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"Truth is the daughter, not of authority but time." - Francis Bacon

****THIS IS A FINANCIAL WAR. CRITICIZE EVERYTHING.****

<https://twitter.com/Tentoads4truth/status/1395141795940429825/photo/1>(<https://preview.redd.it/274q12qucc071.jpg?width=683&format=pjpg&auto=webp&s=41b8e3b511e334c853e6b95d2fc938e8a8e8960c>)

So who is Koch Industries?

(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Koch_Industries)(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Koch_Industries)

"With annual revenues of \$110 billion by 2014, the company is the largest [privately held company](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Privately_held_company) in the United States."

Who is it built by? (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Koch_family)(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Koch_family)

"According to a report by [American University](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_University)'s [Investigative Reporting Workshop](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Investigative_Reporting_Workshop), the Koch brothers have built "what may be the best funded, multifaceted, public policy, political and educational presence in the nation today."([28])(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Koch_family#cite_note-irwreport-28)"

"Their [political contributions](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Political_contributions) began to attract widespread attention from media outlets in 2008, when, through their family foundations, the brothers contributed to 34 political and policy organizations, three of which they founded, and several of which they directed.([14])(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Koch_family#cite_note-14) They have since organized a network of an estimated 500 libertarian and conservative donors,([15])(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Koch_family#cite_note-SEVERNS-15) candidates, think tanks, and other groups. As an example of their influence, investigative journalist [Jane Mayer](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jane_Mayer) noted House Speaker [John Boehner](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Boehner)'s appeal to David Koch in 2011 when Boehner needed votes to prevent a [government shutdown](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Government_shutdown).([16])(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Koch_family#cite_note-16)"

"In early 2018, political advocacy groups linked to the Koch family pledged to spend \$400 million on the [2018 midterm elections](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2018_midterm_elections), including \$20 million to promote the [H.R.1 – An Act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to titles II and V of the concurrent resolution on the budget for fiscal year 2018](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tax_Cuts_and_Jobs_Act_of_2017) to skeptical voters.([25])(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Koch_family#cite_note-25)"

Interesting...so how does something like this work in practice? Well, see that H.R.1 bill - let's take a look at a leaked conference call about it that provides great insight:

"The presentation by Kyle McKenzie, the research director for the Koch-run advocacy group Stand Together, on a January 8th call among conservative opponents of House Resolution 1."

<https://www.newyorker.com/news/news-desk/inside-the-koch-backed-effort-to-block-the-largest-election-reform-bill-in-half-a-century>

"Kyle McKenzie, the research director for the Koch-run advocacy group Stand Together, told fellow-conservatives and Republican congressional staffers on the call that he had a "spoiler." "When presented with a very neutral description" of the bill, "people were generally supportive," McKenzie said, adding that "the most worrisome part . . . is that conservatives were actually as supportive as the general public was when they read the neutral description." In fact, he warned, "there's a large, very large, chunk of conservatives who are supportive of these types of efforts."

"McKenzie explained that the Koch-founded group had invested substantial resources "to see if we could find *any* message that would activate and persuade conservatives on this issue." He related that "an A.O.C. message we tested"—one claiming that the bill might help Congresswoman [Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez](<https://www.newyorker.com/news/our-columnists/the-distinct-political-paths-of-barack-obama-and-alexandria-ocasio-cortez>) achieve her goal of holding "people in the Trump Administration accountable" by identifying big donors—helped somewhat with conservatives. But McKenzie admitted that the link was tenuous, since "what she means by this is unclear." "Sadly," he added, not even attaching the phrase "cancel culture" to the bill, by portraying it as silencing conservative voices, had worked. "It really ranked at the bottom," McKenzie said to the group. "That was definitely a little concerning for us."

"On the call, McKenzie, the Koch operative, cited one "ray of hope" in the fight against the reforms, noting that his research found that the most effective message was arguing that a politically "diverse coalition of groups opposed" the bill, including the American Civil Liberties Union. "In our message example that we used, we used the example of A.C.L.U., Planned Parenthood, and conservative organizations backed by Charles Koch as an example of groups that oppose H.R. 1," he said. "I think, you know, when you put that in front of people . . . they're, like, 'Oh, conservatives and some liberal groups all oppose this, like, I should maybe think about this more. You know, there must be bigger implications to this if these groups are all coming together on it.' ""

"However, that test message was inaccurate. Planned Parenthood does not oppose the For the People Act. It is, in fact, on a list of organizations giving the legislation their full backing."

Okay, wow. So that's how the government really works. I guess we all knew that, but it is ■ to hear it discussed. Why do we vote again..?

Okay, okay. I have jokes ■. So there is a private conglomerate called Koch who STRONGLY influences the government. Well, who is a part of this group and how do they organize?

<https://www.nytimes.com/2010/10/20/us/politics/20koch.html>

Backup of this site (no paywall) - <https://archive.ph/tyAqa>

"Koch Industries, a Wichita-based energy and manufacturing conglomerate run by the billionaire brothers Charles and David Koch, operates a foundation that finances political advocacy groups, but tax law protects those groups from having to disclose much about what they do and who contributes."

