·      ***The Guardian* ran a total of six exposés of internal documents on ALEC and the State Policy Network (SPN)**. The publication of documents in these exposes has led to media coverage by dozens of major outlets, including the Associated Press, The Washington Post, The New York Times, Politico, The Huffington Post, CNN, MSNBC, US News & World Report, Salon, The Nation, Mother Jones, and numerous state-based newspapers and seemingly countless minor blogs (we are attempting to engineer a LOT more press too - we can always more help too!).

·      Hundreds of activists and citizens participated in a march and protest against ALEC outside of the Grand Hyatt yesterday in Washington, DC, where ALEC was holding their annual Policy Summit.

  Pictures from Greenpeace, [People for the American Way](https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10153551587585648.1073741839.14226615647&type=3), and the [National Education Association](http://educationvotes.nea.org/2013/12/05/activists-gather-in-washington-d-c-to-protest-alec-gathering/).

  A video of march and protest can be found [HERE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6sHiDahO16I&feature=c4-overview&list=UU_tkppmH9q7WYNKtnMQOJLQ) by We Act Radio:

·      In addition to *The Guardian* exposés and documents, [People for the American Way](http://www.rightwingwatch.org/content/newly-uncovered-documents-expose-alec-s-anti-gay-past) published embarrassing documents showing ALEC has an anti-LGBT history and [*The Nation*](http://www.thenation.com/blog/177509/alec-opposed-divestment-south-africas-apartheid-regime) ran an article showing ALEC opposed divestment from South Africa's apartheid regime.

·      ALEC has been put on “defense,” forcing them to [respond to journalists](http://www.alec.org/alec-guardian-correspondence-2/) (more than their 40 years of history combined).

·      In his speech to ALEC on Thursday, Tea Party favorite Ted Cruz got significant [negative press](http://wonkette.com/535836/ted-cruz-to-alec-stand-your-ground-alec-to-ted-cruz-whatchoo-talkin-bout) for supporting for ALEC’s controversial “Stand Your Ground” policy, saying "My advice to ALEC is very, very simple: Stand your ground." Cruz’s full speech can be found here: [Ted Cruz ALEC 2013 SNPS 12-05-2013](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_v7JopWTib4&feature=c4-overview&list=UUqT2O_5CC-qJU2ZzYvNmwNw)

·      The only thing transparent about what’s been going inside the annual ALEC policy summit is how reporters from major outlets are not hiding their feelings about how ALEC conducts their internal business. Journalists who have attempted to attend ALEC’s secret meetings have been forced out, further showing ALEC’s attempt to hide their corporate influence. This was primarily highlighted to two must read news stories:

o   Dana Milbanks in *The Washington Post*: “[ALEC stands its ground](http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/dana-milbank-alec-stands-its-ground/2013/12/04/ad593320-5d2c-11e3-bc56-c6ca94801fac_story.html)”

o   Andy Kroll in *Mother Jones*: “[ALEC Boots Mother Jones From Its Annual Conference](http://www.motherjones.com/mojo/2013/12/alec-bans-mother-jones-annual-conference)”

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO SHARE THESE STORIES! State Toolkits on ALEC & SPN will be sent around next week.**

**Timeline of *The Guardian* Articles & Published Documents**

***Tuesday December 3: ALEC article and documents published***

·      *The Guardian*, [ALEC facing funding crisis from donor exodus in wake of Trayvon Martin row](http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/dec/03/alec-funding-crisis-big-donors-trayvon-martin)

***Wednesday December 4: Article ALEC’s anti-environmental agenda***

·      *The Guardian*, [ALEC calls for penalties on 'freerider' homeowners in assault on clean energy](http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/dec/04/alec-freerider-homeowners-assault-clean-energy)

***Thursday December 5: SPN articles and documents published***

·      *The Guardian*, [State conservative groups plan US-wide assault on education, health and tax](http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/dec/05/state-conservative-groups-assault-education-health-tax)

·      **In Maine:** *The Guardian/Portland Press Herald,* [Conservative think tank: turn Maine's poorest county into tax-free zone](http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/dec/05/maine-conservative-thinktank-poorest-county-tax-free-zone)

·      **In Texas:** *The Guardian/Austin Observer*, [Revealed: the wealthy conservative groups behind fight to wreck Medicaid](http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/dec/05/texas-thinktank-attacking-health-insurance-medicaid)

·      **In Massachusetts:** *The Guardian*, [Free-market research group's climate proposal denounced by host university](http://www.theguardian.com/world/2013/dec/05/host-university-research-group-climate-suffolk-university)

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·      **In Missouri:** *Springfield News-Leader*, [Document shows Sinquefield-backed think tank asked for money for pension report](http://www.news-leader.com/article/20131205/NEWS06/312050133/Document-shows-Sinquefield-backed-think-tank-asked-money-pension-report)

·      **In Nevada:** *Las Vegas Sun*, [Advocacy group angles for $35K to help you leave your union](http://lvsun.com/news/2013/dec/06/advocacy-group-angles-35k-help-you-leave-your-unio/)

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·      **In North Carolina:** News Observer, [ALEC documents show strong ties to NC lawmakers](http://www.newsobserver.com/2013/12/05/3436214/alec-documents-show-strong-ties.html)

·      **In Kansas:** Topeka Capitol Journal, [Senator, farmer, rabbi speak on climate change](http://cjonline.com/news/2013-12-06/senator-farmer-rabbi-speak-climate-change); The Wichita Eagle, [ALEC wants more influence](http://www.kansas.com/2013/12/06/3160807/barbara-shelly-alec-wants-more.html)

·      **In Florida:** Florida Center for Investigative Reporting, [ALEC, Backer Of Stand-Your-Ground Laws, Faces Funding Issues After Trayvon Martin Shooting](http://fcir.org/2013/12/06/alec-backer-of-stand-your-ground-laws-faces-funding-issues-after-trayvon-martin-shooting/)

·      **In Georgia:** Atlanta Journal-Constitution, [Your daily jolt: 38 percent of state lawmakers are ALEC members](http://www.ajc.com/weblogs/political-insider/2013/dec/06/your-daily-jolt-38-percent-state-lawmakers-are-ale/)

·      **In Wisconsin:** Wisconsin State Journal, [Inner workings of influential pro-business group ALEC revealed](http://host.madison.com/news/local/govt-and-politics/inner-workings-of-influential-pro-business-group-alec-revealed/article_f5168827-079c-5b33-b1df-89865be46c2a.html); The Capital Times, [ALEC under scrutiny over plans to win back stray members](http://host.madison.com/ct/news/local/writers/jack_craver/alec-under-scrutiny-over-plans-to-win-back-stray-members/article_5fd2598e-5d26-11e3-8b9e-001a4bcf887a.html)

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