

Study Guide Solutions for Grassroots Solutions and Corporate Power Class

Overall Solutions

- Build Community
- Become Involved in Policy Making
- Reach Out and share your knowledge with others

• 1. Elections • Policy Making • Courts

- Create Publicly Financed Elections
- Pass We the People Amendment to the US Constitution
- Maximize Transparency in Government decision-making
- 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
- Promote an Ethical Public Service
- Separate Corporations & State
- Modify the judicial system
- End elite composition of the Supreme Court

• 2. ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY OR CORPORATE HEGEMONY?

Crisis of Economics 2008 and Beyond • Visions for a new Economy • Public Banking & other Local Solutions

- Change our economic assumptions
- Keep corporations out of policy making
- Expand the Solidarity Economy
- Enhance localization
- Build Community
- Slow the money down
- Institute Ecological Economics
- Recognize that the monetary system is part of our public commons
- Put the public in charge of the money supply
- Make banking services available to everyone

• 3. SAVING THE ENVIRONMENT FROM CORPORATE DESTRUCTION

Climate Change, Resource Depletion And Global Pollution • The Commons • Health & Food

- Start rights-based organizing in your community
- Help your community create climate friendly policies
- Institute community use of the Precautionary Principle
- Promote the Rights of Nature
- End the patenting of Life
- Create a constitutional category for public property
- Stop the privatizations of public land & resources
- Enforce the public trust doctrine over water & resources
- Stop the commodification of the Commons
- Establish single payer health care

• 4. GLOBAL GOVERNANCE: WHO OR WHAT WILL RULE THE WORLD?

Corporate Global Trade v Popular Local Control • War and its Promoters • World Citizenry and Human Values

- Change the “Free” Trade Agreements into Fair Trade Agreements
- Establish popularly controlled Global Governance
- End global military reach

Put violence under local control

Promote subsidiarity: Decision making as local as possible

Create a nature-bound global consciousness

Make all people citizens of the earth

Reconnect morals and ethics with public policy