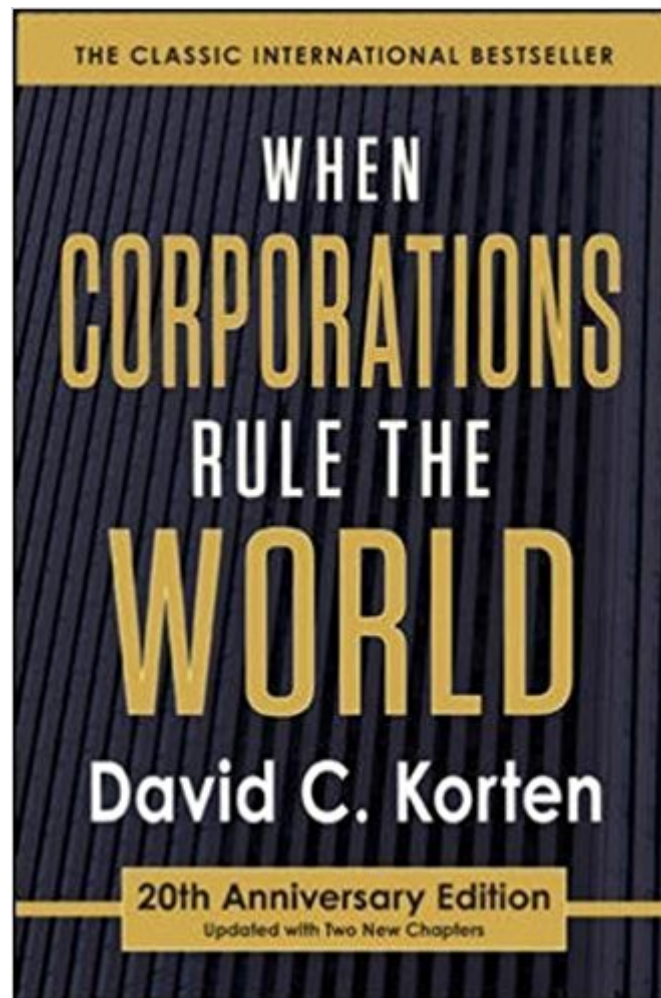




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# When Corporations Rule The World



## Synopsis

Our Choice: Democracy or Corporate Rule A handful of corporations and financial institutions command an ever-greater concentration of economic and political power in an assault against markets, democracy, and life. It's a "suicide economy," says David Korten, that destroys the very foundations of its own existence. The bestselling 1995 edition of *When Corporations Rule the World* helped launch a global resistance against corporate domination. In this twentieth-anniversary edition, Korten shares insights from his personal experience as a participant in the growing movement for a New Economy. A new introduction documents the further concentration of wealth and corporate power since 1995 and explores why our institutions resolutely resist even modest reform. A new conclusion chapter outlines high-leverage opportunities for breakthrough change.

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"Anyone serious about the systemic crisis we now face ought to read this updated version today. Korten captures the devastating and increasingly threatening dynamics of the corporate-dominated global system and has offered a vibrant, well-written, and important strategy

for moving us beyond its destructive economic, social, and ecological logic. — Gar Alperovitz, author of *What Then Must We Do?* — “If every corporate leader who believes implicitly that consumerism is the path to happiness (and that rampant development is the road to global prosperity) were to read *When Corporations Rule the World* with an open mind, that world just might have a chance of becoming a better place for us all. — Toronto Globe and Mail

The twentieth-anniversary edition of the book that helped launch the anticorporate movement examines how much corporate control has grown and the new challenges for those who work for a more economically equitable society.

I haven't finished reading the book as yet, but I became aware of it in the late 80's. A few of my friends read the book back then and were taken aback by some of its predictions back then. The book came to mind recently and I thought it timely to give it a read.

David Korten takes a multidisciplinary approach - drawing data and insights from science, history, economics, sociology, and philosophy - to explain his reasoning, and to justify his concerns for the future of our planet and its inhabitants. I highly recommend this book.

explains a lot of how the corporations create poverty and control and illegal immigration

Very useful to understand the world economics and distribution of power of today world.

Brilliant book

A bit ranty perhaps, but has some great material that will get you thinking about the state of our world.

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Dr. Korten is without question at the forefront of modern progressive theories and solutions to addressing an global economic model far out of balance with Earth and all living beings on it.

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