

Trojan Horse: The Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) Has Already Bought Off Washington

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Although the House of Representatives voted down legislation to "fast-track" trade deals through Congress – it appears the TPP may have already secured its future with millions in donations made to US Senators since the start of the year...

The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) trade deal negotiations hit the mainstream over the past month with a <u>US Senate approval</u> of the controversial trade bill in late May.

As Washington leaders continue their show trial-like debate over the TPP, with the House voting against fast-tracking trade authority, the *Washington Post* disclosed that there's already a '<u>planned do-over vote</u>' slated for next week.

The TPP trade deal is something we've covered extensively at <u>21WIRE over the past two</u> <u>years</u>, as international trade law for new trade treaties appear to be a way for private corporations to<u>exempt themselves from the laws of sovereign nations</u> under the guise of a so-called free-trade agreement.

As global policy makers continue to merge with the interests of multinational or transnational corporations to achieve their goals, we could view the TTP or the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) as having zero national loyalty to any existing nation state or its set of laws.

There have also been many concerned over deals of this kind, as they could be seen as a way to gain a foothold on 'property rights' in the future, in addition to having <u>lasting</u> <u>implications on intellectual property</u>.

As we've outlined here before at 21WIRE in an article I wrote entitled, "<u>TPP: Hollywood, Big</u> <u>Pharma and Global Think-Tanks 'Merge' in Trade Takeover</u>," a clearer picture emerges, revealing the power-play at work concerning the secretive trade deal:

United States Trade Representative, also known as USTR, is unmistakably involved with private industry and a part of a large effort looking to expand the intellectual property of copyright and patent holders through the Trans Pacific Partnership trade deal that is currently in negotiation with 11 other Pacific Rim nations. The TPP deal is said to have harsh regulatory laws on the books for those within the trade act as well as those on the outside of it.

Understanding the power structure behind these draconian trade deals reveals the global chess play at work and the behind-the-scenes corporate merger's, under the watch of a biased government entity, the USTR. The USTR has been doing heavy lifting through its corporate connections with the likes of Haliburton (ESG and KBR) and Monsanto Corp, and 'political insider' ties for a massive trade deal that will consolidate our future – all done outside of the democratic process.

Most of the internet regulation SOPA bill has actually been successfully hidden within the TPP, which means that all the public protesting against it in previous years is being circumvented by corporate interests in the end – all your rights will be signed away by a collusion of both the right and left political spectrum, behind the backs of Americans. The scale of this crime is almost incomprehensible.

The well-known analyst and economist, Dr. Paul Craig Roberts, recently expressed his thoughts concerning the TPP in an article entitled "<u>Rule By The Corporations</u>":

"The corporations have bribed the political leaders in every country to sign away their sovereignty and the general welfare of their people to private corporations. Corporations have paid US senators large sums for transferring Congress' law-making powers to corporations."

In a <u>recent article by the *Guardian*</u> from late May, the findings of Dr. Roberts (above) are confirmed:

"Using data from the Federal Election Commission, <u>this chart</u> shows all donations that corporate members of the <u>US Business Coalition for TPP</u> made to US Senate campaigns between January and March 2015, when fast-tracking the TPP was being debated in the Senate:

Out of the total \$1,148,971 given, an average of \$17,676.48 was donated to each of the 65 "yea" votes.

The average Republican member received \$19,673.28 from corporate TPP supporters.

The average Democrat received \$9,689.23 from those same donors.

The amounts given rise dramatically when looking at how much each senator running for re-election received."

Below is a recent YouTube video from StormCloudsGathering, discussing the extrajudicial trade tribunals linked to the TPP, which could nullify or override laws in other countries *–posing a grave threat to national sovereignty…*

If history is a lesson, the recent House vote is pure political theater, as there is no real opposition to the much debated TPP trade deal – *something which has been shrouded in secrecy since its inception.*

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