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It's happening now, in NH & It's NOT TRUMP

<p>1958</p> <p>David Koch and John H. Sununu both study engineering at MIT from 1958-1963.</p> 	<p>2016</p> <p>President Trump names Hillsdale graduate, the sister of Erik Prince (of the infamous mercenary Blackwater group), Betsy DeVos, Secretary of Education. She sets about to achieve Koch's 1980's educational goal: "Government ownership, operation, regulation and subsidy of schools and colleges should be ended."</p> 
<p>1980</p> <p>In 1980, David Koch runs for VP. His Libertarian platform demands the end of Medicare, Social Security, public schools, aid to children, the Fed, the Post Office AND Environmental Protection.</p> 	<p>2016</p> <p>In 2016, Chris Sununu becomes governor of NH. He vetoes every bill that would cut fossil fuel demand. He appoints Libertarian Frank Edelblut as Commissioner of Education. Edelblut has a Master's in Divinity but no educational credentials. One of Edelblut's sons is secretary to Hillsdale's Federalist Society.</p> 
<p>1982</p> <p>In 1982, conservative legal professionals found The Federalist Society. Members train young lawyers to believe in "originalism", then advance them to higher judgeships. Originalists freeze the Constitution as they think Framers designed it.</p> 	<p>March 2021</p> <p>Edelblut steers COVID funding to religious and private schools. He hands a DOE contract to a Sununu donor for almost twice the cost of a higher-rated bid. He supports the most expansive education voucher bill in the nation. Koch-funded "Americans for Prosperity" promotes the bill with postcards.</p> 
<p>1989</p> <p>In 1989, John H Sununu becomes Chief of Staff to first President Bush. In that role, John thwarts the US from joining the international conference to address climate change. Another Sununu son, Michael, becomes a vocal climate denier and industry consultant.</p> 	<p>June 2021</p> <p>Governor Sununu negotiates with GOP House Majority Leader Jason Osborne for the voucher bill and other controversial extremist measures to be hidden in the huge budget bill. Commissioner Edelblut rolls out their "most extreme" voucher program. Betsy DeVos attends.</p> 
<p>1996</p> <p>Federalist Clarence Thomas is appointed to the Supreme Court. From 1996-97, Thomas employs a Federalist clerk named John Eastman. 23 years later, Eastman convinces President Donald Trump that VP Pence could refuse to accept electoral college ballots on Jan 6.</p> 	<p>Nov 2021</p> <p>Edelblut and Drew Cline direct \$1.5 million in federal funds to Lionheart Academy, a Hillsdale charter school, in Peterborough. It teaches Arn's "1776 Curriculum", a blueprint for "patriotic education" devised for Donald Trump.</p> 
<p>2000</p> <p>Eastman becomes a senior fellow at the Claremont Institute. Claremont is directed by Larry Arn who becomes president of Hillsdale College in 2000. Hillsdale College establishes hundreds of conservative, religious charter schools with public tax money, nationwide.</p> 	<p>March 2022</p> <p>Meanwhile, Free-Staters in Croydon convince voters to halve the public-school budget. Massive protests overturn the cuts, but Free-Stater intent to end public education is clear.</p> 
<p>2001</p> <p>In 2001 The Free-State Project is founded to recruit thousands of Libertarians to move to NH as early as 2003, and run for office. The Free-State Project's explicit goal is to turn the state into a Libertarian utopia.</p> 	<p>March 2022</p> <p>Governor Sununu travels to the Koch-founded Cato Institute in DC. There he celebrates NH's being named "Freest State" by Will Ruger and Jason Sorens.</p> 
<p>2009</p> <p>In 2009, Hillsdale hires the wife of Justice Clarence Thomas, Ginni Thomas, to help launch a DC campus on Capitol Hill. Heritage and Federalist Society staff train young Congressional staffers.</p> 	<p>June 2022</p> <p>The Supreme Court's Federalist Society majority swells to six justices, legalizing open-carry of firearms, overturning Roe v. Wade, expanding prayer to public-school activities, and removing authority from the Environmental Protection Agency.</p> 
<p>2010</p> <p>In 2010, Attorney Cleta Mitchell files an amicus brief with SCOTUS in support of Citizens United to let corporate donors donate unlimited sums for political purposes. Cleta Mitchell would be the attorney on the phone with President Trump when he asks GA Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger to "find 11,000 votes."</p> 	<p>Aug 2022</p> <p>Described as "the largest political advocacy donation in U.S. history", tech magnate Barre Seid donated \$1.6 BILLION, tax-free, to a non-profit run by Leonard Leo – the Marble Freedom Trust. Tax records reveal that Leo diverted over \$230 million in the 2020 cycle to conservative groups he controls.</p> 
<p>2010</p> <p>In 2010 as part of the Free-State Project, Jason Osborne, a Hillsdale College grad, moves to New Hampshire. In 2020, he would be elected NH House Majority leader.</p> 	<p>Nov 8 2022</p> <p>David Koch passed away, but the extreme Libertarian groups he and his brother fund live on. They will be working to elect candidates to Congress, state and county offices. They will support candidates dedicated to fighting climate action, repealing Social Security and Medicare, finishing off public schools, and achieving David Koch's other goals from 1980.</p> 

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