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## Trans-Pacific Partnership

Have you heard? The TPP is a massive, controversial, pro-corporate "free trade" agreement among the United States and 11 other countries – Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, and Vietnam. Although it is called a "trade" agreement, the TPP is not mainly about trade. Of TPP's 30 chapters, only six deal with traditional trade issues.

### **Secret TPP Text Unveiled: It's Worse than We Thought**

In early November 2015, after seven years of close-door negotiations with the public, press and policymakers locked out, the final TPP text was released. In chapter after chapter, the final text is worse than expected, with the demands of the 500 official U.S. trade advisers representing corporate interests satisfied to the detriment of the public interest. The [text reveals](#) that the pact [replicates many of the most controversial terms of past pacts](#) that promote job offshoring and [push down U.S. wages](#).

If passed, the TPP would:

The TPP can take effect only if the U.S. Congress approves it, and its fate in Congress is uncertain at best. [Fast Track](#) trade authority only passed through Congress by the narrowest of margins after a series of legislative maneuvers, with reluctant support from some key swing members contingent upon certain provisions being in the final TPP. The released text shows these concerns have been largely ignored.

And [an unprecedented array of organizations](#) have joined together in a powerful and diverse coalition to stop the TPP. Groups united on this extend well beyond labor unions and include consumer,

Internet freedom, senior, health, food safety, environmental, human rights, faith, LGBTQ, student and civil rights organizations. Opposition to the TPP is growing at home and in many of the other countries involved.

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- **TPP Corporate Empowerment Map:** [See which foreign corporations near you could use NAFTA-style investor rights to challenge laws and regulations under the TPP](#)
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- **Factsheet Series:** Learn how the TPP's investment rules harm [Public Access to Essential Services](#), [Public Health](#) and the [Environment](#)
- **Map:** [What Would the TPP Mean For Your State?](#)
- **Memo:** [Investors Use Runaway "Fair and Equitable Treatment" Standard in 75% of "Successful" Cases Against Governments](#)
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## Get informed – Threats Posed by TPP

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### Undermining Food Safety

The TPP would require us to import meat and poultry that does not meet U.S. safety standards. It would impose limits on food labeling.

### Threats to Public Health

U.S. negotiators are pushing the agenda of Big Pharma – expanding firms' monopoly protections for drugs. The TPP would restrict access to life-saving medicines for millions in developing nations, while undermining efforts to contain U.S. medicine costs.

### Son of SOPA: Curtailing Internet Freedom

Thought SOPA was bad? The TPP would require internet service providers to "police" user-activity and treat individual violators as large-scale for-profit violators. Plus, the TPP would stifle innovation.

### Bye Buy American & Jobs

The TPP would impose limits on how our elected officials can use tax dollars – banning Buy American or Buy Local preferences and offshoring our tax dollars to create jobs abroad.

### More Power to Corporations to Attack Nations

Foreign corporations would be empowered to attack our health, environmental and other laws before foreign tribunals on the mere basis that their expectations were frustrated, and to demand taxpayer compensation for expected future profits.

### Turning a Blind Eye to Human Rights Violations

The TPP would turn a blind eye to human trafficking, child labor and anti-LGBT abuses by giving human rights offenders like Malaysia, Vietnam and Brunei privileged access to the U.S. market.

## Public Citizen Factsheets, Reports & Memos

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- [Auditing the Administration's TPP "Tax Cut" Claims: Funny Math and Misdirection](#) (April 18, 2016)

