

# Who Rules? Understanding the Journey

**Set 1.** The Constitution includes the word “\_\_\_\_\_” many times, but never defines it. The Constitution does not include the word “\_\_\_\_\_.” In U.S. \_\_\_\_\_, corporations are considered “\_\_\_\_\_” with \_\_\_\_\_ as privileges to do business. Corporations went to the \_\_\_\_\_ to gain more power through protected \_\_\_\_\_.

In \_\_\_\_\_, the U.S. Supreme Court gave corporations \_\_\_\_\_ in the Constitution. In \_\_\_\_\_, after the Civil War Amendments passed, corporations secured 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment \_\_\_\_\_ of laws – equal to real people. Corporations immediately began to secure protected constitutional rights to regain their \_\_\_\_\_ over the people. Constitutional rights gave corporations \_\_\_\_\_ from laws meant to protect \_\_\_\_\_.

In \_\_\_\_\_ in response to people’s rights \_\_\_\_\_, corporations organized under the \_\_\_\_\_ to gain control of all \_\_\_\_\_ of government. Over the next 40-plus years, corporations and wealthy persons went to the courts to secure a series of \_\_\_\_\_, giving “persons” unlimited \_\_\_\_\_ in election campaigns.

These rulings destroyed \_\_\_\_\_, free and fair elections, and people’s rule – \_\_\_\_\_. Now \_\_\_\_\_, elected by big money from corporations and wealthy individuals, make laws that openly violate \_\_\_\_\_.



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**SET 2.** The Constitution \_\_\_\_\_ without using the word. The \_\_\_\_\_ who were left out of the Constitution worked to have their rights recognized. The Civil War Amendments \_\_\_\_\_, recognized all persons born or naturalized in the United States as \_\_\_\_\_ with due process and \_\_\_\_\_ of law, and penalized states that denied \_\_\_\_\_ the right to vote. However, the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Amendments had \_\_\_\_\_ for crime.

After the Civil War, courts acted to protect a white ruling class. In 1875, the U.S. Supreme Court denied \_\_\_\_\_ 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment protection, but 11 years later recognized equal protection in law for \_\_\_\_\_. Pro-slavery states used black codes and \_\_\_\_\_ to deny black men the right to vote and to enforce \_\_\_\_\_ in schools, marriage, and society. In \_\_\_\_\_, the Court ruled state laws enforcing racial segregation were legal if \_\_\_\_\_ accommodations were provided. The ruling class built \_\_\_\_\_, while most people still worked to have their rights recognized.

During the 1950s to 1970s, people drove new constitutional and civil rights into law, and courts interpreted equal protection as due process under the \_\_\_\_\_.

In response to people's rights movements, the U.S. executive branch began the \_\_\_\_\_ that targeted people of color and led to more \_\_\_\_\_ in the prison system than were slaves before the Civil War.

Meanwhile, corporations organized under the \_\_\_\_\_ to gain control of all \_\_\_\_\_ of government. Corporations and wealthy persons went to the courts to secure a series of \_\_\_\_\_, giving "persons" unlimited spending and giving in elections. These rulings destroyed \_\_\_\_\_, free and fair elections, and people's rule – \_\_\_\_\_.

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