

Questions for the Grassroots Solutions to Corporate Power Workshops

Global Governance: Who Or What Will Rule The World?

World Citizenry and Human Values

1. What roles do corporations take on in the Immigration debates

Employer Corps win in many ways

Better with no fix

For cheap wages

As machines driving down wages

Corps head up all the Presidential commissions & NGOs

National Immigration Forum

Promotes immigration rights

Chaired by the John Gray of the National Restaurant Assoc

US CoC & the American Nursery & Landscape Assoc. on Board

National Council of La Raza has had board connections with

Wal-Mart, State Farm, McDonald's, Kraft Foods, and JC Penney.

Corps make millions on Border security

Homeland Security giving out huge corporate contracts

Advisory Committees for Immigration & Customs Enforcement
& Homeland Security

CEO of Lockheed Martin,

Vice President of Dow Chemical &

Vice President of Boeing.

Secure Borders and Open Doors Advisory Committee

Sybase Chair, CEO USCoC, President of NAB, Boeing, Disney and others

2. How do corporations divide the labor force against each other

Creating narratives

Think Tank vocabulary

Alien, illegal

Citizen vs illegal immigrant

Middle class immigrants vs working poor immigrants

Since the beginning

Keep legal immigrants on edge

Reduce their participation in society

3. How do corporations induce immigration

Roving transnational capital needs roving transnational labor

New production facilities is a magnet for labor

undocumented workers create a super exploitable labor force

4. How have trade agreements impacted immigration

Subsidized ag products from the north make peasant farming untenable

Elimination of Ejidos

Agribiz buying up 3rd world farms

Tyson Dumping of chicken legs – Laura Carlsen article

Forces migrations

Migrants end up as cheap labor for Tysons in the US
Accused of running an illegal labor smuggling ring

5. What is the corporate connections to border violence

Guns from the US smuggled cross the border

Prominent citizens involved

Unemployment & Low salaries drive people into the drug trade

6. How do corporate coyotes work

Corporations snatch up GUEST WORKER VISAS H-1B

Make false promises

Underpay workers

Pipefitters

Welders

Computer workers

7. How do the maquiladoras work

Raw materials from US

Processed at a maquiladora

Imported back into the US tax free

Subject workers to unsafe working conditions

Women attacked

Wages low

No union

Forbidden by trade agreements

8. Are H-1B Visas slave labor filling jobs that Americans need?

Need more education

It may be an issue of wages

9. Where should the immigration struggle be centered?

Nation State Paradigm can not solve these problems

In the long run everyone has to care

We are all connected

Organize the migrant workers

Coalition of Immokalee Workers

Fair Food Campaign penny a pound victory

Worker Driven Social responsibility

Unionize

As voters or community activists

Renegotiate the trade agreements

Build thriving local economies throughout the planet

Stop the rush of capital around the world

Community rights to live free of

Economic violence

Military occupation

Environmental destruction

Zapatista demands

13 demands:

land, work, education, housing, health, food, peace, communication,
culture, independence, democracy, justice, and freedom.

Co-ops are organized resistance

The Alternative Economy Program of the Mexico Solidarity Network

Struggles are linked in both countries

William Robinson

All global workers need to be able to participate in policy making
and be protected by global human rights

UN Declaration of Human Rights

Can Send that to you

10. How have religious practitioners viewed the capitalist system?

Quaker

Capitalist Covenant that everything is for sale

Divine judgement & Guidance not allowed
as empire conquered the planet

Great commentary on the changing world

"trading has become a trap, to captivate men in deceitful dealings and vain
customs and fashions, to serve the adulterous eye and vanity. In this trap the
just become a prey to the insatiable, the obsessively self-interested."

Vainglorious clothing and amusements

"have lost the man of the heart through vanity."

Consumerism "destroys the creation."

Flattering merchandisers "cheat poor country people."

"What traps there are in laws, which should protect the simple."

Lawyers & Judges should not be paid.

Separation of Church & State

"England's rise to world dominance, built upon militarism, imperialism,
colonial slavery, and ruthless exploitation of domestic labor demanded" this
separation of church and state in order to allow corporate empire to rule
without moral constraint.

The Social Gospel

Early 20th Century Protestant US & Canada

Lord's Prayer (Matthew 6:10): "Thy kingdom come..."

Thomas Berry

dominion over nature.

Jewish-Christian tradition is the belief that humans were created to have
dominion over nature and all its creatures. In the earliest chapters of
Genesis there is reference to this human dominance, accompanied by a
divine proclamation for humans to subdue nature. Nature is there to
serve humans and be subordinate to human manipulation.

11. How did Descartes set our corporate/industrial world off on its present narrative?

Early 1600s

Dutch Republics

declared that nature is inert, lifeless, devoid of soul or consciousness and animals have no emotions, feel no pain, and are, essentially, machines. Such ideas helped redefine the natural world as a collection of mere resources ready to be exploited.

Corporations are like fire

Corporations do not have a soul

Approaching the churches

Octopus – It's the system

American Enterprise Institute: Things go better with God

Religious workshops relating

religious fundamentalism,

market fundamentalism and the corporate system

12. How does Thomas Berry see “the old Story?”

Dominion over nature & Science

Autistic – no feeling for nature

13. What does Thomas Berry inspired new story look like

Realize the misuse of science & technology

the world is alive, it is alive in us

We are the eyes, the minds, and the hearts that the cosmos is evolving

We are here to be the consciousness of the earth

Astronaut –

“everything that exists is part of one intricately interconnected whole.”

quantum physics

“group selection.”

Groups that work together survive better than groups that do not

“Science and religion ... should come together to save the Creation.”

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Pope Francis

Chinese Constitution –

rooted in harmony between humans, Earth, and Heaven.

14.. Do we need a Revolution of values?

MLK

Riverside Church Anti Vietnam War Speech, April 1967

Exactly one year before he was assassinated

Ending racism, materialism and Militarism.

15. What is the developing global spirituality?

Out of Yes magazine

global family, -unites ancient indigenous wisdom with other faith and cultural traditions— essential to overcome climate change.

Hopi, Ojibwe, and Maori and

from religious traditions as Sufi, Jewish, Christian, and Buddhist

Ethic of responsibility

For the earth and nature

16. How is the new global religion confronting corporate power?

Pachamama Alliance

Tie had come to heal the world

sumak kawsay—Kichwa for “living well”—

living in harmony with the natural world and

insisting that nature has rights deserving of protection.

CONAIE

Stories from my trip in 2002

Sarayuko

Protecting itself from oil development

Our trip 1994

Changing the narrative the narrative

Is nature an “IT”

Using “it” absolves us of moral responsibility

and opens the door to exploitation.

Ki” and “kin” are revolutionary pronouns.

Bioregions as our distinguishing political units

Ridge Review

Russian River movie

an entity with rights

Present narrative that “money is wealth” is killing us

Money, like science, like fire needs to be a tool of the well being of all

17. How do we atone for the sins of our corporate past to make a just future

Embrace community

corporate abandonment be turned into community gain?

Abandonment - depreciation write off

Community acquisition

Wendell Berry

We all know the right thing to do

Right livelihood

Stop abusing the world & each other

Small solutions – Blessed unrest