

Here's what they want to impose on us:

- “A return to oligarchy, to a world in which both economic and effective political power are...concentrated in the hands of a few...the kind of political economy that prevailed in America at the opening of the twentieth century, when the mass disenfranchisement of voters and the legal **treatment of unions as illegitimate** enabled large corporations and wealthy individuals to dominate Congress and most state governments alike, and to feel secure that the nation's courts would not interfere with their reign.” (Nancy MacLean, *Democracy in Chains*, pg 23)

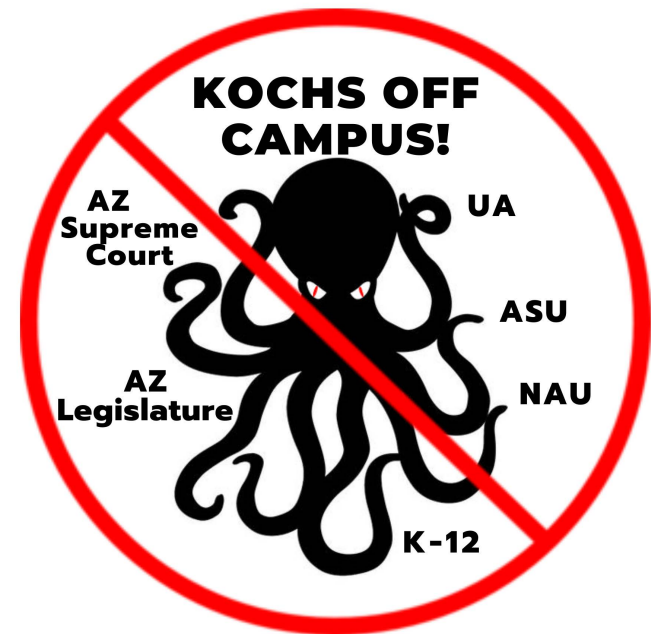
Why worry about the Kochs?

Their money, their donor network, and their organization have built a “private political party” that now rivals the two major, visible parties, one of which (the Republican) they are busy taking over. They are mounting a coordinated, nationwide assault on the people of this country. We must name our enemy, know our enemy, and mount a coordinated, nationwide resistance to our enemy. Here in Tucson, that begins with the “Freedom Center” that the Kochs and their allies created at UA and the course in right-wing, anti-labor economics that the Freedom Center has launched in our high schools.

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THE KOCHS,

ENEMIES OF LABOR

- The Kochs and the other billionaires and millionaires that they've recruited for their donor network don't just dislike labor unions. They **hate** labor unions. On principle.
- Why? Because labor unions raise wages and force owners to share some of the wealth. If they can **destroy unions**, they can keep the wealth for themselves. This is what they call “freedom” – their freedom, not ours.

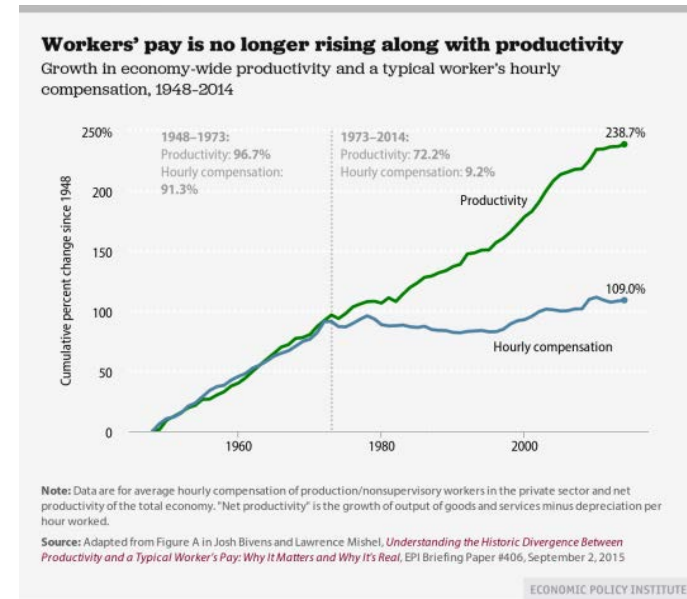
History of the Koch Assault on Labor Unions

- The movement spearheaded by the Kochs has roots back in the 1940s. It was virulently anti-labor from the beginning. Indeed, its aim has always been to **overturn the New Deal**, including its pro-labor policies.
- And they are getting their way. For example, the Kochs and their allies installed Scott Walker as the Governor of Wisconsin in 2011. Walker immediately rewarded his supporters with an unprovoked all-out **assault on public employee unions** that effectively stripped their members of the right to bargain collectively. In the recall election that followed, Koch money kept Walker in office. By 2017, Wisconsin public employee unions had lost half their members.
- Another example: Until recently, anti-union **right-to-work laws** were mostly confined to the South and thinly populated states. Since 2012, Koch-funded organizations – namely, the American Legislative Exchange Council, the State Policy Network, and Americans for Prosperity – have gotten Indiana, Michigan, Wisconsin, and West Virginia to pass right-to-work laws.
- Who's next? The ultimate goal is take all power away from workers everywhere and give it all to the owners.

Koch Propaganda About Labor Unions

“Wages rise not because of unions or government action, but because of marginal productivity gains – people get more money when they produce more value for other people.” -- Charles Koch, 2006

The Truth: Wages are flat while productivity is up - or wages fail to keep pace with inflation and profiteering.



Why?

