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IT'S HAPPENING NOW, IN NH & IT'S *NOT* TRUMP

- David Koch and John H. Sununu both study engineering at MIT from 1958-1963.
- Bestseller [Atlas Shrugged](#), by Russian refugee Ayn
- In 1983, John H Sununu becomes Chief of Staff to first President Bush. In that role, John [thwarts the US from joining the international conference to address climate change](#). In 1993, an executive of Kochs' Michigan subsidiary becomes a founding trustee of the [Josiah Bartlett Center for Public Policy](#) [JBC] in NH. Its mission is to advance Libertarian policies. John Sununu, and, later, son James, chair the JBC. Another Sununu son, Michael, becomes a vocal climate denier and industry consultant. Another, Senator John E. Sununu, opposes the Climate Stewardship Act of 2003.
- Federalist Clarence Thomas is appointed to the Supreme Court. From 1996-97, Thomas employs a Federalist clerk named John Eastman. In 1999, Eastman becomes a [senior fellow at the Claremont Institute](#), an Originalist think tank. Twenty-three years later, Eastman would meet secretly and convince President Donald Trump that Vice President Pence could refuse to accept electoral college ballots on Jan 6.
- [Claremont is directed by Larry Arnn](#). In 2000, Arnn becomes president of [Hillsdale College](#), a tiny, evangelical, liberal-arts college in rural Michigan. Its endowment is \$900 million. The Koch Foundation and its [network of nonprofits](#) are among the donors. Hillsdale is a megaphone for radical rightwing politicians. Its newsletter *Imprimis* claims 6.2 million readers. Justice Thomas and Charles Koch contribute articles.
- Hillsdale College plans to establish hundreds of conservative, religious charter schools with public money, nationwide. As Arnn proclaims, "Teaching is our trade. It is also our weapon."
- In 2021, Arnn would [use this weapon to help Koch fight plummeting oil prices](#) due to COVID. Hillsdale would open "The Academy for Science and Freedom." Its mission? To fight the "fiasco" of government pandemic mask and vaccine mandates, contact tracing, and lockdowns.
- Meanwhile, in 2009, Hillsdale hires the wife of Justice Clarence Thomas to help launch a DC campus on Capitol Hill. Ginni Thomas sets up the new campus across from the Koch-funded Heritage Foundation. There, Heritage and Federalist Society staff train young Congressional staffers. Arnn uses the venue to gain interviews and fundraising by Rush Limbaugh.
- In 2010, Attorney Cleta Mitchell files an amicus brief with SCOTUS in support of Citizens United. Citizens United lets corporate donors, such as Koch Industries, donate unlimited sums for political purposes. Eight days after Justice Thomas helps decide the 5-4 decision in favor of Citizens United, Mitchell sets up [Liberty Central](#) with a \$1.5 million donation in dark money for the Justice's wife. A decade later, Cleta Mitchell would be the attorney on

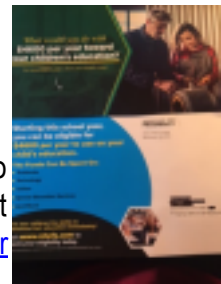
Rand, lionizes American capitalists as beleaguered heroes. America's economy is collapsing because they are not allowed to pursue profit unchecked. "Greed is good," her characters declare. They abandon the US to create a Libertarian utopia.

- Koch Industries is the largest private US firm, with \$115 Bil in revenues, mostly from petrochemicals. In 1980, David Koch runs for VP. His [Libertarian platform](#) demands the end of Medicare, Social Security, public schools, aid to children, the Fed, the Post Office, the Environmental Protection and most other Agencies.

- In 1982, conservative legal professionals found [The Federalist Society](#). Members train young lawyers to believe in "originalism", then advance them to higher judgeships. Originalists freeze the Constitution as they think Framers designed it. Originalists would leave industry free to seek profit without rules or regard for impacts on people or the environment.

the phone with President Trump when he asks GA Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger to “find 11,000 votes.”

