Wondering how to challenge corporate rule in your community? Whether you’re looking for an overview of how corporate power devastates communities, a presentation on democratic movements in the United States, or seeking support for a specific project, Democracy Unlimited can help.

We offer workshops, presentations, and consulting services to help empower our allies and build an effective movement for genuine democracy – community by community across the country.

Democracy Unlimited is committed to anti-oppressive, popular education and strategic action. We strive to model feminist, anti-racist practices and encourage leadership in everyone who attends our trainings. Our education methods are participatory, democratic, and engaging. We seek to facilitate participants towards their own goals, providing context and a strategic perspective that empowers you to take action.

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**Real Democracy Workshops**

**First Steps in Dismantling Corporate Rule**
Duration: Full Day  Participants: 10-20

This is our introductory workshop to provide a basic understanding of corporate power in the U.S., and the movements for resistance that are taking shape across the country. High school history books never mention Southern Pacific Railroad v. Santa Clara County, the landmark 1886 court case that threw open the floodgates to corporate rule. This workshop invites participants to explore the true history of our U.S. “democracy” and examine the ways in which our culture, language, and institutions privilege corporations over people. A mixture of small group activities, discussion, and interactive presentations lead to a collective conversation about concrete strategies for change.

**Deep Democracy Retreat**
Duration: Weekend  Participants: 15-20

Are you serious about taking back your community from corporations? In this in-depth workshop, we help you envision grassroots democratic solutions to problems facing your community. Legal history, case studies, and forward-looking strategies are offered to inspire your action plan.

**Community Organizing Workshops**

**Community Organizing 101**
Duration: 3 hours  Participants: 10-30

Community organizing is like gardening – you gotta start with the roots. Over time, you can cultivate a diverse field of activists who are the foundation of a healthy popular movement. Working from our successful experiences with Measure F and Measure T as well as our ongoing local and national work, we share skills and strategies for democratic community organizing that empowers people. Recent examples, role plays, and brainstorming help to build a strategic outline for an effective campaign that strengthens your movement.

**Democratic Campaigns**
Duration: Full day  Participants: 10-30

To truly win a campaign for real democracy, your campaign has to model real democracy. This workshop outlines the elements of a successful grassroots campaign that builds democracy into the leadership structure. From meeting facilitation, to accountability, to mobilization, we offer suggestions and strategies for walking the talk throughout your campaign. You don’t have to use the master’s tools after all!

**Community Organizing Strategy Retreat**
Duration: Weekend  Participants: 15-20

You’ve identified your problem, you’ve chosen a solution, now what? Whether you’re waging an educational push to grow your group’s capacity or rallying for a strategic goal, you need a plan and the skills to carry it out. This workshop provides facilitation for your leadership team and key volunteers to strategize and prepare for a grassroots campaign. We’ll help you with messaging, organizing skills, media outreach, and strategic planning for a positive and purposeful kickoff to your campaign.

**Special Topics**

**Food and Democracy**
Duration: 3 hours  Participants: 10-30

You are what you eat, but what are you eating? Most likely, it’s not democracy. This workshop investigates the power dynamics of industrial agriculture and the poisoned system that supplies most U.S. people with food. The good news is, the solutions are delicious! Through history, economics, and ecology, participants explore the potential for community food that benefits people, not corporations.

**Education Inc.**
Duration: 3 hours  Participants: 10-30

Public schools have long been considered a cornerstone of our democracy, yet multinational corporations now view our schools as publicly funded billboards for their advertising. Many schools are forced to sign contracts with major corporations just to meet their basic operating needs. These corporate handouts come at a high price. University research is now dependent on corporate funding, as is publishing, and access to technology. Our campuses have become places where students are the targets of force-fed consumer propaganda rather than education. Participants will be able to take the knowledge they have gained and devise strategies to more effectively challenge corporate rule of our schools and lives.

**Corporations are Killing the Polar Bears**
Duration: 3 hours  Participants: 10-30

We’re serious! The delicate ecology that supports life on earth is under assault, and we need a fundamental shift in power to stop the insanity. This workshop examines the environmental regulatory framework in the context of corporate power and democratic crisis. How would we confront pollution if we had a true democracy? Participants share experiences and create new stories to address the root causes of environmental destruction, and motivate for strategic action.