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During the early stages of the BP Gulf of Mexico disaster I compiled a file of approx 100 pages with contemporaneous accounts of the unfolding environmental disaster. When I saw one local comment on BP I had a Globalisation moment!

One of the many mindless MSM (main stream media) red herrings in respect of Shell's Corrib theft* is that many of those who seek to defend our Place from actual and guaranteed future environmental degradation and reclaim for the people of Ireland the benefits of our oil and gas which rightly belong to us come from 'outside'. A feature of the proposed Shell Corrib project is a very loose definition of 'outside' v 'local'. In my own case, while I live in the Parish of Kiltane which adjoins the Parish of Kilcommon, I spent my entire professional life as a primary teacher in the parish of Kilcommon; 35 years is half ones biblical span but, when it suited, I was classed as an 'outsider' while Andy Pyle (England), John Egan (Castlebar), Terry Nolan (Carlow), Michael Crothers (Irish parents) and all the others were magically local because of their involvement with the excrescence at Ballinaboy.

Globalisation, by definition, is global; one isn't a mad old bat (despite MSM and others' efforts in that regard) to state that informed opposition to globalisation makes any place of conflict with oil companies local by definition - a toilet bowl from Erris and a toilet bowl in Louisiana both have a common message in response to a common threat. I believe that any reservations of good taste, refinement or other doesn't matter a hill of beans to Shell, BP et al - the only imperative for plc's, private limited companies, is to maximise shareholder gain, anything, any place, anybody else is entirely expendable.

That is why the battle against Shell's proposed Corrib project remains, after eleven years, at 50/50 and is still to be determined one way or the other. It is of no relevance to anyone other than Shell shareholders that a refinery is built and offshore pipeline laid - the ONLY thing that matters to oil companies is getting the piggy to market to continue shareholder gain; the only thing understood by oil companies is damage to their bottom \$ line.

*theft as in stealing by finding