

## **Questions for the Grassroots Solutions to Corporate Power Workshops**

### **CORPORATIONS, DEMOCRACY, & THE RISE OF GRASSROOTS POPULAR POWER: Money in Democracy Elections**

1. What are the electoral impacts of the overwhelming percentage of campaign finance money coming from corporate contributions?
2. Which industry is the biggest contributor?
3. Why?
4. What is the wealth primary?
5. What are the two similarities between the elections of 1980 and 2010?
6. Are corporate campaign contributions corrupt?
7. Is free speech the same as equal speech?
8. How does the ability of corporations to fund political campaigns impact the lives of our politicians?
9. What has been the impact of Citizens United on corporate campaign giving?
10. How has Citizens United brought various pro-democracy groups together?
11. How important is transparency in ending corporate influence of our elections?
12. How does corporate money impact our local elections?
13. What is the Institute for Responsive Politics & Opensecrets.org?
14. Who was Granny D?
15. What initiatives have been suggested to end corporate financing of our elections?
16. Will publicly financed elections be part of the solution and what is the status of publicly-financed elections today?
17. How does Move to Amend help solve the problem of corporate money in our elections?
18. How functional is the Federal Elections Commission?
19. Is instant runoff voting a corporate issue?
20. What is the corporate connection to election integrity?
21. Are Independent campaigns truly independent?
22. What other approaches are out there to upend Citizens United and change campaign financing?

#### **ELECTIONS TALKING POINTS**

**Corporate Money Buys our Politicians**

**Roberts Court Frees Corporate Monster**

**Corporate Agenda Destroys the Planet**

**Citizens Need to Control Our Democracy**

**Join the Move to Amend the Constitution**

**Track the Money**

**Promote Publicly Financed Elections**

**Allow States to Regulate Corporate Contributions**

**Maximize Transparency in Campaign Financing**

**Make sure paper ballots are used and checked**

**Make sure that electronic voting machines are not hackable**

**Make sure that digital software is under public not private control**