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# POCLAD

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## Program on Corporations, Law & Democracy

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### Democracy Insurgency Curriculum

#### Resources

##### [Gaveling Down the Rabble](#)

##### [How "Free Trade" Is Stealing Our Democracy](#)

In *Gaveling Down the Rabble*, author/activist Jane Anne Morris explores a .century and a half of efforts by corporations and the courts to undermine local democracy in the United States by using a "free trade" model. It was that very nineteenth-century model that was later adopted globally by corporations to subvert local attempts at protecting the environment and citizen and worker health. **\$15.00**

##### [The Rule of Property](#)

In *The Rule of Property*, Karen Coulter offers a groundbreaking new perspective on the rise of private property over the public domain by linking two popular streams of thought: the legal history of the rise of corporate power developed by POCLAD (Program on Corporations, Law and Democracy) together with the new thinking about corporate encroachment on the ecological and social commons. Coulter, a member of POCLAD, is also a forest activist who watchdogs public lands against corporate theft. **\$5.00**

##### [War and Peace and Democracy](#)

Four essays that ask: why again? And where goes the peace movement after Iraq? Of all the possible responses to the attacks of September 11, why did the U.S. government choose war? What can a reactivated peace movement learn from the Iraq war and from 20th Century social movement history to prepare us to do more than react to the demands of empire? In other words: how can we fundamentally challenge the power of corporations to turn our government against us and march another generation off to war? **\$3.00**

##### [Taking Care of Business](#)

##### [Citizenship and the charter of incorporation](#)

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### **Past, present and future**

Your union local or activist community group is doing good work against one corporate assault after another. But your successes aren't making the next campaigns easier. Or challenging public officials who enable corporate usurpations. You're itching to take action. Whether your passion is organizing unions, ending clear cutting, stopping genetic engineering or nurturing sane industrial transitions, this booklet is for you. Learn how to leave your favorite regulatory agency in the dust; contest corporate denial of people's self-governing authority; reframe single issues as struggles for constitutional rights. **\$5.00**

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