

Sources for Richard Moser's presentation on Corporate Power and the Constitution.

They say to us that we must be concerned not merely about who murdered them, but about the system, the way of life, the philosophy which produced the murderers.— Martin Luther King's "Eulogy For the Martyred Children"

1. A good short review of the judicial roots of corporate personhood  
<https://www.brennancenter.org/our-work/analysis-opinion/history-corporate->



[personhood](#)

2. Eisenhower on Military Industrial Complex
3. Revolving Door between Military and Industry

<https://www.govexec.com/management/2018/11/latest-count-revolving-door-defense-contractors-names-names/152836/>

4. The Princeton Study on Democracy

<https://www.bbc.com/news/blogs-echochambers-27074746>

5. IMF study on Fossil Fuel subsidies.

<https://www.imf.org/en/Publications/WP/Issues/2019/05/02/Global-Fossil-Fuel-Subsidies-Remain-Large-An-Update-Based-on-Country-Level-Estimates-46509>

A more readable account of Fossil Fuel subsidies.

<https://www.rollingstone.com/politics/politics-news/fossil-fuel-subsidies-pentagon-spending-imf-report-833035/>.

## The Great Prosperity: 1947-79

### Pay Rose With Productivity ...

Wages and overall compensation, for production and non-supervisory workers (now about 82 percent of the private sector work force), tracked steadily upward alongside gains in productivity.

The rising value of goods and services per worker meant rising pay. But that relationship ended in the 1970s.

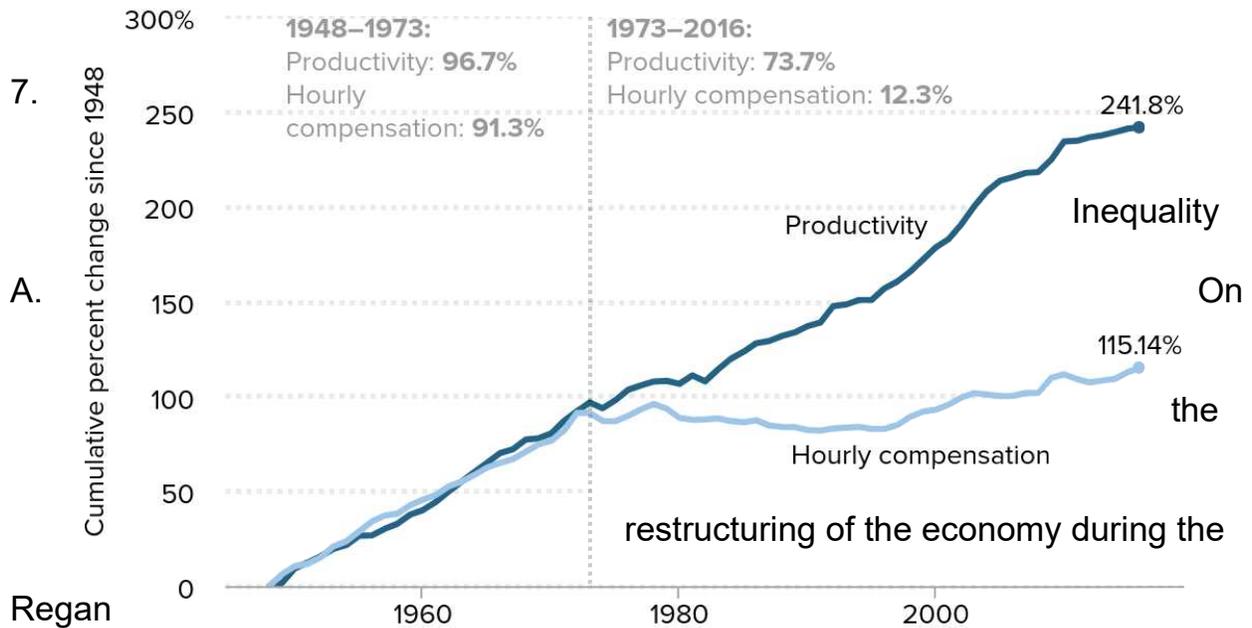


Source: Robert Reich. New York Times. 9/4/2011

## 6. Charts on wages and productivity

### The gap between productivity and a typical worker's compensation has increased dramatically since 1973

Productivity growth and hourly compensation growth, 1948–2016



**Notes:** Data are for compensation (wages and benefits) of production/nonsupervisory workers in the private sector and net productivity of the total economy. “Net productivity” is the growth of output of goods and services less depreciation per hour worked.

