

Phase I

In phase one TSI will recruit an initial thirty progressive researchers from diverse intellectual, personal, and national backgrounds to serve as research fellows. The researchers will have interdisciplinary interests in fields that include, but are not limited to, Sociology, Law, Political Science, History, Anthropology, Economics, Arts, Linguistics, Environmental Engineering, Literature, Education, Philosophy, Public Administration, and Public Policy.

Qualification Criteria

1. Proven record of progressive academic research.
2. Proven record of activist scholarship and engagement.
3. Preference to independent scholars and dissidents.

TSI proposes to employ the researchers in the United States at a highly competitive annual salary with full health benefits for an initial two 3 year contracts and tenure after that point. Upon tenure, the scholars will be given co-governance of the research agenda. The scholars will work with major grassroots activist organizations initially primarily in the United States to develop a radical social movement. The goal of the movement will be: to end the privatization of socially important goods and services (e.g. education, health care, utilities, transportation, public infrastructure, defense, housing, and social services) and to establish full economic democracy. This will be done by advocating:

- The supremacy of community decision-making over corporate governance.
- Free and equal public education at all levels and the democratic transformation through nationalization of private educational institutions especially those that reproduce elitist class relations such as Harvard, Yale, and Princeton.
- No corporate governance or involvement in news media and the creation of an independent public foundation with tax funds to finance free and independent objective journalism with a tenure system.
- All laws providing full and equal treatment to all individuals and groups.
- Sustainable development and the use of renewable resources to protect the environment.
- Family planning and a woman's right to make her own reproductive decisions.
- No tolerance for conflicts of interests in government.
- No political patronage positions in government.
- Zero corporate involvement in the political process.
- Proportional representation and the elimination of the Electoral College with direct democracy as the ultimate goal.
- Free universal quality comprehensive health care.
- A minimum living/family wage and job security laws.
- Fair Trade exclusively with democratic regimes.
- Guaranteed universal quality housing.
- Direct action for social justice.

The entire team of researchers will function as a collective with regular staff updates and meetings. Each of the researchers will be assigned to collaborate respectively with activist grass roots organizations focusing on a specific area, based anywhere in the U.S., and chosen in consultation with the executive board. The category of mass movement building will have four researchers assigned to it. The expertise of the researchers and the corresponding specific areas, goals, and types of organizations they will collaborate with must be focused on and have mission statements to pursue the categories listed below each of which will have to include the following component considerations:

Mass media and public awareness efforts

Alliance formation

Implementation strategy

1. Political & democratic institutional reform
2. End all involvement especially financial (both direct and indirect) of corporations and rich individuals in the democratic process and public policy formation at all levels of government
3. The elimination of government supports and wealthfare for corporate and wealthy persons
4. Corporate community governance and administration
5. Egalitarian housing and sustainable development communities
6. Educational reform

Comprehensive policy formation k-postgraduate

- egalitarian federal financing and the elimination of other financing systems
- curriculum reform
- teaching reform
- elimination of private educational institutions

Corruption watchdog for university policies and actions

- donor influence
- student admission policies and student body make-up
- labor practices (from custodians to faculty and staff)
- ethical community behavior
- questionable government and or power elite collaboration and affiliations i.e. think tanks, policy formation groups, public policy programs, etc.

Labor law reform

- collective bargaining
- striker rights

7. Domestic economic policy
 - infrastructure e.g. telecommunications, transportation, housing, parks
 - tax policy reform for egalitarianism and social justice
 - addressing issues of corporate and wealthy individuals, offshore tax heavens, loopholes, etc.
8. National health care system & social services reform
 - fully subsidized universal health care
 - maternity and paternity paid leave
 - six weeks vacation leave
 - twenty days family leave
 - minimum living standard supports for people in need
 - elimination of homelessness
 - comprehensive social security reform
9. Fair Trade & globalization policies
10. Civil liberties law reform and protections
 - universal free legal aid
 - law enforcement reform
 - penal system reform
 - legal code reform & decriminalization of drug addiction and poverty induced actions
11. Media, news media, and independent objective journalism reform
12. Government accountability in spending and decision-making
13. U.S. foreign policy
 - Support of democratic regimes
 - Non-collaboration with dictatorships and undemocratic regimes
14. Art and popular culture
15. Mass movement building-civil rights (this category will be assigned four researchers) to create an umbrella progressive movement to accomplish the above policy reforms through the democratic process, civil disobedience, and direct action with particular focus on:
 - Political Institutions
 - Media and Reporting
 - Community Support
 - Corporate and Educational Institutions & Think Tanks