

Select your city

Search articles from thousands of Examiners

Search

Beautifully sculpted.

As shown \$26,480.* *MSRP Tax, Title, License, Dealer Fees, and optional equipment extra.



LEARN MORE >>

ALL NEW CAMARO 

304 HP V6 ▶ EPA EST 29 MPG HWY ▶ STARTING AT \$23,530*

Home Entertainment Business Family & Home Life News & Politics Sports & Recreation

Photos

Washington DC News Libertarian News Examiner



Libertarian billionaire donates \$30 million to Smithsonian

October 16, 8:25 AM · Libertarian News Examiner · Garry Reed



TWEET THIS

3 comments  Print  Email  RSS  Subscribe Next

The Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History announced on Wednesday that multibillionaire and early Libertarian Party benefactor David H. Koch donated \$30 million to fund a hall depicting human evolution.

Most of the money will finance the David H. Koch Hall of Human Origins while the remainder will go toward a research chair endowment and education and outreach programs.

An article from [Science Insider](#) said the new hall "will focus on major milestones over our 6-million-year history—from when our ancestors first started walking upright through the development of language and symbols and beyond."

The hall will display fossil skull replicas representing various stages of human evolution, reconstructed human faces from different epochs, and exhibits showing how climate change and environmental conditions have impacted human evolution.

Older libertarians, however, will remember the impact Koch had on the still-fledgling Libertarian Party.

In 1980, the Libertarian Party selected Ed Clark as their presidential candidate and David Koch as his running mate. Under the campaign laws, this allowed Koch to contribute \$1.6 million of his own money to the campaign, most of which went toward buying national network television ads.

The Clark-Koch ticket garnered 921,299 votes (1.06 percent), a record that still stands.

[Forbes magazine](#) currently ranks Koch, in a tie with his brother Charles, as the 9th wealthiest American. The pair own Koch Industries, a petroleum and energy conglomerate headquartered in Wichita, Kansas. It's the second largest privately held company in the US based on revenue.

Koch's personal commitment to libertarian philosophy combined with his appetite for philanthropy has caused him to donate significant funding for many prominent libertarian institutions over the years. These include the Reason Foundation (publisher of the libertarian movement's leading political journal, Reason Magazine) and the Cato Institute, a public policy think tank headquartered in Washington, DC. Koch still serves on their boards of directors.

The Advocates for Self-Government, a non-profit, non-partisan libertarian educational organization, [profiles David Koch](#) in their "Libertarian Celebrities & VIPs" section.

Don't miss a NATIONAL LIBERTARIAN NEWS EXAMINER article: Click **Subscribe** and enter your email address or choose the **RSS** feed. Either way you'll be alerted to the latest piece when it's published. And don't forget to click **Email** to send this article to a friend.



David Koch (AP Photo/Peter Kramer)

ChildFund International | Make a difference Sponsor a Child Today >

You have the power to change a child's life.

Sponsor A Child

Make a difference.

SPONSOR NOW >

www.ChildFund.org Ads by Google

Recent Articles

"All Libertarian All the Time" News Source Launched



Sunday, October 18, 2009
The new Libertarian News Examiner web page quietly "went live" over the weekend with the publication of three explicitly libertarian news ...

Reason.tv interviews Whole Foods libertarian CEO

Saturday, October 17, 2009

Wednesday, Reason.tv released an hour-long video with John Mackey, co-founder and CEO of Whole Foods Market Inc discussing his libertarian approach to ...

[All Articles >](#)

Things to see and do

Today 20 21 22 23 24



Wine Tastings at Chrysalis Vineyards

19 Oct 2009 - 10 am
Chrysalis Vineyards

[More special event >](#)



Guided Tours of Woodlawn Plantation

Woodlawn Plantation



Live Tarantula Feeding Demonstrations

National Museum of Natural History

[See all Events >](#)

