

# 10 REASONS TO REJECT THE TPP.

## For just, fair and balanced global trade!

### 1 Attacking democracy and sovereignty

Investor rights pacts like the TPP severely restrict the ability of governments to adopt legislation and standards to protect the rights of working people and the environment. The TPP will undermine the rights of nations and peoples to determine our own economic and social policies. Restrictions on democracy and sovereignty will lead to the unrestricted power of transnational corporations.



### 2 Suing for lost “future profits”

Like NAFTA (the North American Free Trade Agreement), the TPP contains investor-state dispute settlement (ISDS) provisions which allow corporations to sue governments for legislation which could mean lost “future profits.” There were 12 such cases brought against Canada from 1995 to 2005, and another 23 cases since then. Canada has lost or settled six claims paying a total of \$170 million in damages. Costs to taxpayers from these lawsuits will rise dramatically if the TPP takes effect.

### 3 Higher prescription costs

Proposed intellectual property rules in the TPP would limit competition in the pharmaceutical industry from generic drug manufacturers. Patients will wait longer for affordable treatments, and medicine and vaccine prices will skyrocket.



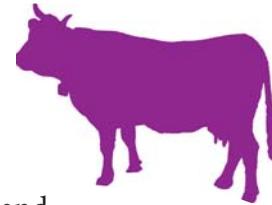
### 4 Wiping out good union jobs

The TPP values corporate profits over job creation and living standards. Changes to “rules of origin” rules will further reduce the percentage of a vehicle’s domestic content necessary to be called “made in Canada (or USA)”. This will wipe out 20,000 autoworker jobs in Canada. Thousands more jobs will be lost in manufacturing. This deal will favour the export of unprocessed raw materials, particularly from forestry and mining, instead of creating new jobs in value-added secondary industries.



### 5 Hurting dairy farmers and food safety

The TPP threatens marketing boards and farmers. It would expand imports of U.S. milk and dairy products, at the expense of market share for Canadian dairy producers. The deal will allow milk imports from cows injected with the synthetic bovine growth hormone BGH, developed by Monsanto, the giant U.S. chemical corporation. BGH-injected cows yield unnaturally large quantities of milk, but suffer from more stress and health disorders, and premature death. The TPP would end the ban against BGH milk on Canadian grocery shelves, just one of many safety standards weakened by this deal.



### 6 Privatising education and public services

If fully applied, the TPP chapter on the cross-border trade in education and public services would lock-in and intensify the pressures of commercialization and privatization. While the TPP exempts “services supplied in the exercise of governmental authority,” this exemption is too weak to protect services which are also sold on a commercial basis. In Canada, a variety of public and private education providers compete for students and revenues. So it will be difficult to protect the education sector (and other public services) from profiteering foreign corporations.

### 7 Harming climate change action

The world is at a critical moment in the fight against climate change, including a huge push for renewable energy. But trade deals empowering fossil fuel corporations undermine the environmental policies needed to tackle the climate crisis. The TPP would expand the legal tools used by corporations, which have brought nearly 700 lawsuits against more than 100 governments. For example, a Canadian corporation, TransCanada, is suing the U.S. government for \$15 billion under the NAFTA agreement, demanding compensation for the Obama Administration’s rejection of Keystone XL.

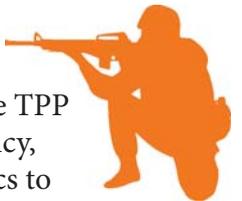


### 8 Threat to Indigenous people

The TPP contains clauses guaranteeing “non-discrimination” protection for transnational firms seeking to exploit natural resources located on indigenous lands. In Ecuador, oil giant Chevron-Texaco was fined heavily for causing serious environmental damage on indigenous lands between 1964 and 1992. Despite the ruling, Chevron continues to delay action through court appeals. Agreements like the TPP prioritize corporate interests over human rights in such cases.

