

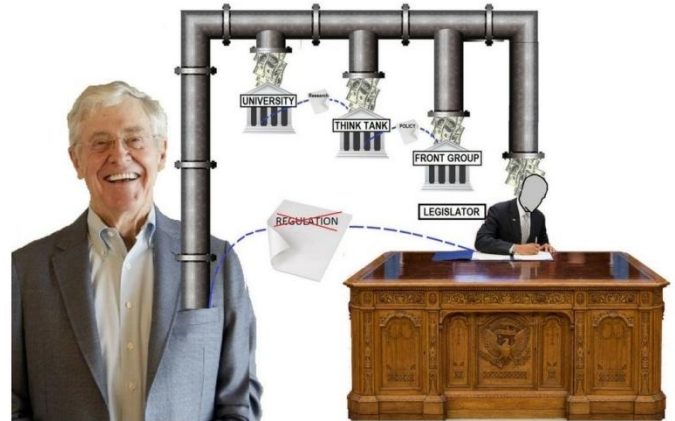
Campus Resistance to Koch \$\$

Since 2005, the Charles Koch Foundation (CKF) has given \$142 million to support and influence programs at over 400 universities and colleges. George Mason University (GMU) stands out in that crowd, having received \$95.5 million - more than two thirds of all CKF giving.

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY – KOCHS' BASE CAMP

Koch funding has supported GMU's economics department, law school, and two affiliate think-tanks: the Mercatus Center and the Institute for Humane Studies (IHS). IHS provides the crucial "talent pipeline" of professors, researchers, and politicians who staff Koch's state and national networks. The Mercatus Center, a free-market think-tank, then produces the research those networks rely upon to achieve their political objectives across the country. The Center has been described as "ground zero for deregulation policy in Washington."

In 2019, faculty at GMU successfully organized to change university gift acceptance policies to prevent donor influence in the future. Students were an integral part of this victory, applying pressure to the Faculty Senate and Board of Visitors in support of the changes.



UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA – COLONIZING K-12

Kochs Off Campus! (KOC!) formed in May 2017 to oppose the Koch-founded Center for the Philosophy of Freedom at the University of Arizona. Since then KOC! ousted the "Freedom Center's" ideologically-biased high school course from the Tucson Unified School District and the Amphitheater School District. More than 100 UA faculty members have signed a petition asking UA to sever ties with the Freedom Center. In September 2023, a Faculty Committee on Donor Influence presented a report to the UA Faculty Senate that recommended censuring the Freedom Center for allowing donor influence on faculty hiring and curriculum.



SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY – DENYING CLIMATE CHANGE

The Charles Koch Foundation donated \$1,005,328 to Suffolk University from 2008 to 2015. Documents released in 2013 revealed that Suffolk's Koch-

funded Beacon Hill Institute (BHI) promised its corporate donors studies that would pave the way for “legislative activity that will pare back or repeal” the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative. That same year, Kalin Jordan, an alumna of the university, started to raise concerns that monied interests were influencing the research being produced on campus. Over the course of three years, Jordan garnered over 20,000 signatures for a petition to then-President James McCarthy, successfully fought for disclosure of Suffolk’s private research grants, and built the pressure necessary to force Suffolk to cut ties with the Beacon Hill Institute entirely. BHI is now a free-standing entity.

TROY UNIVERSITY – PRIVATIZING STATE PENSIONS

At an Association of Private Enterprise Education (APEE) annual conference, Troy University professor George Crowley bragged that Troy’s Koch center was able to “take over” several departments, “ram through” curricular changes, and was working to privatize the Alabama state pension system in cooperation with the State Policy Network, the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC), and the John Arnold Foundation.

When UnKoch My Campus (a national organization with which Kochs Off Campus! is affiliated) released recordings of Crowley’s speech, the Professional Firefighters of Alabama (a network of 45,000 public employees) started a campaign to save the state retirement system. After UnKoch provided APEE recordings to a journalist and the story broke, Crowley was removed as chair of Troy’s Department of Economics, and administrators censured the center with the intention of reshaping its mission statement. The number of lobbyists pushing pension “reform” dropped from twenty in 2016 to zero in 2017.

UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON – INFLUENCING CURRICULUM AND FACULTY HIRING

In 2015, a University of Dayton alumnus asked the university’s interim Provost if the school was still funded by, or seeking new funding from, Koch foundations. Attached to his inquiry was an op-ed explaining that his education at the small Catholic school inspired him to care about other people,

protect the environment and fight for social justice. “UD accepting Koch funding is in clear violation of the institution’s Catholic Marianist values,” the alumnus wrote. The Provost replied stating that the university no longer accepts Koch funding. University spokeswoman Cilla Shindell explained to the Center for Public Integrity that the school had rejected a recent proposal from a “foundation that is in part funded by the Koch family” because it “would have been structured in a way that would limit oversight by the university in such areas as curriculum and faculty hiring.”



Western Carolina University’s Koch professor Ed Lopez attempting to filibuster a Q&A after an Unkoch presentation

WESTERN CAROLINA UNIVERSITY – FACULTY REJECT KOCH CENTER

Following the announcement of a Koch center at Western Carolina University (WCU), the university’s faculty senate voted nearly unanimously to reject the creation of the center. Nonetheless, university administrators moved ahead. Following this, a faculty oversight board was created and donor policies were revised to provide stronger protections against donor influence.

BALL STATE UNIVERSITY – “PAPA JOHN” ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES?

At Ball State University in Indiana, then-Governor Mike Pence was about to appoint Charles Koch’s partner donor “Papa John” Schnatter to the Board of Trustees. Faculty asked Unkoch My Campus for help. A campaign involving disseminating a research brief, mobilizing students, and working with local journalists seems to have prevented the appointment.

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY – FACULTY CALL FOR CUTTING TIES WITH KOCH NETWORK

In March 2017, the faculty senate at Wake Forest University in North Carolina passed a motion that WFU cut any ties with Koch and his network of political donors. The motion was based on reports from two faculty senate committees.



FSU students protest against Koch influence on campus and the controversial appointment of FSU's new president

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY – PRIVATIZING PRISONS

Here's a summary of Charles Koch's malign influence at Florida State University:

- Koch's 2016 donation to FSU included \$150,000 for the Project for Accountable Justice (PAJ), a corporate-funded "criminal justice" think tank. The PAJ holds ties to private corrections contractors and pro-corporate "criminal justice reform" efforts known as "Right on Crime," led by the American Legislative Exchange Council, the State Policy Network, and the Charles Koch Institute
- Koch's "Undergraduate Program" involved donor creation of several new courses, donor influence over at least nine courses, and donor control over introductory "principles" courses
- a Koch advisory board has control over graduate fellowship selection and dissertation topics in Koch's graduate and Ph.D fellowship program
- the university administration interfered in two faculty reviews of the original Koch agreement, suppressing the top findings of the first 2011 faculty investigation.

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY – FACULTY REFUSE KOCH DEREGULATION CENTER

In November 2019, the faculty senate at Montana State University declined to endorse the creation of a Koch-funded program on campus, the Center for Regulation and Applied Economic Analysis.

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH – A KOCH ECONOMICS INSTITUTE

In August 2017, almost 200 professors from the University of Utah signed a statement of concern about the creation of the Koch-funded Marriner S. Eccles Institute for Economics and Quantitative Analysis. The statement of concern was sent to UU's faculty senate, which charged a faculty committee with reviewing policies and procedures for approving institutes and centers.

Other Active Campaigns Against Donor Influence Are Happening at:

- Bowling Green State University
- John Jay College at CUNY
- Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- Middle Tennessee State University
- Saint Louis University
- Santa Clara University
- Syracuse University
- Trinity College
- University of Kentucky
- University of North Carolina- Chapel Hill
- University of North Carolina- Greensboro
- University of Pittsburgh
- Utah State University
- Brown University

Kochs Off Campus! is a nonpartisan group of Tucson residents, faculty, and students organizing against the UA Freedom Center and its Department of Political Economy and Moral Science.

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UnKoch My Campus supports students and faculty on over 25 campuses who are engaged in efforts to expose Koch's academic influence, improve transparency of private donations, and implement policy changes to prevent donor control.