- [Talking Points: Response to Peterson Institute Pro-TPP Paper](#) (March 28, 2016)
- [Peterson Institute TPP Study Fact Check](#) (January 28, 2016)
- [Pre-SOTU TPP Facts and Figures](#) (January 7, 2016)
- [UPDATED Initial TPP Text Analysis - Secret TPP Text Unveiled: It's Worse than We Thought](#) (January 6, 2016)
- [Factsheet: Uses and Abuses of China Claims in TPP Sales Pitch: Foreign Policy Arguments Mimic False Claims Made for Past Pacts](#) (January 6, 2015)
- [Factsheet: TPP's Failure to Include Enforceable Disciplines Against Currency Manipulation](#) (January 6, 2015)
- [Factsheet: Final Trans-Pacific Partnership Text Reveals Unexpected Threats to U.S. National Security](#) (January 6, 2016)
- [TPP: Threats to Affordable Medicines Factsheet](#) (December 30, 2015)
- [TPP Financial Stability Threats Unveiled: It's Worse than We Thought](#) (November 18, 2015)
- [Secret TPP Investment Chapter Unveiled: It's Worse than We Thought](#) (November 5, 2015)
- [TPP Vote Timeline](#) (September 25, 2015)
- [10 Presidential Candidates Criticize the Trans-Pacific Partnership, Upping Political Costs of Supporting the Pact](#) (August 21, 2015)
- [The Obama Administration's "See-No-Evil" Approach to the TPP](#) (August 21, 2015)

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## Public Citizen Press Releases & Statements

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- [Press Release: April Fools' Protests Nationwide Warn Members of Congress That 'The TPP's No Joke,' Take On Falsehoods Used to Try to Sell Beleaguered Pact](#) (April 1, 2016)
- [Statement: TPP Is Obama's #1 2016 Priority: Why Only 28 Seconds in the SOTU?](#) (January 12, 2016)
- [Press Release: Hidden in the Omnibus: To Comply With World Trade Organization, Congress Kills Country-of-Origin Meat Labels That 90 Percent of Americans Support](#) (December 18, 2015)

- [Press Release: WTO Authorizes Over \\$1 Billion in Sanctions Unless U.S. Guts Popular Country-of-Origin Meat Labels, Disproving Obama Claim That Trade Pacts Can't Undermine Public Interest Policies](#) (December 7, 2015)
- [Secret TPP Text Unveiled: It's Worse Than We Thought, With Limits on Food Safety and Controversial Investor-State System Expanded, Rollback of Bush-Era Medicine Access and Environmental Terms](#) (November 5, 2015)
- [WikiLeaks Publication of Complete, Final TPP Intellectual Property Text Confirms Pact Would Raise Costs, Put Medicines Out of Reach](#) (October 9, 2015)
- [At TPP Negotiations, U.S. Trade Rep Attempts to Resolve Pharmaceuticals Impasse by Wrapping Same Harmful Proposal in Different Packaging](#) (September 30, 2015)
- [Advisory: Public Citizen Experts Are at TPP Negotiations in Atlanta, Can Keep You Updated on the Talks](#) (September 30, 2015)
- [Administration Desperate for Trans-Pacific Partnership Deal: There May Be an Announcement, But a Real Deal?](#) (September 25, 2015)

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## Members of Congress Speak Out

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- [\*Official Government Statements and Actions against Investor-State Dispute Settlement \(ISDS\)\*](#)
  - [New York Congressional Representatives Send Bipartisan Letter to President Obama Opposing the TPP](#) (March 23, 2016)
  - [19 Democratic Senators Send a Letter to USTR Froman Requesting No Action on TPP in Congress Until Malaysia, Other Improve Labor Standards](#) (March 22, 2016)
  - [Rep. DeLauro Statement on TPP Text Release](#) (November 10, 2015)
  - [Rep. Dingell Statement on TPP Text Release: TPP Even Worse Than Expected](#) (November 10, 2015)
  - [Rep. Pocan Statement: Release of TPP Text Confirms Our Fears About Trade Deal](#) (November 10, 2015)
  - [Rep. Nolan Statement on TPP Text Release](#) (November 10, 2015)
  - [Rep. Lee Statement on TPP Text Release: Create American](#)

- [Jobs, Don't Offshore Them with TPP](#) (November 10, 2015)
- [Rep. Tim Ryan Statement on TPP Text Release](#) (November 10, 2015)
- [Rep. Grayson Statement on TPP Text Release](#) (November 10, 2015)
- [Rep. Slaughter Statement on the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement](#) (October 5, 2015)

