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## WHAT IS ALEC?

### the American Legislative Exchange Council

- It operates as a lobbying machine for corporate interests and profiteering, but says it is a 501(c)3 “Charity” so everything is tax-deductible.
- It targets **state legislatures** and provides “model legislation” drafted by corporations, pushed through states at greater than 20% success rate.
- Financed by more than 200 corporate & business members who pay \$7,000 to \$25,000 base dues, but some like AT&T, Pfizer, and Reynolds American (tobacco) contributed \$130K to nearly \$400K each.
- Leaders include: Bank of America, Altria, Exxon Mobile, Koch, UPS, Takeda Pharmaceuticals, Verizon, Microsoft, Pfizer and Connections Education.
- ALEC gives state legislators “scholarships” for junkets to posh resorts to learn what the corporations want, then go back to their jobs ready to recite the slogans and push through legislation designed by the corporate sponsors -- all in secret.
- The organization’s rules give corporations equal votes as legislators to approve model legislation. If corporations don't like it, it does not move forward.

**WE MUST EXPOSE AND STOP THIS CORPORATE MACHINE AND REVERSE POLICIES SECRETLY INTRODUCED BY ALEC OPERATIVES!  
THIS IS UNDEMOCRATIC AND JUST PLAIN WRONG!!**

## WHAT DOES ALEC DO?

- **reinforce corporate power, benefiting the top 0.01% at the expense of the 99.99%**
- **push GUN USE:** in stand-your-ground shootings (remember Trayvon Martin?) and eased **concealed carry** laws.
- **Push for Racial Profiling:** mandated local law enforcement of federal immigration laws (remember SB1070?)
- **Increase Pollution:** by prohibiting disclosure of fracking chemicals, and declaring lack of benefit of reducing carbon emissions, and denying climate science.
- **Allow dangerous products:** by gutting product liability standards
- **Prison for Profit:** increase prison populations through three-strikes and similar laws.
- **Reduce Voting:** through voter-ID and other laws to limit democratic participation.
- **Block Minimum Wage Increases:** ALEC says higher wages actually hurts wage-earners.
- **Gut Union Power:** by making it hard to start and fund unions, or make them illegal.

## WHO IS ALEC?

Alumni of ALEC include Jan Brewer, Lindsay Graham, James Inhofe, Jesse Helms, Marco Rubio, Eric Cantor, Tom Ridge, Nikki Haley, and Scott Walker.

All but one of 104 leadership positions within the organization were filled by Republicans.

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