

Visual Map: Patterns of Elite Capture

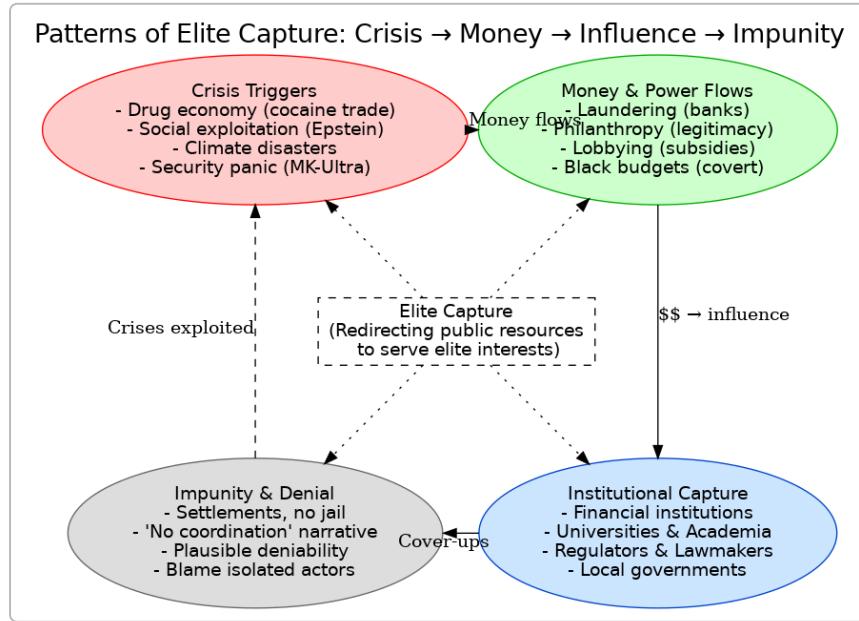


Figure: A concept map illustrating the pattern of elite capture across domains. Crises (red) such as drug epidemics, exploitation scandals, climate disasters, or security panics generate illicit money flows (green) through mechanisms like money laundering, lobbying, and covert funding. These resources then capture institutions (blue) – from banks and universities to regulators – bending them to serve elite interests. Finally, impunity and denial (grey) ensue, with settlements, cover-ups, and “no coordination” narratives ensuring no individual is held accountable. The dashed arrows from the central node indicate how “Elite Capture” is the overarching process tying these stages together, with impunity feeding back into new crises.