



James George, June 15

For the Koch Brothers (pronounced “cook”), they believe Democracy is the best that money can buy. At least on Senator agrees with them and that is Mitch McConnell who equates free speech with political donations in the magnitude that one can afford.

Dollars = Power

“One person, one dollar” might solve the equality problem. No person can donate more than one dollar to a single candidate.

For those insisting that corporations are persons too, no corporation can donate more than \$1 either.

Would not that solve the problem?

In another dimension, political parties could solicit as much as they can attract, though spending would be regulated to the number of chicken dinners served at political events based on membership.

Seriously, the billionaire club is meeting in San Diego on the 23rd of June at a secret location at which more money will be collected to advance the cause of wealthy Americans. The theme might be “What’s mine is mine.”

Unthinking tanks

“Think tanks” are right and left leaning comprising paid scholars who concoct academic-based stories that promote the manifestos embraced by the sponsors. Most are lined up around K-Street where they have a symbiotic relationship.

I am lunching at one today.

News is that the Kochs want to take over the Cato Institute among others.

“The expansion is also reflected in Charles and David Kochs’ bid to take over the libertarian Cato Institute as well as their operations steering cash to groups that aren’t commonly thought of as Koch affiliated. The 60 Plus Association, American Energy Alliance, American Future Fund, Americans for Limited Government and National Right to Life have all received funds through the Koch donor network.
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“Inside Koch World

But most of the cash raised at the Koch summits — typically in pledge sessions on the last day of the summit that have a revival-like feel — goes to nonprofit groups

that do not disclose their donors. And the groups represented at recent conferences provide some hints as to the recipients. According to the documents reviewed by POLITICO and interviews, there are think tanks such as The Heritage Foundation, the American Enterprise Institute and The Federalist Society, as well as advocacy groups including the 60 Plus Association, National Right to Work, the Club for Growth and Americans for Prosperity.

The Kochs raised more than \$150 million at their winter conference this year in Indian Wells, Calif., on top of \$49 million at a summit a year earlier in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

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