Great, so there are tax laws (and we know Koch influences laws..) that protect the group from disclosing who is part of the group. So what do we know?

"The Koch network meets twice a year to plan and expand its efforts — as the letter says, "to review strategies for combating the multitude of public policies that threaten to destroy America as we know it."

"Those efforts, the letter makes clear, include countering "[climate change](<https://archive.ph/o/tyAqa/topic.s.nytimes.com/top/news/science/topics/globalwarming/index.html?inline=nyt-classifier>) alarmism and the move to socialized health care," as well as "the regulatory assault on energy," and making donations to higher education and philanthropic organizations to advance the Koch agenda."

"The Kochs insist on strict confidentiality surrounding the California meetings, which are entitled "Understanding and Addressing Threats to American Free Enterprise and Prosperity." The letter advises participants that it is closed to the public, including the news media, and admonishes them not to post updates or information about the meeting on the Web, blogs, social media or traditional media, and to "be mindful of the security and confidentiality of your meeting notes and materials."

"Invited participants are told they must wear nametags for all meeting functions. And, ensuring that no one tries to gain access by posing as a participant, the invitation says that reservations will be handled through Koch Industries' office in Washington: "Please do not contact the Rancho Las Palmas directly to place a reservation."

Okay, but I WANT NAMES! WHO ARE THESE PEOPLE?! Fine. Here's who we know are involved. <https://www.politico.com/story/2011/09/report-koch-bros-1m-club-revealed-062732>

"The Kochs named hedge fund power couple Ken and Anne Dias Griffin to their \$1 million club. Ken is the founder and CEO of Citadel and bundled money for President Barack Obama and Sen. John McCain in 2008"

"Who else did Koch thank for donating over \$1M? Well, Rich DeVos, The Marshall Family ("J. Howard Marshall married...Playboy Playmate Anna Nicole Smith when he was 89"), Charles Schwab, John "Jack" Templeton, Jr...."

"JW Childs Associates CEO and founder John Childs; philanthropists Dean "Dino" Cortopassis and his wife Joan; president, CEO and chair of Alliance Resource Partners Joe Craft; founder and former CEO of Cintas Corporation Dick Farmer and his wife Joyce; Friess Associates founders Foster and Lynn; Vice chair of Hillwood International Energy Jerry Fullinwider and his wife Leah; coal mining company Cumberland Resources Corporation founder Richard Gilliam and his wife Leslie; and former CEO and chair emeritus of international office-interiors manufacturer Haworth Richard "Dick" Haworth and his wife Ethie. "

"Also mentioned: billionaire former head of ABC Supply roofing company Diane Hendricks; Chair of the board of Tamko Building Products Ethelmae Humphreys and her son David, Tamko's CEO; Jacobs Levy equity management firm cofounder Kenneth Levy and his wife Frayda, a national director for the Kochs'

Americans for Prosperity; millionaire Republican booster Art Pope and his wife Kathy; CEO and chair of Natural Resource Partners Corbin Robertson and his wife Barbara; founder and CEO of the philanthropy group the Ariel Foundation Karen Wright and the foundation's vice president of marketing and engineering Tom Rastin; and Services Group of America CEO Peter Smith."

"The names Mother Jones includes in its second breakdown of donors - those not on the 2010 list - are: Mountaire Corporation head Ron Cameron; Continental Resources CEO Harold Hamm and his wife Sue Ann; former Peacock Engineering head Jerry Hayden and his wife Marilyn; investor Virginia James; Menards hardware company founder John Menard; and former chair of international holding company Dyson-Kissner-Moran Corporation John Moran."

Okay, so what? Are they involved in GME or the rest of this financial situation? Well, yes. For example, they sent a last minute witness to the Gamestop hearing:

<https://www.sgtreport.com/2021/02/gamestop-hearing-gets-a-surprise-witness-from-deeply-conflicted-cato-institute/>

"Now, out of the blue, a new witness has popped up for [tomorrow's hearing](<https://financialservices.house.gov/calendar/eventsingle.aspx?EventID=407107>): Jennifer Schulp, the Director of Financial Regulation Studies for the Cato Institute."

Cato Institute = think tank that Koch founded

"If we were to make a wild guess as to who wanted this witness at the hearing, it would be the Republican ranking member of the Committee, Patrick McHenry, whose top donors are big firms on Wall Street that don't want to see the GameStop fiasco result in tightened regulations."

Okay, well this has been eye opening so far... Large private company highly influences politics. Who else stands beside them with similar donations?

<https://www.commondreams.org/views/2021/01/28/meet-real-dark-money-gop-donors-who-funded-those-who-voted-overturn-election>

"These 10 individuals and families donated nearly \$500 million to outside political groups that made independent expenditures supporting at least one of the 147 GOP members of Congress who voted against the 2020 presidential election results or attacking their opponents in their most recent elections."

Who were they(ranked by donation amount)? Miriam and Sheldon Adelson, **Ken Griffin**, Timothy Mellon, Stephen and Christine Schwarzman, Liz and Richard Uihlein, **Jeff Yass** (Co-founder of Susquehanna), Reyes Family, Ricketts Family, **Charles and Helen Schwab**, Bernard and Billi Marcus

"Koch Industries, the fossil fuel conglomerate led by billionaire libertarian Charles Koch, was the biggest corporate donor to these spending groups at \$13.75 million."