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The 438 universities funded by the Charles Koch Foundation since 2005

Acton Business School-Albany State University-Allegheny College-Alma College-American University-Anderson University-Andrew College-Appalachian State University-Aquinas College-Arizona Christian University-Arizona State University-Arkansas Tech University-Ashland University-Assumption College-Athens State University-Auburn University-Augustana College-Austin Peay State University-Ave Maria University-Azusa Pacific University-Baldwin-Wallace University-Ball State University-Barton College-Baylor University-Belhaven University-Beloit College-Benedictine College-Berry College-Bethel College-Bethlehem College-Seminary-Biola University-Birmingham Southern College-Boise State University-Boston College-Bowling Green State University-Brigham Young University-Brooklyn College-Brooklyn Law School-Brown University-Bryan College-Buena Vista University-California Lutheran University-California State University (Chico)-California State University (East Bay)-California State University (Fresno) Foundation-California State University (Long Beach)-California State University (Northridge) Foundation-California State University (San Bernardino)-Campbell University-Carnegie Mellon University-Carroll College-Carthage College-Case Western Reserve University-Catholic University of America-Cedarville University-Central Carolina Community College-Central Michigan University-Chapman University-Charleston Southern University-Chestnut Hill College-Christendom College-Christopher Newport University-Citadel Foundation-City College of New York-City University of New York Research Foundation-Claffin University-Claremont Graduate University-Claremont McKenna College-Clarkson University-Cleary University-Clemson University-Coastal Carolina University-Colgate University-College of Charleston Foundation-College of Coastal Georgia Foundation-College of New Jersey-College of Saint Rose-College of the Holy Cross-College of the Sequoias Foundation-College of William and Mary-Colorado Christian University-Colorado College-Columbia University-Concordia College New York-Concordia University Wisconsin-Corban University-Cornell College (Iowa)-Cornell University-Creighton University-Dakota Wesleyan University-Dartmouth College-Delaware State University Foundation-Delta State University-Drury University-Duke University-Duquesne University-East Carolina University-East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania-Eastern Florida State College-Eastern University-Ecclesia College-Elizabethtown College-Emory University-Emporia State University Foundation-Eureka College-Fayetteville State University-Ferris State University-Florida Atlantic University-Florida Gulf Coast University Foundation-Florida Southern College-Florida State University-Fort Hays State University Foundation-Foundation for Grossmont & Cuyamaca Colleges-Friends University-Gannon University-Geneva College-George Fox University-George Mason University (Institute for Humane Studies)-George Mason University (Mercatus Center)-George Mason University Foundation-George Washington University-Georgetown University-Georgia College & State University-Georgia Gwinnett College Foundation-Georgia State University Foundation-Georgia Tech-Grove City College-Gustavus Adolphus College-Hampden-Sydney College-Hampton University-Hanover College-Harding University-Harvard University-Henderson State University-High Point University-Hillsdale College-Hofstra University-Hollins University-Hope College-Houghton College-Houston Baptist University-Illinois State University-Illinois State University-Indiana University-Indiana University (Indianapolis)-Indiana University Foundation-Iowa State University-Jacksonville State University-Jacksonville University-James Madison University-James Sprunt Community College-John Brown University-John Jay College-John Paul the Great Catholic University-Johns Hopkins University-Johnson and Wales University-Judson University-Kansas State University Foundation-Kansas University Endowment Association-Kennesaw State University-Kenyon College-King's College (London)-La Sierra University-Lagrange College-Lake Erie College-Lake Forest College-Lakeland College-Lebanon Valley College-Lee University-Liberty University-Lindenwood University-Linfield College-Lipscomb University-Lock Haven University-Long Island University-Louisiana State University Foundation-Loyola University (Chicago)-Loyola University (New Orleans)-Malone University-Manhattanville College-Marshall University-Massachusetts Institute of Technology-McKendree University-McNeese University-Menlo College-Mercer University-Methodist University-Metropolitan State University-Denver Foundation-Michigan State University-Middle Tennessee State University Foundation-Midwestern State University Foundation-Milligan College-Millikin University-Millsaps College-Mississippi State University-Montana State University (Bozeman)-Montclair State University-Morehead State University-Mount Holyoke College-Mount St. Mary's 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College-Regent University-Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute-Rhodes College-Rice University-Roanoke College-Robert Morris University-Rochester Institute of Technology-Rockford College-Rogers State University Foundation-Roosevelt