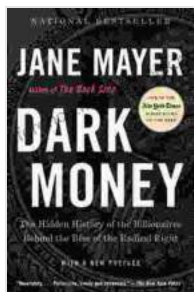


The Hidden History Of The Billionaires Behind The Rise Of The Radical Right



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The rise of the radical right in recent years has been fueled by a small group of billionaires who have used their wealth to promote extremist candidates and causes. These billionaires have hidden their identities behind a web of shell companies and dark money groups, but their influence is undeniable.

One of the most prominent of these billionaires is Charles Koch, the co-founder of Koch Industries, the second-largest privately held company in the United States. Koch has spent millions of dollars to promote his libertarian agenda, which includes support for free markets, deregulation, and limited government. He has also been a major donor to the Tea Party movement and to Republican candidates who support his views.

Another major donor to the radical right is the Mercer family. Robert Mercer is a hedge fund manager who has given millions of dollars to conservative causes, including support for Donald Trump and Breitbart News. His daughter, Rebekah Mercer, is also a major donor to conservative groups and is the co-founder of Cambridge Analytica, a data analytics firm that was used by the Trump campaign in the 2016 election.

Other billionaires who have supported the radical right include Betsy DeVos, the former U.S. Secretary of Education; Phil Anschutz, the owner of the Anschutz Entertainment Group; and Richard Mellon Scaife, the heir to the Mellon fortune. These billionaires have used their wealth to fund a network of think tanks, media outlets, and political organizations that promote their extremist views.

The influence of these billionaires on the radical right is undeniable. Their money has helped to fuel the rise of extremist candidates and causes, and their support has emboldened white nationalists and other hate groups. The hidden history of these billionaires is a cautionary tale about the dangers of allowing a small group of wealthy individuals to control our political system.

The Koch Brothers

Charles and David Koch are the co-founders of Koch Industries, the second-largest privately held company in the United States. They are also two of the most generous donors to conservative causes in the country. The Koch brothers have spent millions of dollars to promote their libertarian agenda, which includes support for free markets, deregulation, and limited government.

The Koch brothers have been involved in politics for decades. They were early supporters of the Tea Party movement and have given millions of dollars to Republican candidates who support their views. In 2016, the Koch brothers spent more than \$90 million on the presidential election, supporting Donald Trump and other Republican candidates.

The Koch brothers have been criticized for their influence on the political process. Critics argue that they are using their wealth to buy elections and promote their own agenda. The Koch brothers have defended their political spending, saying that they are simply exercising their First Amendment rights.

The Mercer Family

Robert Mercer is a hedge fund manager who has given millions of dollars to conservative causes. He is also the co-founder of Cambridge Analytica, a data analytics firm that was used by the Trump campaign in the 2016 election.

Mercer's daughter, Rebekah Mercer, is also a major donor to conservative groups. She is the co-founder of Breitbart News, a far-right news website. Rebekah Mercer is also a close advisor to Steve Bannon, the former White House chief strategist.

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Other Billionaires

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DeVos is a major donor to conservative causes and is a strong supporter of school choice. Anschutz is a major donor to conservative media outlets and think tanks. Scaife is a major donor to conservative causes and is a strong supporter of limited government.

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The Hidden History

The billionaires who have supported the radical right have hidden their identities behind a web of shell companies and dark money groups. This has allowed them to avoid public scrutiny and to continue to influence the political process without being held accountable.

The hidden history of these billionaires is a cautionary tale about the dangers of allowing a small group of wealthy individuals to control our political system. These billionaires have used their wealth to buy elections, promote hate and division, and undermine our democracy.

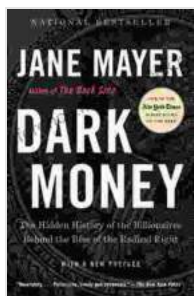
Call to Action

We must demand transparency in our political system. We must know who is funding our elections and what their agendas are. We must shine a light

on the hidden history of the billionaires who are behind the rise of the radical right.

We must also hold these billionaires accountable for their actions. We must support candidates who will stand up to them and who will fight for the interests of all Americans, not just the wealthy few.

Together, we can build a more just and equitable society where everyone has a voice in our democracy.

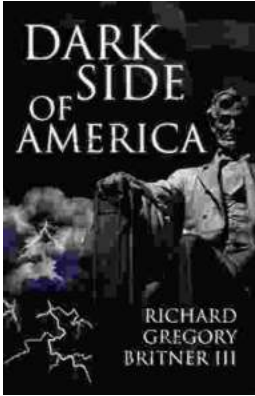


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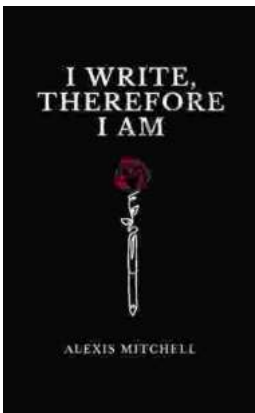
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