

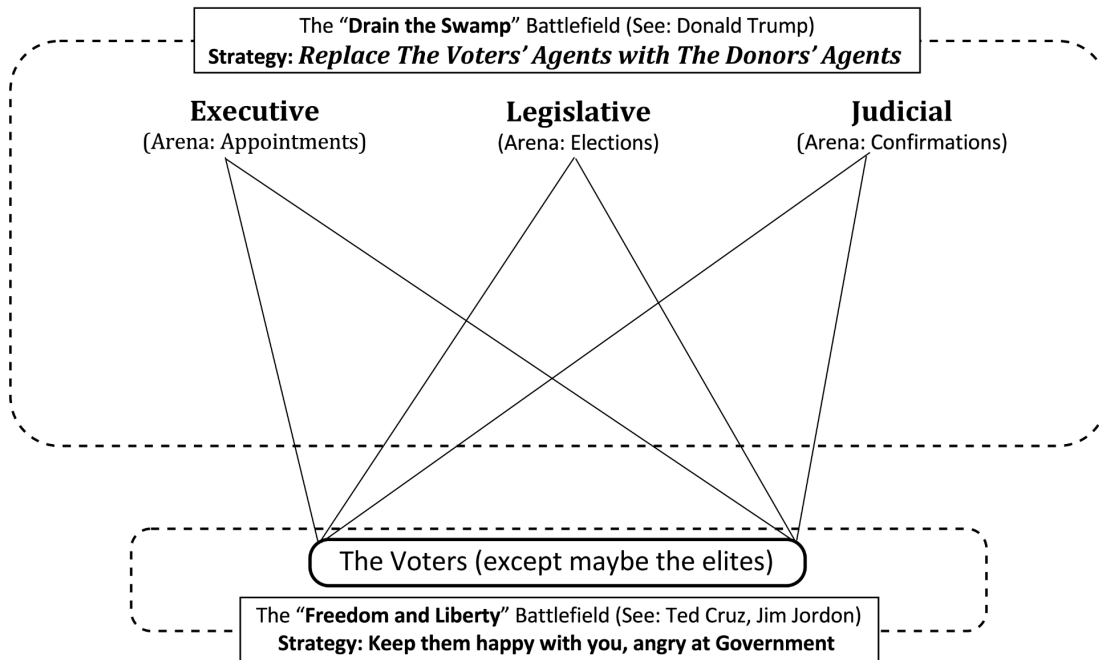
The Libertarian ideology is a cover story for a unified strategy to *replace*, within key portions of the Government, the agents acting for the voters (as envisioned by the Constitution) by agents acting on behalf of a quiet group of financial interests.

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The Libertarian ideology was never meant to scale into effective governance. Any attempt to do so will leave a vacuum at upper levels of government (what I call below the “Drain the Swamp” battlefield) that can then be filled by authoritarian proxies for mega-donors.

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This is the “Agent Replacement Strategy” described in this diagram. It has been in play for over a half century, as documented by [@JaneMayerNYer](#), [@anelsona](#), and others.



The Agent Replacement Strategy Behind the Libertarian Cover Story

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The strategy is conducted on two battlefields shown by dotted rectangles.

1. At the bottom the voters are distracted from the real action at the top by incessant sloganeering combining “Freedom and Liberty” on the one hand and grievance on the other.

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2. Meanwhile, at the top, the real action is going on in all three branches of Government. In the Executive and Judicial branches this has been going on intermittently for almost a half century but has been in full continuous view in the last four years.

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.[@anelsona](#), in “Shadow Network”, describes a marriage of convenience within a coalition of financial and cultural interests in 2016 leading to the nomination of, and the financing of the campaign of, Donald Trump for President of the United States.

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The takeover of Congress by corporate and financial interests has been going on steadily since the mid-1970’s. [@JaneMayerNYer](#), in “Dark Money”, describes this and the financing of the entire strategy in detail.

The two battlefields are connected by one strategy.

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This link ↓ is to a paper in which I begin an argument that the Congressional takeover has aggravated the inequities and grievances that are being exploited in the “Freedom and Liberty” battlefield.

http://melconway.com/CBH/Historical_Overview.pdf

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This led to the results of the Election of 2016, which began a concerted deconstruction of the Executive Branch and a major power shift in the Judicial Branch.

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Since the Election of 2020 attention has shifted to State legislatures. A close reading of “Dark Money” leaves little doubt that simultaneous voter-suppression activity in many states is being coordinated by the same interests behind the original strategy.

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This is no secret and has been stated repeatedly by [@SenWhitehouse](https://twitter.com/SenWhitehouse).
<https://twitter.com/SenWhitehouse/status/1370524165736964096>

“Dark Money” describes how we have all been blindsided by other examples of behind-the-scenes coordination by these interests.

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