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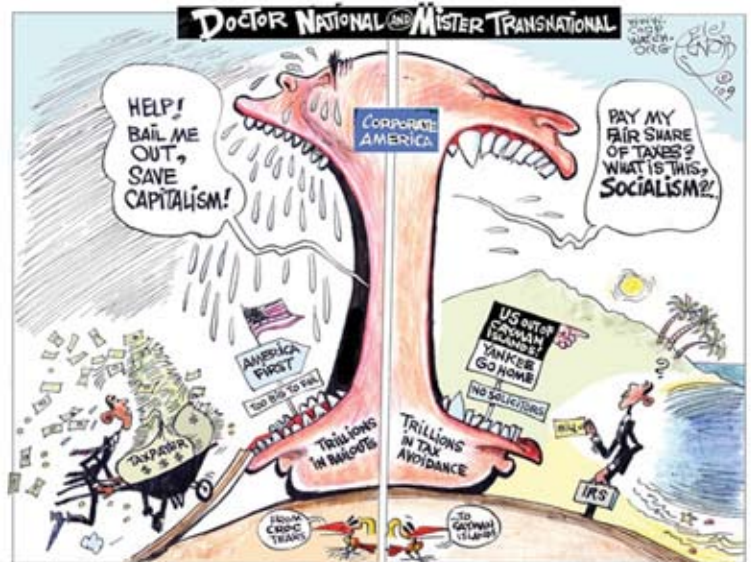
Dear CorpWatch Supporter

On September 17, 2011, a small group of activists took over Zucotti Park in New York's financial district in response to a call from Adbusters magazine to "Occupy Wall Street." The activists were following in the footsteps of "Los Indignados" (the "Outraged") protestors in Spain who took over the Puerta del Sol square in Madrid on May 15, 2011. The activists demanded that the government respond to the economic crisis by reigning in private capital.

This movement has spread like wildfire across the world, with hundreds of Occupations taking place from small towns in West Virginia to countries as far flung as Colombia and Mongolia. In their own unique and diverse ways, each of these groups have made the connection between the economic crisis and unfettered corporate power by organizing sit-ins at banks and rallies outside stock exchanges.

This is the story that CorpWatch activists and writers have told for the last 16 years, beginning in 1996. From every corner of the world we have reported on how multinational companies have pitted nations against each other in a race to the bottom for workers salaries, with no regard for environmental and human rights.

Today, the gap between wealthy corporations and the 99 percent could not be more stark: the 2011 Fortune list of the 500 biggest companies in the world lists 51 companies that sold over \$100 billion worth of goods a year and 38 that made profits in excess of \$10 billion a year. By comparison,



the International Monetary Fund listed 62 countries with economies below \$10 billion dollars in annual income in 2010. Some 2.5 billion people live on less than \$2 a day.

Our mission is to track these global multinationals wherever they go, to make sure that they are challenged and held accountable by civil society for all their abuses. In these pages, we report back to you - our supporters - on what we have done in the last two years. We invite you to join us on our website at <http://www.corpwatch.org>, to check out our new daily blog and our regular feature length investigations on corporate malfeasance.

In solidarity,
Pratap Chatterjee,
Program Director/Managing Editor

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

War Profiteering

CorpWatch kicked off our pioneering and in-depth research into the companies that profit out of war with the publication of “Halliburton’s Army” from Nation Books.

In Afghanistan, we reported on Mission Essential Personnel, the Ohio company that has been hiring thousands of local translators, whose families are often forgotten when they are injured or killed.

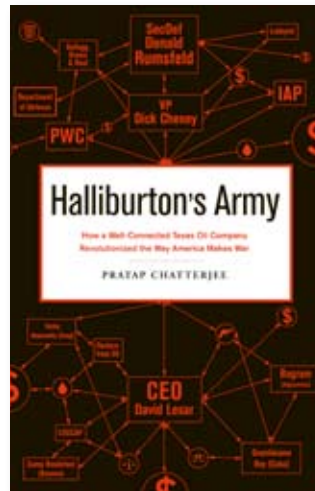
We reported on failures of DynCorp from Virginia which supplies police trainers to Afghanistan; and on Black & Veatch from Kansas who profited hugely out of a diesel power plant just outside Kabul that cost three times more than it should and was barely used.

The burgeoning spy business, worth over \$5 billion a year, was the subject of our new database by Tim Shorrock titled “Spies for Hire” (after his book of the same name). We also worked with the Bureau of Investigative Journalism and Wikileaks in the UK to shine a spotlight on the surveillance industry. This includes companies like ipoque from Germany and Qosmos from France that can monitor email traffic and block specific users such as dissidents; and VASTech from South Africa that sells products that gives governments the ability to compress and store billions of megabytes of information and phone calls for future analysis.

“Some of the most tyrannical regimes in the world are buying the power to monitor the behavior and communications of every single citizen -- and the technology is so effective that they are able to accomplish this with minimal manpower,” Eric King of Privacy International told us.

Extreme Energy

CorpWatch is investigating the companies that have a direct impact on climate change, notably those in the field of so-called “extreme energy” such as tar sands extraction, mountain top removal and hydraulic fracking of natural gas deposits.



