

# VIDEO Security and Prosperity Partnership: Origins, Structures and Impacts

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In this interview Janet Eaton provides an overview of the origins, structures and impacts of the Security and Prosperity Partnership of North America (SPP), a NAFTA - plus initiative within a 'security' fortress America framework which is being executed, beneath the radar screen of public, Parliamentary and Congressional scrutiny, by executive levels of government with advice from big business. Impacts discussed include human rights and civil liberties under attack on the 'security' side and downward regulatory harmonization, tar sands and energy implications, NAFTA super corridor impacts, the environment as loser under both NAFTA and the SPP, loss of jobs, and attempts to privatize Mexico's Pemex, among other things, on the so- called prosperity or trade side of the arrangement.

She also discusses the failures of NAFTA upon which the SPP is based, noting the lack of logic in continuing to promote and extend a free market, free trade system when corporate globalization and its mechanisms like free trade agreements have been shown to be flawed and failing. She speaks of a world teetering on the verge of ecosystem collapse, collapse of cheap oil, economic collapse and climate change tipping points all of which have been exacerbated by a global economic system based on unlimited growth, militarism, global trade and fossil fuel. She suggests we must redesign the entire economic system and involve citizens and NGOs in the process. Karen O'Donnell, a labour representative and former Massachusetts State representative provides insight into US labor perspectives on the SPP while stressing the need for citizens to speak to their state representatives on issues like the SPP. Dave Lewit, from the New England branch of the Alliance for Democracy, as interviewer, introduces the 'globalization impact bill' and makes several references to the importance of citizen awareness and action in attempting to transform the system. He concludes "In general I think it falls to 'we the people' here locally to deal with this!"

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