

## A handy list of Koch Industries products

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Charles & David Koch, owners of Koch Industries, are responsible for much of the mayhem that Robert Reich called the Republican "[coup d'état](#)" in Wisconsin. And the Koch Brothers are [big contributors](#) to [ALEC, the Republican state-law-writing](#) organization that's funded mainly by corporations.

**So maybe you were curious** about [Koch Industries](#). If so, here's a handy guide:

Koch Industries, (pronounced "coke"), is the largest privately owned company in the United States with 70,000 employees and annual sales of \$100 billion in the fiscal year ending December of 2008. [\[1\]](#) ... The company operates crude gathering systems and pipelines across North America. One subsidiary processes 800,000 barrels of crude oil daily in its three refineries.

Koch also owns ranches with a total of 15,000 head of cattle in Kansas, Montana and Texas. Though diversified, the company amassed most of its fortune in oil trading and refining. [\[2\]](#)

Their founder, the father of Charles and David, is an interesting fellow:

The company was started in 1927 by Fred Koch, a charter member of the [John Birch Society](#), with an oil delivery business in Texas.

David Koch helped found the [Cato Institute](#) in 1977. Cato advances a lot of curious positions, such as Social Security [privatization](#) and climate-change [denial](#). Cato funds a large group of like-minded [think tanks](#), and they're pretty good friends with a guy named "[Phillip Morris](#)" — still.

**Koch Industries acquired** Georgia-Pacific in 2005, which it now [operates as a subsidiary](#). You may have heard of them. They make:

- **Georgia-Pacific** paper for your printer
- **Brawny** paper towels
- **Dixie** cups
- **Northern** bath tissue
- **Angel Soft** bath tissue

And [other nice things](#) you may own.

Brawny. Northern. Dixie. Georgia-Pacific. Kind of rolls off the tongue. Nice names to remember.

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