



THE SUPREME COURT: CORPORATE AMERICA'S NEWEST SUBSIDIARY?

The United States Supreme Court was founded to protect the American people, not American big business.

Yet recent rulings have allowed corporations to get away with paying women less than men, discriminating against the rights of older workers, dodging liability for faulty medical devices, ducking the Clean Water Act and avoid paying damages for the Exxon Valdez oil spill.

Most alarmingly, the Court has also just declared that corporations have the same rights as people, with unlimited rights to pour money into electing corporate candidates who will protect their interests.

Senator Charles Schumer declared of this ruling, "The bottom line is, the Supreme Court has just predetermined the winners of next November's election. It won't be the Republicans or the Democrats and it won't be the American people: it will be Corporate America."

A Supreme Court designed to protect our citizens has instead expanded the rights of powerful companies, working through the radical right majority led by Justices Roberts and Alito.

So much is at stake. A recent poll shows that the majority of Americans believe that this Supreme Court favors big corporations over individuals. The Court will soon rule on consumer rights in bankruptcy, workplace protection against discrimination, the new health care law and a copyright rule that could dramatically increase consumer prices. Justice Stevens was a staunch advocate for the rights of ordinary Americans, and his replacement must be too.

Americans need a Justice who will dispense justice to Americans, not protect corporate profits at our expense.



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