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 **TODAY'S "SHORT TOPIC"**  
**ARE CORPORATIONS  
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SO DON'T BE FOOLED!**



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*Here's what provoked me:*

*A pro-Sanders letter wanted to steer the voters away from voting for a businessman for President. I take serious exception to that premise, without of course coming down in support of the "businessman" in question.*

*Here's my response:*

**Are Corporations Bad? Only Under Certain Conditions, So Don't Be Fooled!**

Joy Sokeitous lets corporations "have it" in "Corporations are dictatorships," March 30. The main complaints:

- Be careful about voting in a businessman for President.
- The businessman/dictator might not listen, will fight unionization, send jobs "off-shore," and import cheap labor.
- It may be time to listen to Bernie Sanders says she.

Corporations are excellent tools for free enterprise – properly used of course. Worldwide, since 1970, people living on less than \$1 a day have been reduced by 80%. In China alone 400 million rose out of abject poverty between 1981 and 2001. The international spread of free enterprise can take much of the credit. Never has there been a better tool to help the poor escape poverty's clutches.

Free enterprise didn't cause the great depression, lack of it was the culprit. Free enterprise had given way to "statism" and corporate cronyism. The recent recession wasn't caused by free enterprise. Rather, government programs to force-feed home ownership to new segments of the population – bear much of the blame. And who was first in line to ask for "bailouts"? It was the corporate cronies, as usual.

The solution to many ills isn't more government, as Sanders claims. That solution is more free enterprise!