

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS for the Corporation:

1. According to the film, the standard metaphor for a corporation is that of an apple within a barrel where most apples are good and just a few bad. Several CEO's offered alternative metaphors, such as pieces of a jigsaw puzzle, a sports team, family unity, a telephone system, or an eagle. Less flattering metaphors are that of a devouring monster, a whale, or the Frankenstein monster. Are any of these metaphors more appropriate than others?

2. The movie opens indicating that the world dominance of corporations is a recent historical phenomenon, and in some ways has replaced the power of monarchies, the church, and other governing social institutions. If there will always be dominating, self-serving institutions, why is corporate rule today any worse than the alternatives?

*the corporation is dominated institution.*

3. Constraints on corporations were lifted after the Civil War when the 14th amendment to the constitution extended the legal rights of persons to corporations. What if anything was so bad about this change?

4. One person stated that corporations "have no soul to save, no body to incarcerate." What does this mean?

5. The notion of "externalities" is that corporations pass on problems and expenses to the public or taxpayers. What are some examples of this?

6. The film lists several features of psychopathic personality disorder and notes how they apply to corporations. These include the following: (1) callous unconcern for the feelings of others, (2) incapacity to maintain enduring relationships, (3) reckless disregard for the safety of others, (4) deceitfulness: repeated lying and conning others for profit, (5) incapacity to experience guilt, (6) failure to conform to social norms with respect to lawful behaviors. Are any of these exaggerations regarding the true nature of corporations?

7. A Monsanto product called Posilac (BST) is artificial hormone for factory farm cows that increase milk production. One side effect of Posilac is that it causes infection in cows, which results in pus getting