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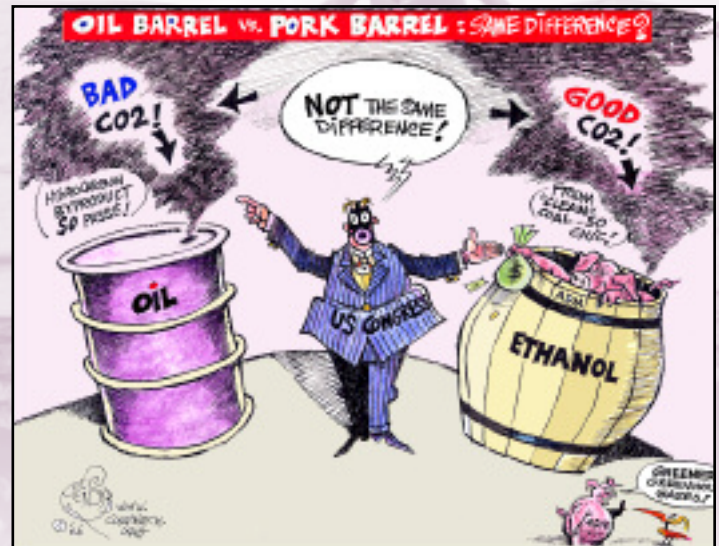
Dear CorpWatch Supporter,

Promoters of globalization claim that a rising tide lifts all boats. When borders are open for trade, more jobs will be created, wages will rise and everybody will benefit. Unfortunately reality is more complex, of course, and at CorpWatch we wield the mighty pen to report on and to satire how corporate-led globalization has affected some of the most vulnerable populations around the world—as well as the average person.

In 2006, we reported on how workers from India and the Philippines have been trafficked to the war zones of Iraq, and on Vietnamese workers brought to work in the agricultural heartland of the United States. All of them followed the dream of economic globalization and an age-old tradition of seeking one's fortune abroad. What we continue to uncover is that the companies that hired them almost always profited handsomely, but the workers rarely did. We're opposed to this kind of globalization where profits simply trickle up to an über-wealthy few.

It is the same on the environmental front: ever-more powerful industries seek to harness globalization for greater wealth at the expense of the planet's health. For example, last year we laid bare the industry claim that corn-based ethanol is a green fuel that will combat global warming (in fact, the energy inputs to grow and harvest the corn crops and deliver the ethanol to pump render its benefits, aside to those benefitting from massive subsidies, essentially null), and how lobbyists in Brussels are seeking to weaken progressive precautionary principle laws governing the European chemical industry, claiming that stronger regulation would throw millions out of work. Millions are already out of work, here in the United States, and in Europe, and across the globe, often as a result of corporate-led globalization.

Here at CorpWatch, we are in favor of people-led globalization. We're in favor of people crossing borders and trading across them, if it benefits all concerned. We're also in favor of cross-border organizing against corpora-



tions that exploit globalization. Thus last year we reported on the successful struggles of fisherfolk on the island of Trinidad against a U.S.-built aluminum smelter, the ongoing struggles of Uruguayans against polluting Finnish pulp plants and tribal people in India fighting the Tata Corporation's plans to build a steel plant on ancestral lands in Orissa.

This is just a snapshot of some of the investigative feature articles we ran in 2006. We also worked on several booklet and film projects around corporate malfeasance that are detailed in this annual report. We did this with the help of your generous support and for that we thank you deeply. Your contributions allow us to investigate and to make these articles and our extensive online research archives available to the public free-of-charge in order to further the struggle for environmental and social justice for all.

Pratap Chatterjee, Program Director/Managing Editor

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**MISSION:** Established in 1996, CorpWatch, an independent media organization, supports movements for human rights, environmental justice and democracy around the world. We expose corporate abuse, fraud and corruption through investigative journalism, public education and alliance building.

# PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

## Investigative Reporting

CorpWatch published 21 original investigative articles during 2006 on [www.corpwatch.org](http://www.corpwatch.org) and [www.warprofiteers.com](http://www.warprofiteers.com), digging out the story on corporate abuse of environmental, human and indigenous rights around the world. CorpWatch also released three special reports in 2006. All were launched with press conferences and significant activist and Congressional outreach, and were made available free-of-charge on our website for maximum public distribution.

### Afghanistan, Inc.

This report by Afghan-American journalist Fariba Nawa was released in the United States in English, as well as in Dari and Pashto in Kabul, Afghanistan. It documents the utter failure of companies like Louis Berger to properly use U.S. taxpayer dollars to fix clinics and roads for poor communities in Afghanistan.



### Hurricane Halliburton

Released to coincide with Halliburton's annual meeting in mid-May 2006, this report was a collaboration between CorpWatch and Asociación Civil Labor (Peru), Environmental Rights Action (Nigeria), Friends of the Earth International, Halliburton Watch and Oil & Gas Accountability Project. Press conferences were held in both Houston, Texas, near headquarters, and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, near the company annual meeting.

### Big, Easy Money: Disaster Profiteering on the American Gulf Coast

This investigative exposé by New York journalist Rita J. King examines the federal contracting system in relation to post Hurricane Katrina reconstruction. This system has allowed unconscionable disaster profiteering by many of the same contractors that have so tragically failed the populations of Afghanistan and Iraq such as Blackwater, DynCorp and Halliburton.



