

Questions for the Grassroots Solutions to Corporate Power Workshops

Global Governance: Who Or What Will Rule The World?

War and its Promoters

1. What can people do in your local area to end corporate control of our military?

2. What can people do in your local area to end Corporate control of our media?

3 What is the role of the military in Global Corporate Empire?

Carries out global trainings to have militaries guarantee:

- Corporate Access to Natural Resources
- The establishment of corporate free trade policies

4 What are the Corporate Incentives for War?

AfD Convention in Boulder

March 28 1999 NYT Magazine cover

What is the reality of global resource wars?

Smedley Butler

CFR study

Access to markets & resources

Iraq War

Imperial Overstretch

resource wars really environmental wars?

5. When and How did Wall Street Take over US War Policy?

Open Door

Conspiracy for Empire

Wall street Lawyers as Foreign Policy Makers

Elihu Root,

EH Harriman, Jay Gould

Robert Bacon

JP Morgan

Henry Stimson

Elihu Root Protege

Philander Knox

US Steel

WISE Men, Best & the Brightest

Wealthy Pedigree

Council on Foreign Relations

Trilateral Commission etc.

6. How does the military industrial complex work?

Revolving door

connection between the Carlyle group and the Military industrial complex

Military people cash in on war profits
military industry contributes to politicians
Doubled between 1990 & 2006
Mainly to house & senate committee members
What are targeted lobbies?
Committee for the Present Danger
Cold War in 1950s
Détente in the 1970s
US Committee on NATO
NATO Expansion
Center for security policy
Missile Shield
Project for the New American Century
Imperial Overstretch
Foundation for the Defense of Democracies
Shaped Bush's war on Terror
2004 Republican National Convention – militaristic
Military industrial complex “weakened American Society to its core”
Made other US corporations uncompetitive
Because they have to pay for health care
Spent huge % of Federal budget on the military
Weakening domestic programs
Diverting funds from needed domestic infrastructure

7. How does the size of the US military compare to other nations

US spends 48% of all global military spending
Britain, France, Japan & China 4-5 % each
US biggest arms dealer
2004 US sold 63% of 268 billion weapons market
top 5 Weapons producers
Lockheed Martin, Northrup, Gruman, Raytheon, & BAE Systems
Made 44% of arms sales
Doubling their share between 1990 – 2003

8. How are the world's military already globalized or universalized?

NATO
Yugoslavia
Ukraine
Notes from Exporting security
Allying with all the other militaries around the world
Protecting markets, money & trade
To the detriment of the environment and people
Who will control the Universe?

Project for the New American Century
US Space command

9. How can we end corporate-driven war?

Why have we not been able to stop War

Have to be more than anti war

Build a sustainable cooperative planet

Change the narrative about war

Its inevitability

Minoans etc.

Rianne Eisler

That it is making us cannon fodder for corporate empire

Smedley Butler

Shut Down!

Measure Y, 11.7.2006 Bring the Troops Home Now

Mendocino County Initiative

Parents for Peace

US out of Iraq

Passed with 63% of the vote

Lorna ?

Cities for Peace

Hundreds of cities passed referendum

10. What is Strategic Non violence?

Ghandi

Gene sharp

Dave Lewit- Multiple questions

11. How has Latin America revolted against the US War Machine in the new Millenium?

Argentina

Venezela

Brazil & Lula

Landless People's movement

Ecuador

Globalization Devastation & Hope

12. How could ending corporate consitutionl rights end War

We could keep Corporations out of public policy decisions.?

