

## What is ALEC?

ALEC is a membership organization where state legislators partner with corporate members to draft model legislation, which the legislators then promote in their home state. Almost all of the funding for ALEC comes from private corporations, corporate foundations, and trade groups; only two percent comes from legislators' dues. ALEC, in other words, is a mechanism by which corporations pay substantial sums of money to draft legislation benefiting them, with an army of perhaps as many as 2,000 state legislators then taking these bills and sponsoring them in statehouses across the country.

The most complete and authoritative description of ALEC can be found on the web site **ALEC Exposed**, a project of the Center for Media and Democracy.

[http://www.alecexposed.org/wiki/What\\_is\\_ALEC%3F#What\\_is\\_ALEC.3F](http://www.alecexposed.org/wiki/What_is_ALEC%3F#What_is_ALEC.3F)

**A Reporters' Guide to the Koch-funded Rich States, Poor States ALEC Report** by Mary Bottari of the Center for Media and Democracy (April 14, 2014) reveals that *Rich States, Poor States* is funded by the Koch brothers' Claude Lambe Foundation and by another right wing foundation, the Searle Freedom Trust.

<http://www.prwatch.org/news/2014/04/12447/reporters-guide-koch-funded-rich-states-poor-states-report-due-be-released-april>