

CELEBRATE FREEDOM, WEST VIRGINIA!

THIS 4TH OF JULY, DECLARE YOUR INDEPENDENCE FROM CORPORATE RULE!

More and more, the BIG BUSINESS domination of our elected leaders means our jobs are heading to foreign countries, while coal companies practice outlaw mountaintop mining, destroying our beloved hills, towns, forests and streams. Corporate cash flows into politicians' campaign funds, and laws are written favoring special interests, overlooking the needs of regular folks. Drug companies charge outrageous prices for prescriptions, while lining the pockets of Congressman. Big business has had its way with our so-called leaders way too long.

Enron, Arthur Andersen, Vice President Dick Cheney's Halliburton, WorldCom...The list goes on. Greed. Fraud. Criminal monkey business. Big Corporations are showing their true colors, and those colors have nothing to do with Red, White and Blue. They wouldn't stand up for the U.S.A. in a dog fight. They run to Bermuda and the Cayman Islands to avoid paying taxes. Everyday workers have to make up the difference. It's a disgrace to workers, veterans and law-abiding citizens. It's time to hold our leaders accountable for letting this happen.

Ripley resident Frank Young says, "President George W. Bush takes millions of campaign dollars from executives of Enron and other corporate criminals who steal billions from citizen investors and workers' pension funds. Bush should be apologizing instead of pandering for political support from the very victims of his corporate political machine. His obviously political appearance in my home town on this day of liberty is an affront to political decency."

SENATOR ROBERT C. BYRD said of the Bush-Cheney administration just last week: "I have not seen such executive arrogance and secrecy since the Nixon administration, and we all know what happened to that group."

What can you do?

Urge your legislators to support the West Virginia Clean Elections Act and to ban mountaintop removal coal mining. Learn more from the Ohio Valley Environmental Coalition at www.ohvec.org and 304-522-0246.

Learn more about the many ways in which "free trade," "globalization" and corporate domination of our government result in fewer jobs here, an attack our nation's sovereignty and an erosion of American laws written to protect people: www.globalexchange.org; www.opensecrets.org; www.poclad.org; www.citizenworks.org; www.tradewatch.org www.empoweringdemocracy.org; www.grannyd.com.

Write your lawmakers and tell them you want to reclaim the American ideal of GOVERNMENT OF, BY, AND FOR THE PEOPLE! Urge your friends and neighbors to do the same. Democracy only flourishes with you doing YOUR part.

Loyal opposition is the mark of a patriot, principled dissent the obligation of every citizen...

