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Impact of Koch brothers

Thank you to Shirley Jin for her guest commentary "Democracy in Chains," where she writes about Charles Koch and the Koch brothers. The Koch brothers' mission is to separate capitalism from democracy, thereby doing away with democracy as we know it. They have an enormous cadre of the wealthiest, ultra-conservative elite who have a systematic plan to alter the American political system.

The Koch organization has been able to obscure the truth about climate change along with critical healthcare and many other important issues that our democratic system depends on for the benefit of all—not just the wealthiest of the wealthy.

A must read is "Dark Money: The Hidden History of the Billionaires Behind the Rise of the Radical Right" by Jane Mayer.

In this book we see how the Kochs originally formed themselves into a billion-dollar industry in order to influence every aspect of our political system and to destroy American democracy and eventually hope to rewrite the U.S. Constitution.

After familiarizing ourselves with the above information, it is easy to see that this is exactly what is happening today with our present administration and it was orchestrated by the Koch brothers.

As Jin says, it is up to us to save American democracy.

We The People.

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