

**ALEC EXPOSED**

"ALEC" has long been a secretive collaboration between Big Business and "conservative" politicians. Behind closed doors, they ghostwrite "model" bills to be introduced in state capitols across the country. This agenda—underwritten by global corporations—includes major tax loopholes for big industries and the super rich, proposals to offshore U.S. jobs and gut minimum wage, and efforts to weaken public health, safety, and environmental protections. Although many of these bills have become law, until now, their origin has been largely unknown. With **ALEC EXPOSED**, the Center for Media and Democracy hopes more Americans will study the bills to understand the depth and breadth of how big corporations are changing the legal rules and undermining democracy across the nation.

**ALEC's Corporate Board**  
—in recent past or present

- AT&T Services, Inc.
  - centerpoint360
  - UPS
  - Bayer Corporation
  - GlaxoSmithKline
  - Energy Future Holdings
  - Johnson & Johnson
  - Coca-Cola Company
  - PhRMA
  - Kraft Foods, Inc.
  - Coca-Cola Co.
  - Pfizer Inc.
  - Reed Elsevier, Inc.
  - DIAGEO
  - Peabody Energy
  - Intuit, Inc.
  - Koch Industries, Inc.
  - ExxonMobil
  - Verizon
  - Reynolds American Inc.
  - Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.
  - Salt River Project
  - Altria Client Services, Inc.
  - American Bail Coalition
  - State Farm Insurance
- For more on these corporations, search at [www.SourceWatch.org](http://www.SourceWatch.org).

& MEETINGS

**DID YOU KNOW?** Corporations VOTED to adopt this. Through ALEC, global companies work as "equals" in "unison" with politicians to write laws to govern your life. Big Business has "a VOICE and a VOTE," according to newly exposed documents. **DO YOU?**

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Did you know the NRA--the National Rifle Association--was the corporate co-chair in 2011?

**Resolution on the Second Amendment to the U.S. Constitution**

**WHEREAS** 1989 was the Bicentennial of the adoption by Congress of the Bill of Rights of the Constitution of the United States; and

**WHEREAS** the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the United States guarantees each law-abiding American citizen the right to keep and bear arms of his choice; and

**WHEREAS** it is estimated that more than 70 million individuals, representing more than half of the households in America, have chosen to exercise that right; and

**WHEREAS** more than 99.8 percent of all lawfully-owned firearms in America will not be used in crime in any given year; and

**WHEREAS** firearms are used for the defense of person, family, and property more than one million times each year; and

**WHEREAS** the criminal misuse of firearms by those in the criminal element is not a reason to deny the constitutional right to keep and bear arms by law-abiding citizens; and

**WHEREAS** several local, state, and federal lawmakers continue to propose measures aimed at restricting firearms including bans, taxation, waiting periods, registration, licensing, and even confiscation; and

**WHEREAS** such laws assume the guilt of all firearms owners without addressing those who misuse and criminally abuse firearms, contrary to our legal justice system which assumes innocence until proven guilty; and

**WHEREAS** National Institute of Justice studies have shown that restrictive "gun control" laws are ineffective against violent criminals who show contempt for all laws; and

**WHEREAS** the effect of restrictive gun laws has been the exact opposite of that which was promised, as evidenced by the scandalously high violent crime rates in New York City and Washington, D.C., among others;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the American Legislative Exchange Council recommends the rejection of further restrictive firearms laws that only serve to limit law-abiding citizens in the exercise of their Constitutionally guaranteed rights while having no effect on the activities of the criminal element in our society; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, the American Legislative Exchange Council recommends that the scarce resources of the law enforcement and criminal justice systems be focused upon uniform, consistent, and just sentencing, speedy trials, and increased punishment and incarceration for those who commit violent crime.

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