13. Is Corporate media also imperial media?

How corporate interlocks work

10 media Giants

118 individuals connected to 288 national & International corporations

- *New York Times*: Carlyle Group, Eli Lilly, Ford, Johnson and Johnson, Hallmark, Lehman Brothers, Staples, Pepsi;
- *Washington Post*: Lockheed Martin, Coca-Cola, Dun & Bradstreet, Gillette, G.E. Investments, J.P. Morgan, Moody's;
- Knight-Ridder: Adobe Systems, Echelon, H&R Block, Kimberly-Clark, Starwood Hotels;
- The Tribune (*Chicago & LA Times*): 3M, Allstate, Caterpillar, Conoco Phillips, Kraft, McDonalds, Pepsi, Quaker Oats, Shering Plough, Wells Fargo;
- News Corp (Fox): British Airways, Rothschild Investments;
- GE (NBC): Anheuser-Busch, Avon, Bechtel, Chevron/Texaco, Coca-Cola, Dell, GM, Home Depot, Kellogg, J.P. Morgan, Microsoft, Motorola, Procter & Gamble;
- Disney (ABC): Boeing, Northwest Airlines, Clorox, Estee Lauder, FedEx, Gillette, Halliburton, Kmart, McKesson, Staples, Yahoo;
- Viacom (CBS): American Express, Consolidated Edison, Oracle, Lafarge North America;
- Gannett: AP, Lockheed-Martin, Continental Airlines, Goldman Sachs, Prudential, Target, Pepsi;
- AOL-Time Warner (CNN): Citigroup, Estee Lauder, Colgate-Palmolive, Hilton.

Media Narrative of War

Fox's favorable coverage of Iraq war led the administration to work for ownership deregulation to help Murdoch

NBC's favorable coverage led to GE contracts in Iraq

War Made Easy

14. Who controls the cultural narrative

History is written by the victors

Or history is written by the elites

Think Tanks

Pushing media of all types

Corporate media

consolidation of corporate ownership

Fewer voices more control

Money becomes power

FCC now selling frequency access

Who owns the airwaves?

Climate change

Coal in the early 90s used mis information & deception

Exxon spent 13 milion 2000-05

What is the National Association of Broadcasters?

2005 85% of network TV

40% of independent & Public TV

Says politicians prefer advertising to free coverage

2002-05 5 big media plus the NAB contributed 79,740,000 on Lobbying
2004 Broadcaster spent 3,592,069 on candidates
Effectively changed Media taxation policies
Stopped competitive advertising venues
Supported needs of Big media before the FCC
Is the media still in denial?
10 yrs ago it was in denial
Fox in denial
NYT fairly realistic

15. How do corporations create false news

Video news releases
Often with b roles & scripts
Leslie Griffith Channel 2 in the Bay Area

16. How has the Media Commons been transformed into a privatized domain

Reagan rejection of the Fairness Doctrine
Public interest obligations of media
Temporary FCC licenses changing to assigned ownership
Telecommunications Act of 1996
Net Neutrality?
Public Broadband
Mendocino County Broad Band
Selling of the airwaves?
Less spectrum for public use
Battle for public broadband lost in Mendocino County
Corporate penetration of public media?
Underwriting
Archers Daniel Midland on NPR news

17. What are some of the groups working on Media Reform

Free Press
Reclaim the Media
Useful site, but most info dates from 2011
Prometheus Radio Project
Media Alliance
Old Media Reform movement
Independent Media Centers
Still functioning around the world
Helped set up Ecuador –still functioning
Brad Will
low-power FM?
Came from radio Free Berkeley

Marco out of Corners tower
KMEC & KNYO
TV networks trying to fulfill the public good
PEG
MCTV in Fort Bragg
MTV
Free Speech TV
On Satellite, Dish and Direct TV
Does not appear to be on Comcast
Online at freespeech.org
Tom Hartman
Shut down in Fort Bragg
The Real News, Independent World Television
Deep Dish V
Dee Dee Halleck

18. Are you media literate? Should you start a Media Democracy group in your local area?

Do you have fair & sufficient local media?
Listener sponsored radio
Low Frequency Radio stations
Access to local media
Existence of local media online
Media education for youth

19 What is the Media Bill of Rights?

Locally produced, Diverse & independent media that truly informs
Media education
Electoral & Civic programs
Reflecting the diversity of the community
Open access to produce media
Public participation in policy making
Locally owned media
Public Access TV
Universal & Affordable Internet
Licensing renewal process featuring the public good