"A number of other corporations, including many fossil fuel companies, and their PACs gave significant amounts to spending groups that helped elect the Republican objectors."

Other top corporate donors include: Chevron, Hillwood Development Company, RAI Services Company, Pilot Corporation, TRT Holdings, Valero, Marathon Petroleum, ConocoPhillips, Wheatland Tube, Boeing,

GEO Group, Murray Energy

“**Michael Bloomberg**, a former Republican who ran in the Democratic presidential primary in 2020, gave \$500,000 to the With Honor Fund, a super PAC that spends money to elect military veterans from both parties, in October 2020. In that cycle, the With Honor Fund spent \$453,000 on independent expenditures boosting five House Republicans who attempted to overturn the election results.

In 2020, **Jacklyn and Miguel Bezos**, the parents of Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos, each gave over \$1 million to the With Honor Fund. In the 2018 cycle, **Jeff Bezos** was the super PAC’s biggest donor.”

“The super PAC affiliated with the Environmental Defense Fund, EDF Action Votes, mostly supports Democrats, but in 2020 it backed three Republicans. The PAC [spent \$100,000](<https://www.edfaction.org/media/edf-action-votes-launches-tv-ad-highlighting-masts-record-fighting-clean>) to boost Florida Republican Rep. Brian Mast, who went on to vote against the election results. The majority of EDF Action Votes’ funding comes from its dark money affiliate, the Environmental Defense Action Fund, but Environmental Defense Fund trustee Susan Mandel, whose husband runs a hedge fund, is the biggest individual donor of 2020 (\$6 million).”

Well...this is not how I think it should work. Has anyone tried to do anything? Well, yes. We just didn’t hear about it. Recently actually. (almost like media is controlled..(https://www.reddit.com/r/Superstonk/comments/mxy9fn/just_gonna_leave_this_here/?utm_medium=android_app&utm_source=share)(https://www.reddit.com/r/Superstonk/comments/mxy9fn/just_gonna_leave_this_here/?utm_medium=android_app&utm_source=share))

(<https://wallstreetonparade.com/2021/03/the-dark-money-ring-of-charles-koch-and-leonard-leo-gets-an-airing-before-the-u-s-senate-followed-by-a-mainstream-media-news-blackout/>)(<https://wallstreetonparade.com/2021/03/the-dark-money-ring-of-charles-koch-and-leonard-leo-gets-an-airing-before-the-u-s-senate-followed-by-a-mainstream-media-news-blackout/>)

“Last Wednesday, March 10, a Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee held a hearing of critical importance to every American on the growing tsunami of dark money that is corrupting the U.S court system, up to, and including, the U.S. Supreme Court. Senator Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI), who has [written extensively](https://harvardjol.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/17/2020/05/Sen.-Whitehouse_Dark-Money.pdf) on the corrupting influence of dark money on American democracy, chairs that Subcommittee on Federal Courts, Oversight, Agency Action and Federal Rights.”

“One would have thought that every major print and broadcast news outlet would have covered that hearing. Instead, the silence was deafening and smacked of censorship. The one peep that was heard from a major news outlet was a snarky attack on Whitehouse himself on the day of the hearing by the corporatized, right-wing Editorial Board of the Wall Street Journal, part of the Rupert Murdoch empire.”

“Charles Koch’s late brother and long-time ally, David, had written in the memo: “Our efforts have been aligned with the Trump administration’s efforts to use Executive Orders to direct agencies and departments to dismantle regulatory overreach.””

“When the Koch network and the Wall Street Journal use the word “overreach,” they mean the laws that protect average Americans’ rights to breath clean air, drink clean water, [seek redress at the nation’s courts](<https://wallstreetonparade.com/2015/11/new-york-times-discovers-courts-have-been-privatized-20-years-too-late/>), and have an equal voice in electing their chosen representatives at the local, state and national level.”

****tl;dr – Money owns politics. Here's how.****

****An actual tl;dr, by popular request**** \- Koch Industries cares about GME so much that they sent a last minute representative to the first congressional hearing. It has been shown that Koch Industries controls US politics through money. This money is secretly donated from Billionaires such as Ken Griffin, Jeff Yass, Charles Schwab, Michael Bloomberg, Jeff Bezos, and others.

A whole sub on reddit devoted to Koch:

<https://www.reddit.com/r/KochWatch>

A twitter devoted to exposing Koch:

<https://twitter.com/Tentoads4truth>

Edit: <https://twitter.com/RBReich/status/1392678289504755719> "Koch Industries has the largest single stake in Colonial Pipeline, with 28.1% of Colonial's privately-held shares."

Links to my other posts:

[How One Can Change The World](https://www.reddit.com/user/TheLunarnautics/comments/nxm7yo/how_one_can_change_the_world/)

[Cultural Change Led by Team Win](https://www.reddit.com/user/TheLunarnautics/comments/nmkv4o/cultural_change_led_by_team_win_twitter_paypal/)

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