University-Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology-Rutgers University-Rutgers University (Camden)-Saginaw Valley State University-Saint Francis University-Saint Katherine College-Salisbury University-Sam Houston State University-Samford University-San Diego State University Research Foundation-San Jacinto College-San Jose State University Foundation-Santa Clara University-Sarah Lawrence College-Seattle Pacific University-Seton Hall University-Shasta College Foundation-Skidmore College-Southeast Missouri State University-Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary-Southern Illinois University (Edwardsville)-Southern Illinois University (Carbondale)-Southern Methodist University-Southern University at New Orleans-Southern Utah University-Southern Virginia University-Southwestern Law School-St. Ambrose University-St. Anselm College-St. Bonaventure University-St. Cloud State University Foundation-St. Edwards University-St. John Fisher College-St. John's University-St. Lawrence University-St. Mary's College of Maryland-St. Michael's College-St. Vincent College-Stanford University-State University of New York (Plattsburgh)-State University of New York (Purchase)-State University of New York Research Foundation-Stephen F. Austin State University-Stillman College-Stonehill College-Suffolk University-Susquehanna University-Syracuse University-Texas A&M University-Texas Christian University-Texas State University (San Marcos)-Texas Tech University-Towson University Foundation-Transylvania University-Trinity College-Trinity University-Troy University Foundation-Truman State University-Tulane University-Tuskegee University-United Negro College Fund-University of Akron-University of Alabama (Birmingham)-University of Alabama (Huntsville)-University of Alabama (Tuscaloosa)-University of Alaska (Anchorage)-University of Alaska (Fairbanks)-University of Arizona Foundation-University of Arkansas (Fayetteville)-University of Arkansas (Little Rock)-University of California (Berkeley)-University of California (Davis)-University of California (Irvine)-University of California (Los Angeles) Foundation-University of California (Riverside) Foundation-University of Central Arkansas Foundation-University of Chicago-University of Colorado (Colorado Springs)-University of Colorado (Boulder)-University of Colorado Foundation-University of Connecticut-University of Dallas-University of Dayton-University of Delaware-University of Georgia Foundation-University of Hawaii-University of Houston-University of Idaho-University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign)-University of Illinois (Springfield)-University of Kentucky-University of Louisville-University of Maine (Machias)-University of Maine (Orono)-University of Manchester-University of Mary-University of Mary Hardin-Baylor-University of Maryland (Baltimore County)-University of Maryland (College Park)-University of Massachusetts (Amherst)-University of Memphis-University of Michigan-University of Minnesota-University of Minnesota (Duluth)-University of Mississippi-University of Missouri (Columbia)-University of Missouri (St. Louis)-University of Nebraska (Omaha)-University of Nevada (Las Vegas)-University of Nevada (Reno) Foundation-University of New Hampshire-University of New Haven-University of New Orleans Foundation-University of North Alabama Foundation-University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill)-University of North Carolina (Greensboro)-University of North Carolina (Pembroke)-University of North Texas-University of Notre Dame-University of Oklahoma-University of Pennsylvania-University of Pittsburgh-University of Richmond-University of Rochester-University of San Diego-University of San Francisco-University of South Alabama-University of South Dakota-University of South Florida Foundation-University of St. Thomas-University of Tampa-University of Tennessee (Chattanooga)-University of Tennessee (Knoxville)-University of Texas (Arlington)-University of Texas (Austin)-University of Texas (Dallas)-University of Texas (El Paso)-University of Texas Pan American Foundation-University of Texas (San Antonio)-University of Tulsa-University of Virginia-University of Virginia's College at Wise-University of Washington-University of West Florida Foundation-University of West Georgia-University of Wisconsin (Eau Claire)-University of Wisconsin (Green Bay)-University of Wisconsin (La Crosse)-University of Wisconsin (Madison) Foundation-Ursinus College-Utah State University-Utah State University (Strata Policy, Inc)-Vanderbilt University-Vassar College-Villanova University-Virginia Military Institute-Virginia Tech-Wake Forest University-Wake Technical Community College-Walden University-Washburn University Foundation-Washington and Lee University-Washington College-Washington University (St. Louis)-Waynesburg University-Webber International University-Wellesley College-Wesleyan University-West Liberty University-West Texas A&M University-West Virginia University Foundation-Western Carolina University-Western Kentucky University-Western Michigan University-Westmont College-Wheaton College-Wheeling Jesuit University-Whitman College-Wichita State University-William Jewell College-Wingate University-Winston-Salem State University-Winthrop University-Wisconsin Lutheran College-Wofford College-Wright State University-Yale University-Yeshiva University-York College of Pennsylvania