## The CorpWatch Team

Pratap Chatterjee, executive director; Erica Marcus, associate director; Brooke Biggs, editor; and Sakura Saunders, administrative coordinator. We also thank our numerous and invaluable free-lancers, consultants and volunteers, including Khalil Bendib, resident political cartoonist; Fariba Nawa, Afghanistan correspondent; Rita J. King, Katrina correspondent; David Phinney, military correspondent; Terry Allen, features editor; Margot Brennan and David Taylor, web consultants; Nadia Khastagir and Innosanto Nagara, graphic designers; the team at Inkworks Press, printing; Tonya Hennessey, development support; and Yvette Diaz, our Tides Project Services Coordinator. A special shout out goes to our fantastic interns and volunteers: Jamie Cao, Hannah Dobbs, Kristina Kim and David Morley III.

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\* CorpWatch is a project of the Tides Center.

## Supporting Films on War Profiteering

Robert Greenwald of Brave New Films tapped CorpWatch executive director Pratap Chatterjee extensively for the film *Iraq for Sale*, a full-length documentary on the abuses of companies like Blackwater, CACI, Halliburton and Titan. The film has been shown at thousands of screenings around the United States, and was reviewed positively in most mainstream newspapers from the *New York Times* to the *Washington Post*.

CorpWatch also supported the release of Nick Bicanic's *Shadow Company*, a film about the ethical implications of a privatized military in countries from Equatorial Guinea to Sierra Leone. CorpWatch was invited to speak at the Congressional release on Capitol Hill in Washington DC, as well as at releases in Los Angeles and San Francisco.

Finally, CorpWatch also helped Lee Wang produce a film about Asian labor trafficked to Iraq, titled *Someone Else's War*. It is due for release in 2008, so stay tuned!



## Whistleblower Testimony at Congressional Hearings

To date CorpWatch has helped arrange whistleblower witnesses to four Congressional hearings, ranging from Iraqi doctors to retired U.S. generals. We expect to increase these activities with the new Congress, on issues ranging from reconstruction to the corporatization of intelligence. We also effectively channel these contacts to other activists, the media and the general public.

## New Projects

CorpWatch undertook a major new report, *Baghdad Bonanza*, commissioned by the Open Society Institute's Revenue Watch, due out in summer 2007. The book-length report is an in-depth examination of how Iraq's oil money has been spent and the success/failure of reconstruction in Iraq. It covers every principal sector of essential services from water delivery and health care to the training of the army and police.

CorpWatch is also working hard on a new project, a Wiki website to expose corporate wrong-doing by harnessing community activists and citizen journalists in collaboration with Focus on the Global South in Mumbai and the University of California-Berkeley Environmental Studies Department. Watch this space!

## MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

"Afghanistan, Inc." garnered media interest ranging from *BBC Persian*, *Democracy Now!* and *Der Spiegel*, to NPR's *Morning Edition* and the local *Bergen Record* in New Jersey—hometown of Louis Berger.

"Hurricane Halliburton" was covered in both cities' major newspapers (the *Daily Oklahoman* and the *Houston Chronicle*) as well as numerous local and national media outlets, putting Halliburton on the spot over its impact in Iraq, Nigeria and Peru.

"Big, Easy Money: Disaster Profiteering on the American Gulf Coast" was covered by media ranging from the *Christian Science Monitor*, London's *Independent* and the New Orleans *Times-Picayune* to *CNN International* and *Marketplace*.

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*Our heartfelt thanks to the many people and foundations who made CorpWatch's work possible in 2006, and to the many courageous communities and advocates fighting corporate malfeasance around the world!*

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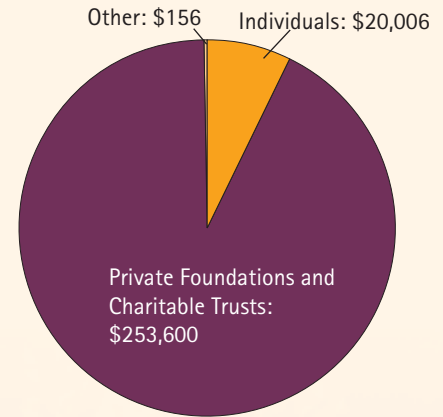
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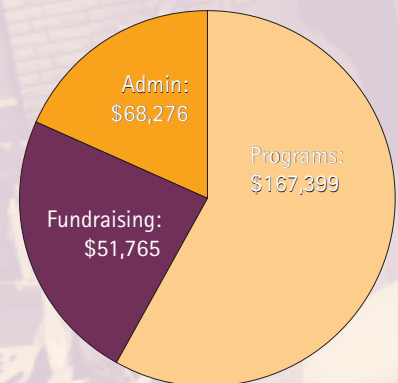
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Individuals: \$20,006  
 Private Foundations and Charitable Trusts: \$253,600  
 Other: \$156  
**Total: \$273,762**



## Expenses:

Programs: \$167,399  
 Administration: \$68,276  
 Fundraising: \$51,765  
**Total: \$287,400**