

Imagine if....

('The Great Turning', borrowed from Joanna Macy)

* We Change the Ground Rules

No more playing on a corporate playing field with corporate rules.

No more battling one corporate harm at a time.

We no longer allow corporations to operate if they cause significant harm to people and nature.

* We Learn Our History

Why is it illegal for our local communities to pass laws that protect us from corporate harms?

What can we learn from the American revolutionaries, the Abolitionists, the Suffragists, the Populists?

* We Define Ourselves

We are not merely consumers and workers. We are We the People. We are the sovereign people.

Corporations are not "good corporate citizens". They are merely private property - legal fictions - business structures - and we must define them in order to protect the health and welfare of our communities.

To do this, we must reclaim our language from corporate culture.

* We Govern Ourselves

Corporations have become a cancer on the body politic. They have to be removed from all political participation. No corporate money in politics. No lobbying. No corporate-sponsored "educating" of citizens.

We the People have an inherent right of self-governance.

* We Meet Our Collective Needs Democratically

We don't need Safeway Corp to feed us.

We don't need Fox Corp and MSNBC Corp to tell us the news.

We don't need Disney Corp to entertain us.

We can create democratically-accountable business structures to meet our needs.

* We Define Rather Than Regulate

The primary purpose of environmental regulations is to regulate environmentalists.

The primary purpose of labor regulations is to regulate workers.

Let's stop playing the regulatory law game, and instead start defining what we want and banning what we don't.

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