

Questions for the Grassroots Solutions to Corporate Power Workshops

Global Governance: Who Or What Will Rule The World?

Corporate Global Trade vs Popular Local Control

1. How can we work to end corporate global governance in Mendocino County?

Pass the County Charter initiative

Build on our Community Bill of Rights

TPP Free Zone

We will not obey

2. How has trade and global corporate power been connected since the early 1600s?

Article I wrote- Bob Winn

Retitled Triple Birth : Corporations Empire & Liberal Democracy

First Corporations were trading corporations

East India Co & Vereenigde Oost-Indische

Conquered the world for pepper & spices

setting up English and Dutch Empires

Corp heads were Mayors of London and Head of Dutch Republic

Bretton Woods – Mt Washington Hotel

Henry Morgenthau, Jr.,

To insure that the global economy after World War II promote “the opportunity for investment, under proper safeguards, of capital from many lands.”

Set up World Bank, IMF, and GATT that became the WTO

3. What did Trade associations have to do with the growth of the Corporate Global Empire

International Chamber of Commerce - 1919

350 leaders in the commerce of America, Great Britain, France, Italy and Belgium”

came together to form The International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) as a parallel to the League of Nations. The League would handle global political rule setting and the ICC would handle the planetary economic rule making.

National Association of Manufacturers

Samuel Prescott Bush Founder and First President of NAM

4. Where did neoliberalism come from. How does it work, and what are its impacts?

Reviving the old notion that the people who promoted trade in the English Empire were the liberals as opposed to the landed aristocracy & the monarchy

Milton Friedman, Chile

Thatcher & Reagan

Money is power

Under mythology of free trade

Market makes the decisions

resource depletion, global pollution, destruction of nature

5. How does Herman Daly see the corporate future?

Founder of Ecological Economics and Author of For the Common Good: Redirecting the Economy toward Community, the environment and a sustainable future.

Predicted all of our present disasters

Lower wages, more external costs, more debt, corporate wealth,

Oligopolistic markets, media control, purchased politicians

Domestic policy sacrificed on the altar of globalization

6. How are trade agreements Global corporate rule?

WTO writing the global constitution

Lowering wages. 3 million US manufacturing job losses to NAFTA

Barriers to trade

Any law that did not allow them to

rape the earth, enslave the people, and maximize profits

Secret trade tribunals

Nullification of national, state & local laws

Changes to local laws

Local Purchasing seen as unfair to MNCs

Land use regulations seen as a barrier to trade

Public Services privatized

Everything commoditized &

markets opened to the power of money

Eliminating restraints on international capital flows

Opening up public services to privatization

7. What are the institutions of Global Corporate Rule?

Corporate associations around the World

ICC, Council on Foreign Relations, WTO, NAFTA TPP

World Economic Forum, Trilateral Commission, NAM etc

8. What is the role of the World Bank and the IMF in corporate global governance?

Fifty Years is Enough

Financing corporate globalization -

Ecuador - Globalization Devastation & Hope

IMF Narrative

9. How are rules against climate change being challenged in trade tribunals?

Anything that can challenge the present order

can & will be brought before secret tribunals

Growing challenges by energy companies.

Over past 30 yrs grew from 3 to 32 to 43 cases

10. What are the groups resisting corporate global governance?

Blessed Unrest

NGOs Global Exchange, International Forum on Globalization, World Social Forum, Our World is not for sale, La Via Campesina, Public Citizens Global Trade Campaign, Alliance for Democracy, Institute for Policy Studies – Transnational Institute,

Latin American Countries

Walden Bello, Focus on the Global South

Pachamama, Rights of Nature

11. What are some of the examples of the rise of the Global Citizenry movement?

Reaction to NAFTA & the WTO

Zapatistas, January 1 1994 - NAFTA

Seattle 1999 – Stalled WTO

FTAA Stopped

Continued resistance to the TPP, TAFTA etc

Arthur Stamoulis article.

Movement against the Iraq war

local movements confronting global corporate/military empire

Multitude, Blessed unrest, The Great Turning,

Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America (ALBA)

CONAIE in Ecuador – Indigenous uprisings

World Social Forum

Genuine democratization of social policy making

Organized global protest against Iraq war

Global Social Solidarity Economy

Rights of nature

12. Is it a struggle that should be taken on at the local, national or international level?

Subsidiarity

From the grassroots. Bottom up

13. How did the fight around CAFTA change the Narrative

Story telling of the trade agreement's true impacts

FTAA had already been stopped by massive protests

Ecuador & Miami

14. What can people do to confront the global corporate empire?

TPP Free zones

Resolutions against Fast Track

Lobby your representatives

Promote locally-based global power system

15. What global problems is the nation-state system unable to solve?

- Environmental pollution
- Resource depletion
- Destruction of natural systems
 - Global Warming
 - Acidification of the oceans
 - Soil eradication
 - Species extinction

16. What is the future of the Nation State System?

- Can not handle global problems
 - Climate Change
 - Resource depletion
 - Economic malaise
- Can not handle local problems
 - Economic malaise
 - Resource depletion
- Climate change - adaptation

17. Should there be a global world government?

- Only to handle global issues
- Empowered from the local level
- Elimination of Global Military
- Subsidiarity

18. What institutions are stepping in to fill the void?

- Corporations & militaries
- Have long term social connections
- Have economic power
- Have personal self interest

19. What are the different models of a globalized world economy?

- Corporate open door neoliberal global governance
- Global Federalism -subsidiarity
 - Common Agreement on Investment and Society - AfD Solution
- World Parliament
- International Social solidarity Economy

20. Does Federated Internationalization make sense?

- Nation states wrong units for this model
- Smaller bio regions or ethnic units more amenable to human society
- Alliance between between people ideas and cultures.
- Friendship between communities
- The global solidarity economy
- CAIS – Dave Lewit