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Bozell Takes Kochs' Side on Cato, Doesn't Disclose MRC's Koch Money

Topic: Media Research Center

Brent Bozell has weighed in on the <u>epic battle</u> going on over control of the libertarian Cato Institute, between Cato's current establishment and the Koch brothers.

IN a March 19 CNSNews.com post, Bozell notes that he has "great appreciation and admiration for the Koch family and all it has done over the decades to champion liberty, free enterprise and a free society. They have invested their money in causes they believe in and every day take hits for having the courage and conviction to stand up for freedom and liberty." But he states that the Kochs are in the right over the establishment led by Ed Crane:

Anyone who reviews the complaint filed on behalf of the Kochs, which also includes copies of the shareholder agreement, can plainly see that the Kochs are unequivocally in the right. This is not a debate about who has the best vision for the libertarian movement. If libertarians and conservatives have any regard for the law and for shareholder agreements, there is just no way you take up sides against the Kochs.

In fact, what is most ironic is that Mr. Crane and some of his allies are so heated in their opposition to the Kochs they seem to be suggesting they have some entitlement to Cato and the shareholder agreement be damned. In the end, the Kochs and Ed Crane signed an agreement. If we as conservatives or libertarians do not honor our word and commitments, we will cease to be a movement built upon the principles of law so necessary in a free society.

Bozell didn't mention that one of the Kochs' "causes they believe in" is his Media Research Center. Through Koch-controlled charities like the Charles G. Koch Charitable Foundation and the Claude R. Lambe Charitable Foundation, the MRC has received at least \$15,000.

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