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## Civil Society Organizations Speak Out

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- [Over 50 Groups Tell Congress That TPP Would Hurt Small Scale Farmers in Developing Countries, Demand They Reject the Deal](#) (April 19, 2016)
- [Sierra Club Report: Looming Trade Deals Threaten Efforts to Keep Fossil Fuels in the Ground](#) (March 23, 2016)
- [40 Major Environmental Groups to Congress: Learn from Keystone XL, Oppose the TPP](#) (March 9, 2016)
- [Over 1,500 Organizations Urge Opposition to the TPP](#) (January 7, 2016)
- [Early Statements from Labor, Consumer, Enviro, Etc. Organizations After TPP Text Release](#) (November 10, 2015)
- [Sierra Club Statement: TPP Text Is Concrete Evidence of Toxic Deal](#) (November 10, 2015)
- [Sierra Club Analysis of TPP Environment Chapter](#) (November 10, 2015)
- [Statements from Environmental Organizations on TPP Environment Chapter](#) (November 10, 2015)
- [NRDC Statement on TPP Text Release: TPP Weakens Protections, Should Be Rejected](#) (November 10, 2015)
- [Defenders of Wildlife Statement on TPP Text Release: TPP Falls Short for Wildlife](#) (November 10, 2015)
- [United Steelworkers Statement: USW Opposes American Job-Killing TPP](#) (November 10, 2015)
- [Environmental Investigation Agency Statement: EIA Does Not Support TPP](#) (November 10, 2015)
- [350.org Statement: TPP Text Confirms A Handout to the Fossil Fuel Industry](#) (November 10, 2015)
- [Center for International Environmental Law Statement: TPP Text Threatens Environment, Public Health, Democracy](#) (November 10, 2015)

- [Friends of the Earth Statement: TPP Text Exposes Threat to Environment, Climate](#) (November 10, 2015)
- [Greenpeace Statement on TPP Text Release](#) (November 10, 2015)
- [AFL-CIO Statement on TPP Text Release](#) (November 10, 2015)
- [Communications Workers of America Statement on TPP Text Release](#) (November 10, 2015)
- [Teamsters Statement on TPP Text Release](#) (November 10, 2015)
- [International Trade Union Confederation Statement: Fears Over Trans-Pacific Partnership Confirmed](#) (November 10, 2015)
- [Machinists Union Statement on TPP Text Release](#) (November 10, 2015)
- [United Food and Commercial Workers Union Statement on TPP Text Release](#) (November 10, 2015)
- [National Farmers Union Statement: TPP Will Fail Family Farmers and Ranchers](#) (November 10, 2015)
- [Alliance for Retired Americans Statement: TPP Text Proves Seniors Have Been Right to Worry About Higher Prescription Drug Prices](#) (November 10, 2015)
- [National Nurses United Statement: Final TPP Text Even Worse Than Advertised](#) (November 10, 2015)
- [NETWORK National Catholic Social Justice Lobby Statement on TPP Text Release](#) (November 10, 2015)
- [Food and Water Watch Statement on TPP Text Release](#) (November 10, 2015)
- [Doctors Without Borders Statement on TPP Text Release](#) (November 10, 2015)

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- **Leak:** [WikiLeaks releases Investment Chapter of TPP negotiations](#) (March 25, 2015)
- **Leak:** [WikiLeaks releases IP Chapter of TPP negotiations](#) (October 2014)

- **Leak:** [WikiLeaks releases Environment Chapter of TPP negotiations](#) (January 2014)
- **Leesburg Round Negotiations:** [Read about events and press coverage of the 14th TPP negotiating round, which took place from September 6-15, 2012. Find our updates on the round here.](#)
- **Dallas Round Negotiations:** [Read about events and press coverage of the 12th TPP negotiating round, which took place from May 8-18, 2012.](#)
- [Wallach and Beachy in the \*New York Times\*: Obama's Covert Trade Deal](#) (June 2, 2013)

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