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Who are they?

Who are the Koch brothers? They are Charles and David Koch and are the primary owners of Koch Industries, headquartered in Wichita, Kansas, one of the world's largest privately-held companies. Koch Industries is involved in oil refining, chemical production, lumber and paper products (Georgia-Pacific) and even a cattle ranch.

They also have numerous subsidiary companies throughout the world, but in addition these brothers are involved with, or fund, many right-wing groups, such as The Heritage Foundation, The Cato Institute, Freedom Works, and AFP (Americans For Prosperity). The Koch-funded AFP played a key role in forming and promoting the Tea Party and for this the Democrats, President Obama and Sen. Harry Reid have demonized the brothers.

These brothers are U.S. citizens and live in this country, unlike George Soros. However, consider this: when the left is going around Capitol Hill trying to change campaign finance, all they're trying to do is take conservative money out of politics, people like the Koch brothers.

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