**Source:** EPI analysis of unpublished Total Economy Productivity data from Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) Labor Productivity and Costs program and of wage data from the BLS Current Employment Statistics, BLS Employment Cost Trends, BLS Consumer Price Index, and Bureau of Economic Analysis National Income and Product Accounts

Updated from Figure A in *Raising America's Pay: Why It's Our Central Economic Policy Challenge*

years. Kevin Phillips, *The Politics of Rich and Poor: Wealth and Electorate in the Reagan Aftermath* (1990)

B. Article on RAND study about wealth redistribution.

<https://time.com/5888024/50-trillion-income-inequality-america/?fbclid=IwAR2JgzeYQI8Q2i5LdFrsVHtjExjN-D3JKaXWfJwqox6jtKLlatLmeUNAQS8>

C. On corporate tax shelters hiding \$21 trillion:

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/frederickallen/2012/07/23/super-rich-hide-21-trillion-offshore-study-says/?sh=3610cfe46ba6>

D. Economist Richard Wolff. <https://www.counterpunch.org/2021/01/29/the-u-s-economy-excels-at-one-thing-producing-massive-inequality/>

E. Research on inequality over centuries. <https://phys.org/news/2017-11-roots-inequality-millennia.html>

F. No society with this level of inequality can rebalance outside of major turmoil. *The Great Leveler* by Walter Scheidel  
<https://press.princeton.edu/books/paperback/9780691183251/the-great-leveler>

G. In many ways Piketty's work *Capital in the 21st century* is the anchor because it provides a wealth of evidence that the primary product of modern corporation is inequality. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Capital\\_in\\_the\\_Twenty-First\\_Century](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Capital_in_the_Twenty-First_Century)

H. A weakening of the social bonds leads to "diseases of despair"  
<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/the-right-mindset/202011/diseases-despair-have-soared-in-the-united-states>

## 8. Citizens United

A. President Carter's comments on Citizen's United  
<https://www.theguardian.com/us-news/2016/feb/03/carter-says-campaign-finance-2010-citizens-united-ruling-legalised-bribery>

B. [https://www.huffpost.com/entry/jimmy-carter-is-correct-t\\_b\\_7922788](https://www.huffpost.com/entry/jimmy-carter-is-correct-t_b_7922788)

C. [Justice Steven's dissenting opinion](#) in "Citizens United" argued:  
*"The Court's...approach to the First Amendment may well promote corporate power at the cost of the individual and collective self-expression the Amendment was meant to serve. It will undoubtedly cripple the ability of ordinary citizens,*

*Congress, and the States to adopt even limited measures to protect against corporate domination of the electoral process.”*

## 9. The Merger of Corporation and State

A. Moser on Corporate Power and Democracy.

<https://befreedom.co/2017/12/06/how-corporate-power-killed-democracy/>

B. Nomi Prins on the alliance between Presidents and Bankers

<https://www.powells.com/book/all-the-presidents-bankers-the-hidden-alliances-that-have-transformed-america-9781568587493>

Nomi's website:

<https://nomiprins.com/about-nomi-prins/>

Prins on Dodd-Frank Bill

The bill was riddled with holes punched out by bank lobbyists with Washington connections: forty-seven of fifty Goldman Sachs lobbyists had previously held government jobs (or were “revolvers”). In addition forty-two of forty-six JPMorgan Chase lobbyists in 2010 were revolvers, as were thirty-five of Citigroup's forty-six. President Obama signed the bill into law on July 21, 2010. Prins 415

*[T]he federal government and Fed response to the third world debt crisis, S&L bailout, and 1987 stock market crash was to subsidize the banking system with federal and multinational money. The bankers had succeeded in pushing the presidency to back losses....**They had succeeding in privatizing their profits and socializing the costs of failure. This fiscal policy had officially become US domestic and foreign policy.*** Prins, 356

C. Well researched review of CARES Act

<https://newleftreview.org/issues/ii123/articles/robert-brenner-escalating-plunder>

D. US directly buying Corporate Bonds (debt)

<https://www.investopedia.com/fed-kicks-off-unprecedented-corporate-bond-buying-program-4844639>

E. Yellen has floated the idea of purchasing Stocks directly.

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-usa-fed-yellen-purchases-idUSKCN11Z2WI>

