Shining a light on how graft and corruption are stealing our rights and destroying our democracy.

Offering solutions and tools towards system change.



WILPF US— Corporations v Democracy National Issue Committee

## Most Americans no longer recognize their nation.

Increasing poverty, income inequality, environmental de-regulation, predatory roll-backs of financial protections, and disturbing cuts to education, healthcare, mental healthcare, structural infrastructure are the symptoms. But the real cause is BIG MONEY influence that ruthlessly prioritizes PROFITS OVER PEOPLE.

The Corporations v Democracy Issue Committee initiated a study course that traced the history of corporate theft of individual Constitutional rights in the 1990s. In communities across America we made the term "Corporate Personhood" a household word and convinced thousands of Americans of the danger it presented. Despite our warnings, corporations realized a huge victory over democracy when the Supreme Court approved the Citizens United case in 2010. Subsequent rulings have only deepened the hole in which the most vulnerable Americans find themselves.

This year the Corporations V Democracy National Issue Committee is promoting outreach efforts and activist training to make our members more effective and our communities more capable of challenging the fascist takeover of our country.

## SCREWNOMICS: HOW THE ECONOMY WORKS AGAINST WOMEN

AND REAL WAYS TO MAKE LASTING CHANGE by Rickey Gard Diamond



We're encouraging our branches to use this book and its accompanying workbook to start local ECONO-GIRLFRIEND DISCUSSION CIRCLES that reach out well beyond our own members to the most financially disadvantaged women in their communities. Understanding the jargon and the 'good old boy tactics' that keep women unequal and financially screwed is the first step to understanding the way towards system change. WILPF is credited in the book and the role that banking, trade, and ruthless capitalism plays in keeping people poor once explained can suggest powerful solutions. We're stronger together.

Organizing around this book may help us unite and get more done by empowering one another.

**EDUCATE FOR ACTION** - Too many Americans have forgotten the historic lessons of money in politics. "Civics" and government is rarely taught. We're encouraging our members to use this curriculum aimed at children and adults in a community or classroom or online setting.





## **ORGANIZE FOR ACTION** - MOVEMENT SCHOOL

Working with our partners at Popular Resistance we'll be encouraging our members to enroll in this 8-week course on basic social movement theory including models of power, stages of

successful social movements, roles of individuals and organizations in social movements, overcoming obstacles and tools for developing strategy and choosing and evaluating tactics.

We continue to work with the WILPF US EARTH DEMOCRACY and DISARM National Issue Committees on the corporate impact on Climate Change, Violence and Conflict, Refugee Flight and Food Security issues. In the leadup to the 2020 Presidential Election we'll be developing candidate questions to make our peace, economic justice and environmental issues more visible.