### 9 Wars and exploitation

Described by a US Defense Secretary as “important as an aircraft carrier,” the TPP is a key element of the US “Pivot to Asia” policy, part of the drive by imperialist economic blocs to control resources and cheap labour, to crush working class resistance and to isolate potential rivals like the BRICS countries. Capitalist globalization and profiteering sets the stage for an endless “race to the bottom” in wages, working conditions and living standards, and for deadly new wars.

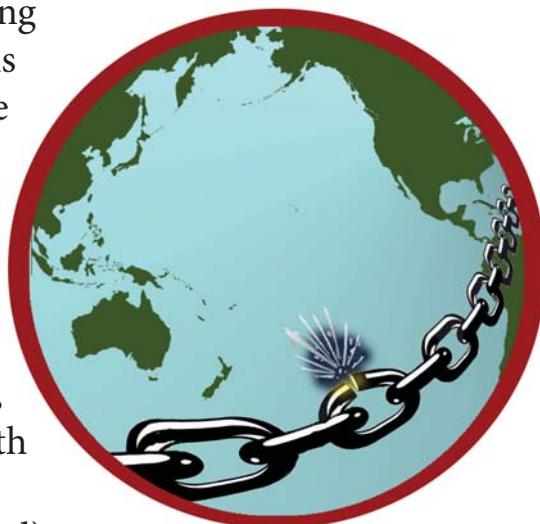


### 10 Disproportionate impact on women

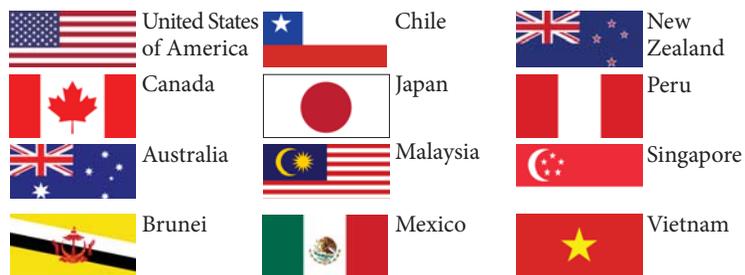
By expanding access for transnational corporate interests to the public sector, the TPP will disproportionately impact women, who are the majority of public employees. The loss of government revenues due to private investor lawsuits reduces the funds available for education, health care, social programs and housing, with a sharply negative impact on women.

## A message from the Communist Party of Canada

The Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) was signed in early February 2016 by 12 countries, including Canada. Negotiated behind closed doors, this deal will guarantee the “right” of investors, at the expense of working people. Politicians and the corporate media claim that trade deals “create jobs” and boost tax revenues. But under capitalism, corporations (both Canadian-based and foreign-owned) boost profits by slashing employment, avoiding environmental oversight, and demanding lower taxes. But the TPP requires ratification by the parliaments of all the signing countries. *Now is the time to mobilize.* Call on the Trudeau Liberals and the Parliament to reject this dangerous trade deal.



### WHAT COUNTRIES ARE IN THE TPP?



## Build the fightback!

The TPP means even greater corporate domination of the world, with the consequences of mass unemployment, privatization, austerity, war and ecological devastation. Such deals would keep wealth and power in the hands of the 1%.

Instead, the Communist Party of Canada fights to help bring together an anti-imperialist people’s front of the working class and democratic forces around the world, to confront the unfettered power of international finance capital. No to capitalist trade deals like TPP, TIPP, CETA, and NAFTA!

*Yes to fair and balanced trade and economic cooperation which protects good, union jobs and helps raise living standards. Such trade must be based on peace and disarmament, respect for the sovereignty of all states, democracy and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, solidarity and environmental sustainability!*

### IDEAS FOR COMMON ACTION:

1. Call and demand your Member of Parliament vote no;
2. Write a Letter to the Editor, call into talk radio shows, use social media and speak out;
3. Download the anti-TPP petition at the link below and circulate it among your friends and co-workers;
4. Urge your union or community group to pass a resolution against the TPP, educate the public and mobilize;
5. Help organize local, broad-based anti-TPP committees;
6. Visible public resistance -- protests, pickets, street theatre, occupations of MPs offices, and mass action.

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