“(S)obering and incisive ... (f) or military officers and American citizens alike, (this) expose describes the sordid side of the transformation forced on the defense establishment by the administration of George W. Bush”

—Lieutenant Colonel Prisco R. Hernández, “Military Review” (The Professional Journal of the U.S. Army) Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

With the generous support of a grant from the Threshold Foundation, we commissioned Geoff Dembicki, a reporter from Alberta, to investigate the Keystone tar sands pipeline from Canada to the U.S. He traveled to South Dakota and Washington states to report on the indigenous opposition to the pipeline as well as the refineries that are expected to receive the crude oil. Geoff also traveled to Washington DC to report on the U.S. lobbyists and we expect to send him to Brussels in May 2012 to report on European lobbyists.

Further Investigative Reporting

In 2010 and 2011, CorpWatch commissioned dozens of investigations into corporate malfeasance around the world. In Namibia, Moses Magadza reported on Ramatex of Malaysia’s textile and garment factory, which polluted the water around Windhoek. In India, Moushumi Basu reported on the impact of the Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL) on indigenous tribal communities in Jharkand state, while Michael Deibert reported on the impact of Xstrata of Switzerland’s zinc mining on aboriginal communities in Australia’s Northern Territories.

Erin Rosa reported on the GEO Group, a private prison company paid millions by the U.S. government, despite being accused of negligence, civil rights violations, abuse and even being complicit in the death of inmates. On the other side of the world, Patrick O’Keeffe reported on Serco, a UK company, that manages the Christmas Island Immigration Detention Centre in Australia. There, thousands of asylum seekers suffer serious mental health problems that union organizers say are a result of poor training and understaffing.

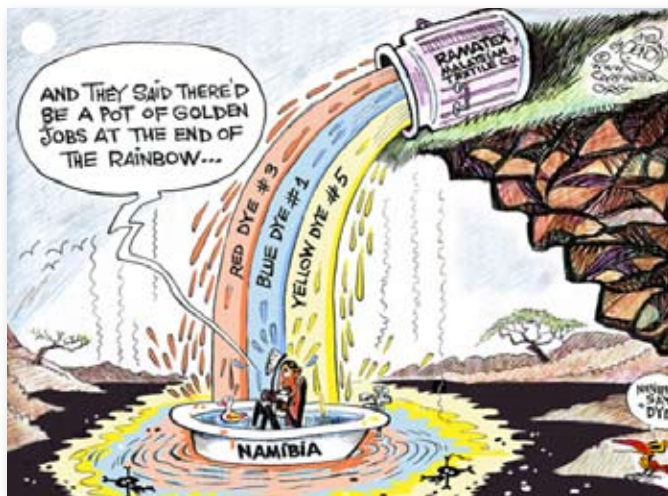
In Mexico, Kent Paterson reported on how Citigroup-owned Banamex gets away with charging credit account-holders usurious interest rates of up to 100 percent, while making nearly \$1 billion in profit. In Colombia, Jonathan Luna reported on how energy company Emgesa is damming the Magdalena River and wiping out farmland and riparian forests.

“If the dust finally does settle over Iraq, while moving onto Afghanistan, the new secretary of state may well find many more questions to ask about the company’s conduct in recent years. Anyone reading this important book will be demanding answers too.”

—Anthony Holden, *The Daily Telegraph (UK)*

Crocodyl

Crocodyl, our collection of information-rich profiles of the giant corporations in the public spotlight, has been expanded to over 200 profiles. This includes companies



profiting out of tar sands production in Canada such as Enbridge, Suncor Energy and Syncrude Canada. In 2010, for instance, we put up extensive profiles of British Petroleum during the Gulf of Mexico oil spill; Massey Energy of Virginia during the coal mining disaster; and Toyota of Japan during the uproar over accidental acceleration of its cars. We plan to relaunch it as the CorpWatch Index in coming months, so stay tuned!

Media & Outreach

Corpwatch was featured in dozens of media outlets around the world – from interviews on Al Jazeera TV to radio stations in South Africa; in newspapers from the New York Times to El Mostrador in Chile. We were invited to testify in the U.S. Congress before the Commission on Wartime Contracting on May 2, 2011 as well as the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights at an expert panel of the Working Group on the use of Mercenaries on July 7, 2011.



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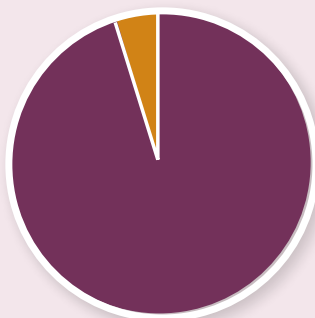
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INCOME

- Individuals: \$ 10,624
- Private Foundations and Charitable Trusts: \$229,480

Total: \$240,104



EXPENSES

- Programs: \$ 104,015
- Administration: \$ 45,629
- 2009 Obligations: \$36,178
- Fundraising: \$ 20,555

Total: \$ 206,377



These numbers reflect income and expenses between January 1, 2010 and December 1, 2011.