

The Corporation
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Are corporations psychopathic?

If we view the corporation as a person, since it holds this status, it is not difficult to determine its psychic character. Let's do a quick review.

1. **Callous unconcern for the feelings of others.** YES [X] NO []
2. **Incapacity to maintain enduring relationships.** YES [X] NO []
3. **Incapacity to maintain enduring relationships.** YES [X] NO []
4. **Reckless disregard for the safety of others.** YES [X] NO []
5. **Deceitfulness: Repeated lying and conning of others for profit.** YES [X] NO []
6. **Inability to experience guilt:** YES [X] NO []
7. **Failure to conform to social norms with respect to lawful behaviors:** YES [X] NO []

Using the character trait check boxes of previous columns, we can conclude that a corporation is, indeed, a psychopath. If the dominant institution of our culture is created in the image of a psychopath, who bears the moral responsibility for its behavior?

Can a building or bridge have moral opinions and views? Can a building or bridge have social responsibility? If they cannot, then how can a corporation, which is a fiction, have these qualities? Moral responsibility goes back to the concept of the "think tank" in a previous article.

Reviewing that concept, we humans have a "think tank" that we call our brain. Under the law, we are viewed to have *free will* under the control of our "think tank." Therefore, if our "think tank" decides to rob a bank, and we are caught, then our body along with our "think tank" is placed in prison.

In a corporation, the "think tank" is the *Chief Executive Officer* and the *Board of Directors*. These are the people directly responsible for the direction and actions of the corporation. However, in order for the "think tank management" to make moral decisions, it is necessary for them to receive feedback from the corporation employees. If we, as a human being pick up something very hot and this hot item is causing us injury, the nerves in our hand send our "think tank" a message to direct the hand to let go of the hot item. In the corporation, the nerves are the employees who have a moral responsibility to give corporate management feedback.

When management does not listen to repeated attempts at communication from one or more employees, which is often the case, some employees with a higher sense of moral fiber – a strong sense of *right* and *wrong*, become a *whistle blower*, and sound the alarm about the immoral actions of the corporation. This has often resulted in the firing of the *whistle blower* employee under one fabricated pretense or another. This in turn silences other employees and they no

longer will perform their moral responsibilities and inform management of immoral activity which may well be illegal or dangerous to the people and environment.

Thus we can see that one highly placed, uncaring and immoral individual can circumvent the morals of those below him (or her) and not make the moral responsibilities known higher up the ladder. But this too is the responsibility of the “corporate think tank”, that is the top management and Board of Directors. They are the ones who must provide a safe means of communication for the employees, but this will only occur if they have morality themselves.

“The entire debate around the role of business in society, particularly an increasingly globalized society, swings on the notion of legitimate corporate action and the often murky waters of corporate motivation. The issue became global in November 1995 when the oil behemoth Shell was accused of complicity in the arbitrary execution of Ken Saro-wewa and eight other Ogoni tribes-men by the Nigerian Government.” - *The Noblesse Oblige of Global Business; An Agenda for Research* by NICKY BLACK

These people were hanged for opposing SHELL’S environmental practices in the Nigerian Delta.

The Corporation Mindset:

The corporation may be defined as a legal person but it does not have human qualities, it does not think. However, people in the corporate structure think, but what do they think? Well, here is an example of how they think.

In a press release issued by the Rural Advancement Foundation International (RAFI), a new technology has been developed by the United States Department of Agriculture which has the potential and aim to sterilize the seed produced by all crops. This means for example, that a seed from a melon in such a crop, which is planted, will not grow and produce another melon plant. The seeds are sterile and will not produce more plants. In effect, it is *terminator technology* and it comes from a gene developed/manufactured under *gene splicing technology*. The purpose of the *terminator gene* is to sterilize seed, even, or especially, the open pollinated *legacy seeds* (our common vegetables – which is our ability to grow food for ourselves). That is to say its purpose is to destroy the seeds created by mother-nature which are not genetically modified or hybrid varieties.

Whom do we think is not going to be affected by this corporate action? Can we see that if this *terminator technology* is implemented, the food source of every species on this planet will be at risk of extinction? Do we think that the bio-sphere, that government touts as so special, will not be destroyed? Are we too busy riding our motorcycles, drinking beer, fishing, golfing, having our nails done, planning our next party, to see that our future and our children’s future is at risk?

This is a direct effort of corporations and government to deny the people of this world the ability to grow a common vegetable or fruit, recover the seeds from the growing of that fruit or vegetable and plant them again for another season of fruit and vegetables. The *terminator gene* or *suicide gene* will most likely cross pollinate and infect the seeds of all vegetables and fruits, preventing them from growing seeds that will grow more vegetables or produce. In short, this is

nothing less than terrorism under the guise of a government program.

The development of *terminator technology* requires a brutal mind. To develop such a thing is to act in total opposition to evolution and life. The developer of the *suicide gene* would have to believe that *he (or she) is superior to the bio-sphere, mother nature or God*, however you would like to view it. The ecology of corporate and governmental commerce embraces *the death of birth* when it involves profit and/or control.

More to come so stay tuned.