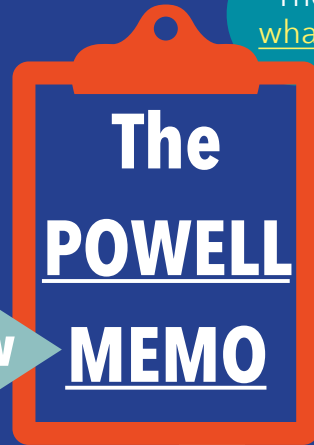


ROOTS of the American Democracy Crisis

In 1971, the **big corporations** making up the **US Chamber of Commerce** were facing a groundswell of **grassroots opposition** to decades of unethical practices

They saw



and

together they

began the **ANTI-DEMOCRACY MOVEMENT** with 4 goals...

- 1 Commanding the narrative via **anti-democracy think tanks** and **media outlets**
- 2 Delegitimizing democracy's norms and institutions
- 3 Quietly creating a parallel political operation pushing the **anti-democracy message**, with **hundreds of front groups, community by community**
- 4 Building **big donors'** common **purpose** and **coordinate** their efforts

for more info on **HOW** they did it click [here](#)

...and 4 **EFFECTIVE** strategies

- 1 Unleashing **big money** in politics
- 2 Greatly increasing **lobbying expenditures**, even creating the American Legislative Exchange Council, bringing **lobbyists** and **politicians together**
- 3 **Manipulating** district lines (even **gerrymandering**)
- 4 **Wiping out** local **democracy** all together

WHAT are the results?
Check out this fact sheet...

Check out *Daring Democracy* by Frances Moore Lappé and Adam Eichen and the *Field Guide to the Democracy Movement* for ways to get involved!

with funding from **key far right billionaires,**

KOCH... who funds a political network employing **3.5 times** the staff of the **RNC** and its **congressional campaign** arms
OLIN...who showered money on **conservative culture warriors**, transforming them into significant public players
MERCER...whose **alternative media** ecosystem has **sown distrust** of government and was instrumental in bringing Steve Bannon into the Trump campaign's inner circle
DEVOS... who backed the lawsuit for over a decade that ended up in 2010 **Citizens United** Supreme Court ruling, further increasing corporate and individual **non-disclosed** election spending

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