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- Allow foreign investment and financial speculation to be even less restricted;
- Undermine protections for labour, while strengthening copyright claims over workforce creativity;
- Roll-back environmental protections written into legislation, regulations, and bylaws;
- Dismantle obligations to treaties that protect general human rights, indigenous rights, and nature;
- Favour anti-competitive cartels of transnational corporations that undermine small-scale producers;
- Allow big pharmaceutical corporations to charge more for medicines;
- Undermine popular dissent by privileging the fiction of investors' 'commercial sovereignty'.

What we need (and how to do it):

- Become paradigm warriors to halt this economic war framework (directed by the super-rich), and redirect resources to create resilient, sustainable, self-determining communties, based on permaculture principles;ⁱⁱ
- Implement mass-scale land reform because vast tracts of land are held by minority super-rich populations;ⁱⁱⁱ
- **Dismantle capitalism** because its secret purpose is to limit as many people as possible from having access to land. Communities cannot be self-determining if they do not control economic resources;^{iv}
- Jail key insiders who have conspired (for political power) and colluded (for economic gain) against societies, by consciously advancing what is, essentially, a *global neo-colonial project* (AKA globalization)^v. Otherwise, efforts to create a peaceful world will be futile if the criminal transnational capitalist class network remains intact.

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