

## **ALEC ~ Just Another Billionaire Conservative Power Group Manipulating America**

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Like the Council for National Policy, the CATO Institute, the Heritage Foundation, Americans for Prosperity, American Crossroads and so many, many more – this week's article by Susan Cardoza is about the American Legislative Council or ALEC. A group that wields great power, wealth and consequent influence in shaping and molding legislation seemingly from behind the scenes that directly impact our lives while driving an uber-conservative agenda that advances theocratic and plutocratic goals.

ALEC 101

If you were to go to the website Alec.org, you would find a benign site that tells you how the group American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) was founded to "advance the Jeffersonian principles of free markets, limited government, federalism, and individual liberty". They will tell you they do this through a "nonpartisan public-private partnership of America's state legislators, members of the private sector, the federal government, and general public". Then they further tell you they are doing this for us by "developing policies that ensure the powers of government are derived from, and assigned to, first the People, then the States, and finally, the Federal Government". Further they will do this by "enlisting state legislators from all parties and members of the private sector who share ALEC's mission".

But wait, I thought this was for we the people but now they tell us only "we the people" who agree with their mission? I wonder what else they are going to do for we the people? Well, they tell us in a further statement: They will "conduct a policy making program that unites members of the public and private sectors in a dynamic partnership to support research, policy development, and dissemination activities". And according to them, if we trust them, "they will prepare the next generation of political leadership through educational programs that promote the principles of Jeffersonian democracy, which are necessary for a free society".

Well that sure sounds like a great organization and I am sure that little part about agreeing with their mission is just an oversight, right? I suppose if you were to peruse their site and not dig any further, you could walk away with that impression. The problem comes into play if you do dig further because what you will find out is that ultimately ALEC is looking after Corporations and not we the people, in any respect. They dress it up to lull the public while in the background they work to ensure legislation is geared toward the benefit of Corporations alone. We may realize some crumbs they deign to throw at us, but make no mistake they are in it to win it

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