

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.

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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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Resolution on Fourteenth Amendment

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

Summary

Requests that the United States (US) Congress clarify the Fourteenth amendment regarding citizen status for children of illegal aliens.

Model Resolution

WHEREAS, the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution states in part "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside"; and

WHEREAS, this clause clearly establishes two criteria that must be met before a child born in the United States can be considered a citizen: being born in the United States, and being subject to the jurisdiction of the United States; and

WHEREAS, illegal aliens are not subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and, consequently, neither are their children; and

WHEREAS, to eliminate the present problem of granting citizenship to infants who due to their parents' illegal status are not subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, Congress needs to clarify that children of illegal aliens inherit the status of their parents and must be recognized as illegal aliens; and

WHEREAS, the current practice of granting citizenship to children of illegal aliens rewards them for violating American law and provides them with a means to avoid the consequences of their unethical and illegal activities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the American Legislative Exchange Council that the Congress of the United States enact legislation clarifying the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution as denying citizenship status to children of illegal aliens simply by virtue of their being born in the United States.

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Center for Media and Democracy's quick summary:

This Resolution describes the radical effort pushed by ALEC to destroy the express language of the Constitution's Fourteenth Amendment, which confers citizenship on all persons born in the U.S. The Resolution manufactures the notion that persons who lack legal status, or are out of status, are not subject to the jurisdiction of the U.S. and its laws, and that the children of undocumented persons born in the U.S. do not become citizens. This assertion is contrary to long-standing, traditional interpretation of the Constitution. It is also a morally cruel effort to deprive the lawful, constitutionally-guaranteed right to U.S. citizenship to *children*, who are innocent of any wrongdoing. Note that this Resolution was passed in an election year.