—uniqueness is gradually vanquished.

**Lack of Limitations**

Our country's founders and many subsequent generations recognized the danger in allowing corporations to grow in size and power. Corporations initially were given a limited lifespan, barred from engaging in any activity not expressly permitted, and relegated to a narrow range of permissible actions. Corporations were deemed appropriate tools to serve a public benefit through engaging in commerce but were fully subordinate to democracy and prohibited from legally attempting to influence elections, education, public policy, and other realms of civic society.

But it's easy to forget lessons not learned through personal experience. For more than a century, we have permitted corporations to elude democratic control and escape our limitations on their lifespan, size, and activities. We have yielded

to them immense power to weaken citizen sovereignty over business and to shape our laws and government.

As a result of vast political power, the majority of harms caused by corporations are perfectly legal, rendering even rigorous enforcement of the laws governing corporate actions inadequate. Banishing corporations from political participation is a necessary first step to reclaiming our democracy.

We must abandon the absurd notion that corporations can reform themselves or engage in "good corporate citizenship." Such notions deceive and distract us from our fundamental work. This does not mean we should fail to support the efforts of those working to improve corporate actions from within; but merely asking for greater "corporate responsibility" makes little more sense than asking a bulldozer to act responsibly. We the People must become responsible—as we have failed to do for too long.

Only by first ridding ourselves of counter-productive illusions can we hope to see the roots of our problems and recognize our deeper obligation: to restore our democratic authority over corporations and to re-program the machine. We would do well to learn from our own history.

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