Telling the ALEC Story

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One of the documents CMD is exposing is this document called "ALEC 101" by ALEC. Our parody is in red.

Preempt good ideas

Federal Affairs

Vouchers

Loopholes

Higher phone bills?

Education

Tax & Fiscal Policy

Telecom & IT

Criminal Justice & Homeland Security

Private prisons

Offshoring jobs

International Relations

Vouchers

Health & Human Services

Undermine trial lawyers

Civil Justice

Drill, baby, drill

Natural Resources

Commerce, Insurance & Economic Development

Destroy unions

Sponsors 3 key meetings annually:
Issues debated
Policies adopted
Excellent networking

But not FAIR markets

ALEC promotes:

FREE markets
LIMITED government
~~Individual~~ LIBERTY
Corporate

Bills to drown government in a bathtub

to pollute!

MODEL LEGISLATION combines efforts and perspectives of state lawmakers and business leaders

McBills

400 model bills available to ALEC members

800-1,000 model bills are introduced in the 50 state legislatures every year

More McBills!

20% become law -- because ALEC deals with complex economic policy issues, 20% is a number to be proud of

A tax break for... kid-friendly tobacco?

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.

Since its founding in 1973, ALEC remains a
UNIQUE
NON-PARTISAN
501(c)(3) NON-PROFIT
Organization

We think no group facilitating this much lobbying should be tax exempt

ALEC is a unique non-partisan organization which:

CEO's multinationals

HELPS ~~people~~ & ~~communities~~
by developing policies which:

- GROW jobs in China!
- Give consumers NEW CHOICES
- PROTECT ~~taxpayers~~ CEOs from taxes

103 Republicans & 1 Democrat in its legislative leadership...

Top-down, one-size-fits-all corporate government in the states

Like higher ATM fees and credit card rates!

SUBSTANCE

Brings state lawmakers AND business people together

At strip clubs!

Both have a VOICE and a VOTE in shaping policy

Do YOU?

2,000 state lawmakers from all 50 states -- policy shared with all 50 states

Turning legislators into lobbyists

300 corporate and foundation members

98% of ALEC $ come from corporations and things BESIDES legislative dues

Examples of Model Legislation

But no transparency in corporate spending on ads that influence elections

Telling some parents of dead kids they can't sue for faulty products

COMPREHENSIVE TORT REFORM
The Mississippi Miracle
Legal reform for the survival of Mississippi's economy, businesses, and health care system. Created thousands of jobs; insurance premiums are down 30%; lawsuits against doctors are down 90%

CABLE COMPETITION
19 states
Consumers saving 24-42% and have more choices.
1,500 new jobs in just 1 state

Higher cable bills, less local content

But not health care for all

HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS
6.1 million Americans
Better access to insurance -- 27% were previously uninsured

TAXPAYER TRANSPARENCY
10 states
Easier access to state budget information and spending via online searches