- Meanwhile, back in 2012, Dark Money campaign spending swells. Charles and David Koch oversee about half of the estimated \$170 million in federal dark-money political spending in the US.
- [According to a speaker at the annual Koch Industries conference.](#) “The [Koch] network is fully integrated, so it’s not just work at the universities with the students, but it’s also building state-based capabilities and election capabilities and integrating this talent pipeline... No one else has this infrastructure.”
- Arnn supports Donald Trump. So does Hillsdale graduate Erik Prince. Prince founded the [infamous Blackwater USA](#) mercenary organization that received billions from US taxpayers during the Iraq War. President Trump names Prince’s sister, Betsy DeVos, Secretary of Education. She sets about to achieve Koch’s 1980’s educational goal: “Government ownership, operation, regulation and subsidy of schools and colleges should be ended.”
- In 2016, Chris Sununu becomes governor of NH. He vetoes every bill that would cut fossil fuel demand. He appoints executives of the Josiah Bartlett Center to key positions. JBC President Drew Cline becomes chair of the NH Board of Education. He appoints Libertarian Frank Edelblut Commissioner of Education.
- Edelblut has a Master’s in Divinity but no educational credentials. Edelblut’s sons attend Hillsdale College. One serves as [secretary to Hillsdale’s Federalist Society.](#)
- Edelblut disparages and harasses public school educators. He steers COVID funding to religious and private schools. He hands a [DOE contract to a Sununu donor](#) for almost twice the cost of a higher-rated bid. He supports the [most expansive education voucher bill in the nation.](#) The bill is promoted by JBC, Free Staters, and the Liberty Alliance. [Over 3,000 members of the public turn out in opposition](#) at the bill’s hearing. Koch-funded “Americans for Prosperity” promotes the bill with postcards. (See image.)
- Governor Sununu negotiates with GOP House Majority Leader Jason Osborne for this and other controversial extremist measures to be hidden in the [huge budget bill.](#) Commissioner Edelblut proudly rolls out their "most extreme" voucher program. Betsy DeVos attends.
- Majority leader Osborne is a Hillsdale College grad who moved to New Hampshire as part of the Free-State Project. The Free-State Project is a plan for thousands of Libertarians to move to NH and run for office. The Free State Project’s explicit goal is to turn the state into a Libertarian utopia.
- Edelblut and Drew Cline direct [\\$1.5 million in federal funds to Lionheart Academy,](#) a Hillsdale charter school, in Peterborough. It teach Arnn’s “1776 Curriculum”, a blueprint for "patriotic education" devised for Donald Trump. • Meanwhile, [Free-Staters in Croydon](#) convince voters to halve the public-school budget. Massive protests overturn the cuts, but Free-Stater intent to end public education is clear.
- Governor Sununu travels to the [Koch-founded Cato Institute](#) in DC. There he celebrates NH’s being named "Freest State" by Will Ruger and Jason Sorens. Ruger is [VP of the Charles Koch Institute and the Charles Koch Foundation.](#) Sorens [founded](#) the Free-State Project. (See photo.) • Meanwhile, the Supreme Court’s Federalist Society majority swells to six justices. In swift 6-3 decisions, they legalize open-carry of firearms, overturn Roe v. Wade, expand prayer to public-school activities, and remove authority from the Environmental Protection Agency and most other federal regulatory agencies. The Koch’s 40- year-old agenda is advancing at an accelerating pace.



David Koch has passed away, but the conservative front organizations he and his brother funded live on. They will be working to elect candidates to Congress and to state and county offices. They will support candidates

dedicated to fighting climate action, repealing Social Security and Medicare, finishing off the Post Office and public schools, and achieving David Koch’s other goals from 1980. Their candidates may obfuscate if you ask them, just as the last four Supreme

Court justices did at their confirmation hearings. But it is easy to identify them. They now control the Republican Party. It's true in DC, as well as NH. We must excise them from our government.

A coup is happening. We have one last chance to stop it.

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