

We say **NO** to the TTIP!



It's a legal charter for profit before people...

Everyone knows who pulls the strings of power; it's the international corporations, the investment banks and the big conglomerates. These are the people behind the government, the newspapers, and the establishment.

These multinationals employ thousands of lobbyists and donate money to the political parties in order to control them. They threaten governments economically and through their control of the media. However, gone are the days when Labour would stand up against this for working people. Now, like the Tories, they too dance to the tune of the multinationals and their mega-bosses, and now the multinationals want to go even further and make their control official. **TTIP is the 'Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership'** – a deal being negotiated between the European Union and the USA. Our leaders claim it would create jobs and increase economic growth through reducing 'barriers to trade'. In reality, the multinationals will simply gain at the expense of our civil rights, our working conditions and pay, and our health and our environment.

What the multinationals call 'barriers to trade' are things that annoy them; minimum wages, health and safety laws, environmental protection. And they want the legal right to profit from the NHS and other public services, this way they can take over our services by paying low wages and reducing standards. Huge profits will be made at our expense. Under TTIP, a multinational could sue our Government if their profits might be affected by (for example) food safety standards or wage agreements or anything else they don't like. TTIP is a charter for profit before people.

Why isn't this better known? None of the political parties - including Labour and UKIP - want to talk about it; they all quietly support TTIP because they go along with big business. Cameron claims it would be 'good for jobs', which roughly translated means 'good for exploitation'. Labour has expressed concern about the effects on the NHS, but that's as far as it's gone. Another reason TTIP is clouded in secrecy is that neither MPs or MEPs are consulted. The talks (which of course include representatives from multinationals based in Europe and the USA) are conducted behind closed doors. When the deal is concluded, governments will not be allowed to make changes. They will be told to accept it or leave the EU. Democracy won't get a look in.

The anti-TTIP movement is growing. Across Europe and the USA, ordinary citizens have been expressing more and more concerns. Huge numbers of petitions have been signed and some governments are now getting nervous. The talks are starting to take longer and longer. The Dutch and French Parliaments have expressed their concern over TTIP.

We can still win!

LEFT UNITY is 100% against TTIP and a similar deal being concocted between the EU and Canada, the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA). We believe governments should be accountable to the people, not multinationals. We believe the power of the corporations should be reduced, not increased. They should obey safety and environmental laws, pay decent wages and pay their taxes.

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TTIP is not the first of this kind of treaty, so we know how they work! Multinationals have sued: The EU for restricting chemicals that harm our bees; Egypt for upholding a minimum wage; Germany for trying to cut down nuclear power; Australia for laws deterring young people from smoking.