



# ALLIANCE FOR DEMOCRACY

P. O. Box 540115  
Waltham, MA 02454-0115

Tel: 781-894-1179  
Email: [afd@thealliancefordemocracy.org](mailto:afd@thealliancefordemocracy.org)  
[www.thealliancefordemocracy.org](http://www.thealliancefordemocracy.org)

NON PROFIT ORG.  
US POSTAGE PAID  
PERMIT NO. 240  
BELLMAWR, NJ

## Why You Should Care

### Corporatist economic theory is destroying the planet

For two hundred years, corporatist economists have used false assumptions and blatant misstatements to convince the public that the corporate free-trade agenda is in tune with human nature and the laws of the universe. Meanwhile, they have implicitly accepted the reality of monopoly capitalism while deprecating government enterprise even though economic analysis consistently shows that government enterprise would be better for the public good. Neo-classical economics has failed and is ruining communities, the environment and life as we know it.

### The corporate economy enslaves people across the planet

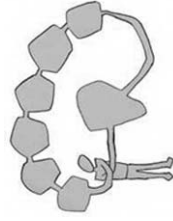
From the mines of Africa to the sweatshops of Asia, the Global Corporate Empire has unleashed an economy that enslaves workers or turns them into commodities, destroying communities across the planet as people are forced to flee their homelands in search of work wherever it is offered.

### Short-term corporate view depletes resources & natural systems

Resources are depleted and natural systems are compromised by an economy that worships the sanctity of the short-term, corporate bottom line and is blind to the impacts that will arise from resource depletion and natural system collapse.

### Asset owners grow richer and wage earners suffer

As corporate currency traders flood the world economy with cash, stockholders grow richer as asset prices rise, while workers grow poorer as wage rates stagnate or decline.



## What You Can Do

**Join the Solidarity Economy.** Be part of the transformation from the Extraction Economy to the Restoration Economy by working and trading within the solidarity economy that celebrates cooperation, democracy, equality, justice, ecological sustainability, community, and respect for diversity.

**Form a Community Land Trust.** Take land out of the speculative market by forming or supporting a community land trust in your community. Community land trusts keep housing affordable, guarantee that land is used for the public good and ensure that the value of land is secured as a community asset rather than as a private gain.

**Join or form a localization movement.** Support the localization of your economy. Go to [www.relocalization.net](http://www.relocalization.net) and see if there is a localization group in your community that you can become part of. If not, check out the resources at the Post Carbon Institute to start an economic localization group and do asset surveys of your community

**Create a broader understanding of restoration economics.** Break through the economic mythology that says that humans are selfish, resources are endless, land is inert and that people are commodities. Embrace the vision of a restoration economy that nurtures the environmental health of the earth and strengthens the social and economic fabric of our communities, producing healthy products, healthy people and a healthy planet.

**Moving from Corporate Extraction to the Grassroots Restoration Economy**