

## Questions for the Grassroots Solutions to Corporate Power Workshops

### Economic Democracy or Corporate Hegemony Theme

#### Class 5: Crisis of Economics and Visions for a New Economy

1. What are the false assumptions of classical economic theory?
2. What are the realities of the national economy over the past 30 years?
3. What are external costs and what are they doing to our planet and our lives?
4. How does the Extraction Economy work?
5. How is our economy failing?
6. Do markets work?
7. What is the problem with using Gross Domestic Product to measure our happiness?
8. How do we deal with income and wealth inequality?
9. How do we deal with dwindling resources?
10. How do we deal with reduced labor needs?
11. How do we shift society's focus from material to non-material, community values?
12. How do we get firms to nurture the environment?
13. What factors should be maximized in the new economy?
14. What ownership models would work best in the future?
15. What are the advantages of the Social Solidarity economy?
16. Why do we need a restoration economy?
17. What are the problems with growth?

Reading Rankings — 10=very important, 1=not very important

#### **Corporate Extraction to the Grassroots Restoration Economy, Fall 2007, Vol 3 #2**

01 Moving from Corporate Extraction to the Grassroots Restoration Economy by Jim Tarbell	10
02 Inside View of Extraction & Exploitation Interview with John Perkins	10
03 Peak Everything Introduction Excerpt by Richard Heinberg	10
04 The Great Extraction, How Did We Get Here? by Jim Tarbell	10
05 Creating a New Economic Story by Jim Tarbell	10 for next class
08-09 Digby Neck, Nova Scotia vs Mega Quarry, SPP & Atlantica, by Janet Eaton.	5
10 Groups to Move Us from the Extraction to the Restoration Economy	5
11 Books to Move Us from the Extraction to the Restoration Economy, by Chris Calder	8
12 U. S. Solidarity Economy Network is Born by Jenna Allard and Julie Matthaei	8 next class
13 Toward Old Growth Democracy by Jan Edwards	8 next class
14 Restoring Local Economy and Community, by Nancy Price	8 next class
15 Cuba's Organic Revolution by Kjersten Jeppesen	8 next class
16 Why You Should Care & What You Can Do	5

#### **Justice Rising - Spring 2010, Vol 5, #1 Building an Economy for People and Nature**

• 01 <a href="#"><i>Building an Economy for People &amp; Nature</i></a> by Jim Tarbell	10
• 02 <a href="#"><i>Growing the Solidarity Economy</i></a> by Nancy Neamtan	10
• 03 <a href="#"><i>Democracy, Economics and Termites</i></a> by Daniel Tygel	10
• 04 <a href="#"><i>The Global Solidarity Economy Movement</i></a> by Emily Kawano	10
• 05 <a href="#"><i>Mapping Your Solidarity Economy</i></a> by Djar Horn and Maliha Safri	10
• 06 <a href="#"><i>Justice Rising</i></a> by Jim Tarbell	5
• 07 <a href="#"><i>Lessons of Mondragón</i></a> by Ruth Caplan	8
• 08 & 9 <a href="#"><i>Giant Co-ops in Cleveland</i></a> : by Gar Alperovitz, Ted Howard & Thad Williamson	10
• 10 <a href="#"><i>Groups</i></a> by Jim Tarbell and Ruth Caplan	5
• 11 <a href="#"><i>Books</i></a> by Jim Tarbell and Ruth Caplan	8
• 12 <a href="#"><i>Participatory Budgeting</i></a> by Dave Lewitt	8
• 13 <a href="#"><i>Financing the Solidarity Economy</i></a> by Ruth Caplan	10
• 14 <a href="#"><i>Beyond Capitalism: A Revolution of Values</i></a> by Nancy Price	8
• 15 <a href="#"><i>Great Idea! But Will Corporations Claim it's Illegal?</i></a> by Jan Edwards	8
• 16 <a href="#"><i>The Farmers Alliance Cooperative</i></a> by William P. Meyers	10
• 17 <a href="#"><i>United Steelworkers Ally with Mondragón Co-Ops</i></a> , by Robert Witherall	10
• 18 <a href="#"><i>Why You Should Care, What You Can Do</i></a>	8