

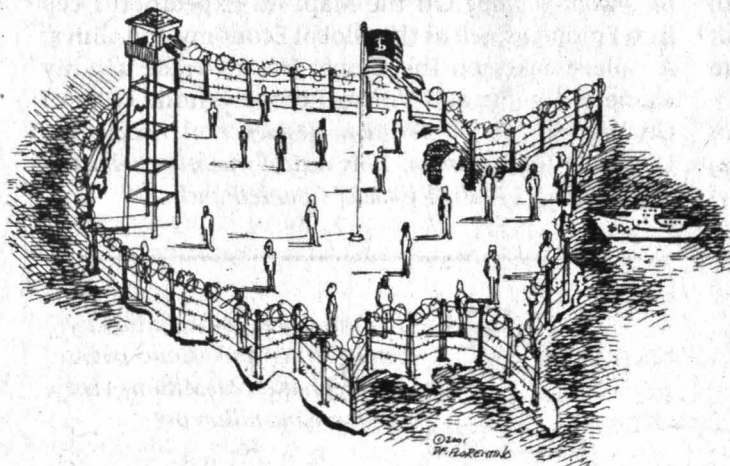
What is ALEC?

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They meet in secret. They write our laws. And they want us silent.

The American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) is a massive body that brings corporations and legislators together to draft "model" legislation. ALEC is a conservative think-tank run by right-wing politicians and corporate members from within big oil and gas, banking, pharmaceutical, private prison and deportation industries, amongst others.

For example, racist AZ Senator Russell Pearce and Corrections Corporation of America (CCA), the nation's largest private prison firm, have been members for years. With British Petroleum and the Koch brothers as some of their funders, ALEC finalized the model legislation which became, almost word for word, Arizona's SB1070. It's the latest in the historical pattern of colonization, slave codes, convict leasing, and the drug war, that creates crimes and therefore criminals, for profit.



ALEC has pushed for Three Strikes and Mandatory Minimum sentencing, as well as the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act (AETA, originally titled the Animal and Environmental Terrorism Act). In the Midwest, the attack on public servants had the same source. In Indiana, ALEC provided the text for a state resolution calling for an end to much federal environmental regulation. In Wisconsin its members were pushing for union-busting laws and in Ohio ALEC is promoting voter ID laws that will disproportionately disenfranchise students.

In 2009 alone, ALEC was behind over 800 laws written for state governments. More than 200 of ALEC's model

We're calling for four days of action...

here in occupied Onk Akimel O'odham lands, from November 29 to December 3, 2011, with an emphasis for action on November 30th (N30!).

We encourage a creative diversity of tactics on N30, the 12th anniversary of the Seattle uprising against the WTO. No matter the acronym, ALEC is no different than all the other gangs of businessmen, politicians, and bureaucrats that we've been resisting for over 500 years.

bills became actual laws throughout the country over the past year—Laws which are designed to create profit for corporations and politicians from the systematic destruction of the environment, the criminalization, incarceration and deportation of people, the separation of families and the division of indigenous communities.

ALEC thinks they're meeting in Scottsdale, AZ this November...

We're a group of people in occupied Indigenous lands, now called Arizona, who demand the end of SB1070 and 287g, the criminalization—and then the incarceration—of migrants, and the militarization of the border. We oppose private prisons, detention centers, and security companies, not simply because they are private, but because we are sickened by profiteering on human misery. ALEC desires "free markets" and "limited government," which means they use the state to support profit-making, the continuance of colonization, and neo-liberal policies (NAFTA, CANAMEX, etc.) that draw lines, make laws, build freeways and prisons to exploit labor and the earth. Whether maintained by the state or corporations, we're against all systems of control. We are for freedom of movement for all people and life.

In solidarity with everyone locked up and locked down in AZ, and all O'odham, Yaqui, Lipan Apache separated by the border, anyone dispossessed by the wealthy and powerful and all those fighting the earth-brutalizing capitalist machine...

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