

CO-CORPORATION!

Story

Welcome to Co-orporation, the game that allows players to explore the nuanced relationships between governments and corporations! There are two entities in the game; the government and corporations. The corporations are trying to grow from startups to conglomerates by merging, and the government is trying to win elections. To be successful, the government and corporations must act in their own interests but also support each other when it may be mutually beneficial.

Gameplay

Four players play as corporations, beginning as startups and eventually merging into conglomerates as the game progresses. The fifth player plays as the government. A round consists of each corporation drawing and playing their cards which correspond to different actions, followed by the government doing the same. Each round counts as a year, and an election is held every 4 years.

Winning the Game

For the corporations to win, all 4 startups must gain enough employees to merge into one conglomerate before 12 years are over. For the government to win, they must survive 12 years without losing an election.

Materials

The game contains:

1 x Co-orporation game board

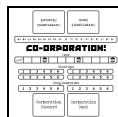
6 x Game tokens



1 x Corporation card deck

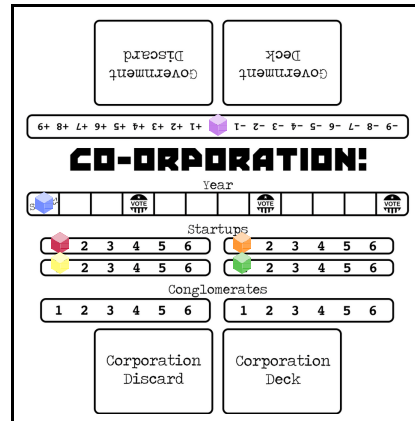


1 x Government card deck



Setup

1. Set a token at 0 on the electability slider.
2. Set any token at "Start!" on the year slider.
3. Set the last four tokens at the 1 employee mark on the startup employee sliders (colour does not matter for token placement).
4. Shuffle each card deck and place it face down on the indicated card spot.
5. Choose one player to play as the government. The remaining 4 players will play as corporations, which are initially startups.
6. The corporation seated to the right of the government goes first, and the turns move counterclockwise.

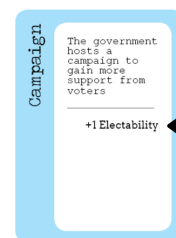


Initial game setup

On Your Turn

Corporation:

1. Draw 2 cards if you're a startup or 3 if you're a conglomerate.
2. Choose 1 card to play, and discard the other card(s).
3. Place the card in front of you and follow the instructions indicated.
4. Discard the card unless otherwise instructed.



Card action

Government:

1. Draw until the number of cards in your hand is equal to the number of corporations.
2. Play as many cards as desired.
3. Discard played cards at the end of your turn unless otherwise indicated.
4. Advance the year token by one. If it is an election year, there is an election!
 - a. If the government's electability is 0 or below, the government loses.

Merging

At the end of any player's turn, if any two startups have 6 employees, they can merge into a conglomerate. To merge, stack the two corporation tokens and place them both onto the conglomerate slider. They now play together as a conglomerate (1 corporation), and choose to play from 3 cards. If two conglomerates have 6 employees each at the end of a player's turn, they will be able to merge again, and the corporations win the game!

Social Good Cards

Within each deck, there are Social Good cards. The effect of these cards immediately benefit the opposing team but they are self-beneficial in the long term.

Once a corporation has played 3 social good cards, they can raise their employee count to 6.

Once the government has played 5 social good cards, they can unmerge a conglomerate.

FAQS

Q: How long is a year?

A: A year is one round. The year slider increases at the end of the government's turn.

Q: Can a corporation have negative employees?

A: No. If you have 1 employee, you cannot lose any more.

Q: Can a corporation have more than 6 employees?

A: No. If you have 6 employees, you cannot gain any more and must wait until another corporation has 6 to merge.

Q: Do corporations have to play a card on their turn?

A: Yes

Q: How many cards can the government play?

A: As many as they want!

Q: When do elections happen?

A: Elections happen every four years, at the end of the government's turn (if they are playing cards, they must do so before the election).

Q: What's a startup and what's a conglomerate?

A: A startup is any corporation that has not merged yet, and a conglomerate is any two corporations playing as one after merging.

Q: How do you win an election?

A: The government wins an election if its electability is greater than zero when the election happens (every four years at the end of the year).

Credits

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