

Koch Tales at Cato

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<u>Cato Scholars Fight Against Koch Control of Institute: Roll Call Lobbying & Influence</u>

The Kochs are asking a Kansas court to enforce an old agreement that would give the brothers control of the four-person shareholder group that governs the institute as well as the authority to appoint a majority of a separate 16-member board.

The Koch brothers and Cato Institute President Edward Crane currently hold three of those seats. The fourth was vacated when another cofounder died in October. The Kochs argue that the shares should revert to the remaining three founders instead of to the fourth founder's wife.

Cato has looked more and more like a standard nest of ruling class pabulum production in recent years. It doesn't surprise me that spoiled, pampered "scholars" would turn on and savage the very men who created the organization that provides them with sinecures.

Koch officials deny any political motivation.

"We view recent events as evidence that Cato's leadership has turned its back on these core principles," Charles Koch said in a statement released Thursday night. "Some have speculated that we would micro-manage the enterprise. Others have suggested we would turn Cato into a partisan Republican organization. These rumors are absolutely false."

Of course they are. And the fact that these Cato "scholars" would seek to turn the ginned up Koch hatred emanating from the Obama regime against the founders of their organization well demonstrates just how far from those core principles these drones have moved.

I'm rooting for the Kochs here. Cato can replace these malcontents, and the think tank can start upholding libertarian principles again, rather than the mush they've been resorting to of late.