## F. Lawmakers reintroduce amendment on Citizens United

[https://www.commondreams.org/news/2021/01/21/big-deal-lawmakers-reintroduce-constitutional-amendment-overturn-citizens-united?utm\\_campaign=shareaholic&utm\\_medium=Social&utm\\_source=facebook&fbclid=IwAR1LKSCUxNSkdXxdK3e8FkCmMZtDTq2T5qqtkntirZa3mGUsGhBITRXK2](https://www.commondreams.org/news/2021/01/21/big-deal-lawmakers-reintroduce-constitutional-amendment-overturn-citizens-united?utm_campaign=shareaholic&utm_medium=Social&utm_source=facebook&fbclid=IwAR1LKSCUxNSkdXxdK3e8FkCmMZtDTq2T5qqtkntirZa3mGUsGhBITRXK2)

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## 10. Media and Big Tech

### A. Google's reliance on Government Grants

[https://qz.com/1145669/googles-true-origin-partly-lies-in-cia-and-nsa-research-grants-for-mass-surveillance/?fbclid=IwAR2IzyJymManT5\\_nSnYENtLf1xFzeAS9RfgDqyq5yV5L8A5o5qghV3FZ5Ls](https://qz.com/1145669/googles-true-origin-partly-lies-in-cia-and-nsa-research-grants-for-mass-surveillance/?fbclid=IwAR2IzyJymManT5_nSnYENtLf1xFzeAS9RfgDqyq5yV5L8A5o5qghV3FZ5Ls)

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B. <https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2019/04/02/cia-long-relied-exclusively-amazon-its-cloud-computing-now-it-is-seeking-multiple-providers-massive-new-contract/>

C. <https://www.businessinsider.com/tech-companies-dont-want-violence-stop-partnering-cia-us-military-2021-1?fbclid=IwAR1WPZf8iLvkszUnKr6pu2wY0uVh8pYsCUwkbdeKQnW3q4gSUKowsfGFkj4>

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Thousands of contracts between Big Tech and Government



<https://www.nbcnews.com/tech/tech-news/thousands-contracts-highlight-quiet-ties-between-big-tech-u-s-n1233171>

D. City and States subsidies to Big Tech:

<https://www.theguardian.com/cities/2018/jul/02/us-cities-and-states-give-big-tech-93bn-in-subsidies-in-five-years-tax-breaks>

E. On Media consolidation following 1996 Telecommunications Act —Bill Moyers

<https://billmoyers.com/story/media-consolidation-should-anyone-care/>

F. On monetizing Trump.

<https://theintercept.com/2016/02/29/cbs-donald-trump/>.

G. Matt Taibbi's book *Hate Inc.* Here is a review:

<https://www.kirkusreviews.com/book-reviews/matt-taibbi/hate-inc/>

D. Video of Taibbi

11. Election Integrity. Obvious that the Electoral college was an opening for so much trouble.

A.

[https://www.salon.com/2016/04/15/america\\_is\\_no\\_model\\_democracy\\_u\\_s\\_elections\\_rank\\_worst\\_among\\_western\\_states\\_partner/](https://www.salon.com/2016/04/15/america_is_no_model_democracy_u_s_elections_rank_worst_among_western_states_partner/)

B. <https://www.electoralintegrityproject.com>

C. <https://www.cornellpress.cornell.edu/book/9781501713408/why-american-elections-are-flawed-and-how-to-fix-them/#bookTabs=1>

D. The 2012 Presidential election and the 2014 Congressional elections in the United States also suffered from several problems, so that the US PEI score was rated the lowest of any long-established democracy. P10

[https://dash.harvard.edu/bitstream/handle/1/27030113/The\\_Year\\_in\\_Elections\\_2015\\_pages.compressed.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y](https://dash.harvard.edu/bitstream/handle/1/27030113/The_Year_in_Elections_2015_pages.compressed.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y)

E. A study from the Harvard Business School evaluating the electoral system and parties as corporations.

<https://www.hbs.edu/news/releases/Pages/why-competition-us-politics-industry-failing.aspx>

January 6 and the current crisis

<https://befreedom.co/2021/01/28/january-6th-cops-vigilantes-and-the-ruling-class/>

<https://www.themarshallproject.org/2021/01/08/a-civilian-s-guide-to-insurrection-legalese>



LWV on presidential debates.

[https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2021/02/the-capitol-rioters-arent-like-other-extremists/617895/?fbclid=IwAR3gN1Kfm6YHk\\_jB2frFKFaGtwkDH7WelfgN67K-Nlda4HSZOyScrdq4894](https://www.theatlantic.com/ideas/archive/2021/02/the-capitol-rioters-arent-like-other-extremists/617895/?fbclid=IwAR3gN1Kfm6YHk_jB2frFKFaGtwkDH7WelfgN67K-Nlda4HSZOyScrdq4894)