



Letters: Tea party movement has ties to rich brothers

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Bonnie Buchanan's letter to the editor in The Post-Crescent on Sept. 29, "Find out more about **Americans for Prosperity**," raises a frightening aspect to the elections that most people are unaware.

The article "Covert Operation" by Jane Mayer in New Yorker magazine and the suspicious activities that tie the **tea party** and Americans for Prosperity to "the billionaires behind the hate" (ThinkProgress) shine a light on Charles and David Koch, who sorely wish to "buy" our government.

Though the Kochs have denied any direct link to the tea party, Americans for Prosperity has worked with the tea party since its inception. The Kochs are behind the **money** that funded and trained members of the "grass roots" organization. The motive that really drives this "activist rebellion" can only be called sedition.

As one of the top 10 air polluters in the U.S. according to Greenpeace, Koch Industries in the years 2005 to 2008 outdid ExxonMobil in fighting legislation related to climate change, the organization said. The group is hidden behind a veil of respectability (Koch founded the Cato Institute and the Heritage Foundation), their agenda wants the repeal of environmental regulations. Georgia-Pacific (which they bought in 2005 for \$21 billion) manufactures formaldehyde to produce wood products. You've probably heard of "sick building syndrome." The Kochs have been lobbying to prevent the **EPA** from classifying formaldehyde as a known carcinogen to humans.

Shockingly, the tally of money spent for this election is yet unknown, but the Koch brothers have decided to spend an additional \$45 million on targeted **races**.

The people involved in the tea party and/or Americans for Prosperity must realize they're just a cat's paw in the Koch brothers' deception to take back our government.

Wake up, people. Read the article. You're being had.

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