

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?**

Resolution Opposing Taxpayer Financed Political Campaigns

From CMD: This is ALEC's opposition to clean election laws that would involve public financing of candidates....

WHEREAS, most public financing regimes provide additional taxpayer matching funds to qualifying candidates whose opponent chooses not to take public funds, thereby penalizing privately-funded candidates, campaigns, and their donors for exercising their rights of free speech and association; and,

WHEREAS, public financing regimes that restrict campaign contributions do not reduce the average expenditures of candidates and their campaigns, but do discourage or prevent independent citizen groups from speaking out; and,

WHEREAS, studies have shown that campaign contributions have no effect upon legislative behavior; and,

Whose studies?! Increased campaign contributions increase access to candidates and thus influence "legislative behavior," bills and votes....

WHEREAS, research has shown that state public financing regimes have not removed the influence of special interest money; and,

WHEREAS, the incumbency rate has remained unaffected in states that have instituted public financing regimes;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) opposes taxpayer financed political campaigns.

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

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 - Altria Client Services, Inc.
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- For more on these corporations, search at www.SourceWatch.org.

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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.