

What is energy democracy? & Why we need it in Louisiana



Louisiana State Capitol and Exxon Refinery Explosion (Christmas Eve 1989)

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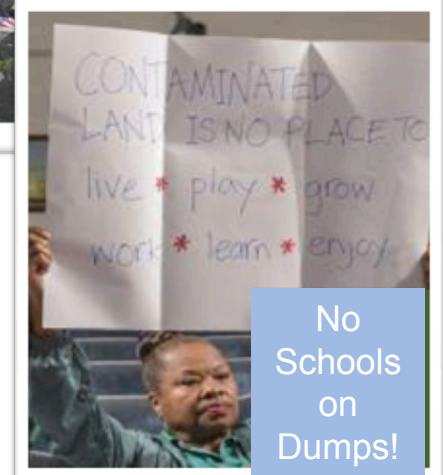
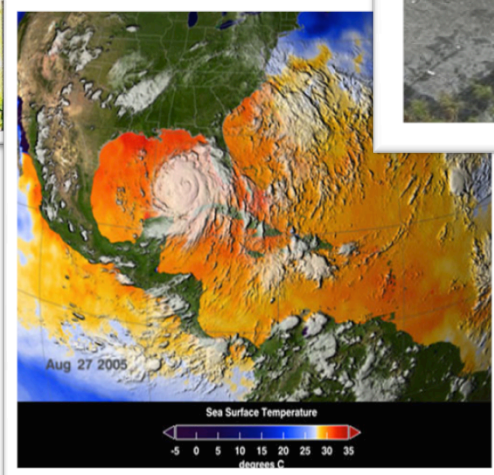
**From slave
plantations**



to industrial plants

Energy choices

Who makes them? Who benefits?





DSCEJ OPINION SURVEY ON ENERGY CHOICES

76% - HAVE TOO LITTLE INPUT ON ENERGY ISSUES DECIDED BY GOVERNMENT

84% - AGREE THAT REDUCING USE OF COAL, OIL, NATURAL GAS TO IMPROVES AIR QUALITY AND HEALTH

85% - AGREE THAT REDUCING USE OF COAL, OIL, NATURAL GAS IS NEEDED TO MITIGATE TO CLIMATE CHANGE

70% - BELIEVE SOLAR ENERGY WILL BE THE MOST IMPORTANT ENERGY SOURCE IN NEXT 10 YEARS

100 New Orleans residents were surveyed.

How can we make governmental decisions on energy that are equitable, affordable, safe and healthy?

Fossil fuel industries have no public support . . . and they know it.

Louisiana would rather criminalize protest than offend Big Oil | Opinion
Jarvis DeBerry
THE TIMES-PICAYUNE
April 21, 2018



Actors were paid to support Entergy's power plant at New Orleans City Council meetings
by Michael Isaac Stein, Contributing writer
THE LENS
May 4, 2018



Energy Democracy

Your voice and your vote matters



HUMAN RIGHTS LAWS

International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

Right of Assembly (Art. 21)

Right to Participate in Public Affairs (Art. 25)

American Declaration on the Rights and Duties of Man

Right to Participate in Government (Art. 20)

Right of Assembly (Art. 21)

US CONSTITUTION

Amendment I - Freedom of Speech, Right of Assembly, and Right to Petition Government

Amendment XV - Right to Vote Not to Be Denied on Account of Race / Voting Rights Act of 1965

Amendment XIX - Women's Right to Vote

Amendment XVII - Election of Senators

Amendment XXIII - Presidential Vote in D.C.

Amendment XXIV - Prohibition against the Poll Tax

LOUISIANA LAWS

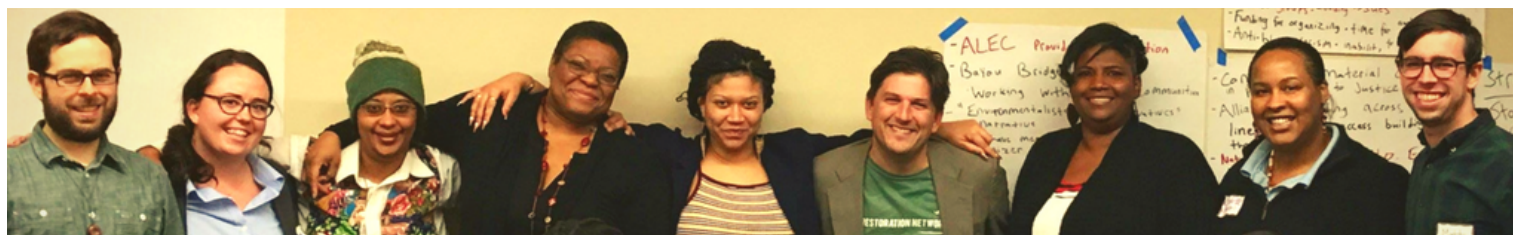
State Constitution, Article 12, section 3 - Right to Observe Public Meetings

Open Meetings Law, Revised Statutes Title 42, sections 14-28 - Right to Observe Public Meetings and Make Comment Prior to Governmental Decision

Louisiana Energy Democracy Coalition



- ❖ Deep South Center for Environmental Justice
- ❖ Gulf Coast Center for Law & Policy
- ❖ Alliance for Affordable Energy
- ❖ Sierra Club



- Organize quarterly meetings with community-based organizations throughout Louisiana
- Educate and assist community-based organizations to understand impacts of energy decisions on their lives and communities
- Support community-based organizations to engage in energy decision-making at utility regulatory agencies as well as state and federal environmental agencies.

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