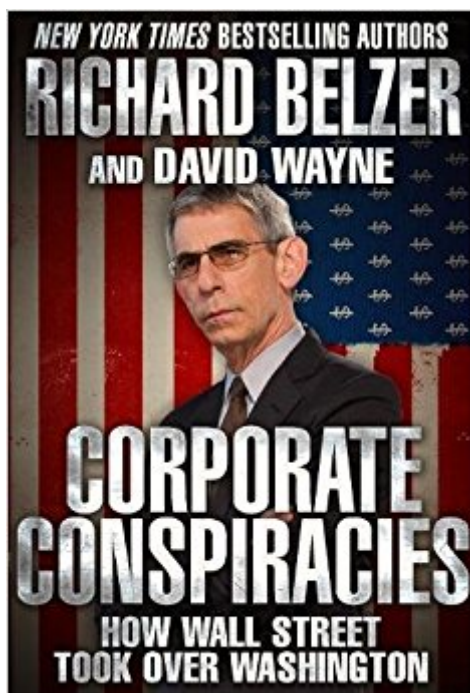


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# Corporate Conspiracies: How Wall Street Took Over Washington



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From New York Times bestselling authors Richard Belzer and David Wayne comes a hard look at the wrongs done to us all by big business in America. Here is an explosive account of wrongful acts perpetrated, and the ensuing cover-ups inflicted upon us, by American corporations. The bestselling author team of Richard Belzer and David Wayne exposes the ways that the capitalist regime has got us under their thumbsâ from the mainstream media and its control over us, to the trillions stolen by big banks and mortgage companies during the mortgage crisis, to the scams perpetrated by Big Oil and Big Pharma. The one common victim of all that corruption is the American public, and Corporate Conspiracies wants to do something about it. Corporate Conspiracies takes dead aim at those who take advantage of us little guys. Probably most disturbing is the book's examination of politics and capitalism teaming up against usâ how politicians and lobbyists all have their hands in each other's pockets while stabbing us in the back, and how the well-established energy lobbyâ including petroleum, natural gas, and coalâ has played a dominant role in the shaping of US foreign policy for decades. Did you know that companies at times know that their products will kill people, but they do nothing, because it is actually cheaper to compensate the victims than it is to correct the problem? And did you know that the Pentagon is sending \$1.5 trillion of our tax dollars to their corporate buddies for a new fighter jet that is already superfluous? This book is guaranteed to make us all think twice about being enslaved and cheated by corporate America. Skyhorse Publishing, as well as our Arcade imprint, are proud to publish a broad range of books for readers interested in history--books about World War II, the Third Reich, Hitler and his henchmen, the JFK assassination, conspiracies, the American Civil War, the American Revolution, gladiators, Vikings, ancient Rome, medieval times, the old West, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

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Just like they did in "Hit List" with their excellent overview of suspicious JFK witness deaths and "Dead Wrong" on the nation's most notorious coverups of political murders. In *Corporate Conspiracies*, they expose the corruption of politicians, bankers, media, military industrial complex, the prison system, Big Pharma, Agri-Chemical and Big Oil. It's an education that kids won't learn about in school. Adults who are fed propaganda every day in the corporate media would be well-served to buy this book.

Belzer/Wayne take on in order - Politicians, Wall Street/Bankers, the Media, the Military-Industrial Complex, the Prison-Industrial Complex, Pharmaceuticals, Agricultural/Food, and Big Oil/Coal/Natural Gas. He finds corporations working for their profit (often excessive), taking

advantage of people, flaunting laws, using lobbyists. Even one short section on 9/11 (in the media chapter). The American system (laissez-faire capitalism) sanctions such corporate behavior and that is a shame since the harm to people and/or the environment plays third fiddle to corporate profits. All of this may seem fantastic and perhaps exaggerated. But I checked out his footnotes/websites and when the references were found, there was credible back-up, often multiple sources. However, several websites were inactive and I would suggest an errata/update sheet. His language is rough at times. This should be a wake-up call to much that is wrong with America today. The economic playing table has been tilted to big businesses and the rich increasingly for 4-5 decades now. I put links to plots to prove these points, but will only allow links to their own urls. Recommend the book highly especially if you are one who trusts big business.

Belzer and Wayne set forth facts that spell out everything is wrong in America. Things need to change for the better.

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Very interesting and informative book... I have a hard time putting it down!

Corporate Conspiracies reveals the corporate oligarchy that has co-opted American democracy. It covers a wide range of corruption and crimes, such as those of Big Pharma, Big Energy, Big Banks, and the environmental wreckage of companies like Monsanto, as well as the purchase of political influence in Washington. It also covers important ground in lesser known crime scenes, such as 9/11, the mainstream crucifixion of whistleblower Edward Snowden, and the inherent dangers in the collection and sale of our private information by companies like Facebook and Google. An important book.

This book answers so many questions about what is wrong in the world: why lies win out over truth, why war wins out over peace, why illness wins out over health. The power to right these wrongs lies in the hands of corporations, heartless and soulless entities best described as sociopathic. Thank you, Messrs. Belzer and Wayne, for another illuminating book!

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