

Pre-publication draft for a developing article on MHPProNews for third-party artificial intelligence (AI) facts-evidence-analysis (FEA) check on the topics as shown.

'Jeffrey Epstein Links to Elites' Sexual Scandals are Distractions from Real Threat' – Atty Laura Hollis. Video-J.D. Rockefeller's Methods Mashups. Decoding and Lessons USA Today. MHVille FEA



When years of surveys routinely reveal that some [70 percent of the American public believe that the 'system is rigged'](#) in favor of a relatively limited few, such [data](#) should cause people of all backgrounds and beliefs to lean into to learn more. This headline topical mashup about [Jeffrey Epstein](#) and elites' sexual scandals as “distraction” per attorney Laura Hollis (Part I) plus the video with transcript from [Economy Rewind](#) (Part II) have been on the [MHPProNews](#) radar for about 3 weeks. Why? While each work product of the respective authors/creators could and should be sifted for [their respective wheat and chaff](#), each arguably make useful points impacting all Americans. Perhaps more specifically, what each had to say sheds light on [MHVille's](#) 21st century plight too. For example. The *Economy Rewind* video on the late billionaire J.D. Rockefeller makes this potent statement (bold added by [MHPProNews](#)). “The gasoline you pump, the drugs you buy, the tech platforms you use, the food you eat, the banks you borrow from, every single one uses the Rockefeller playbook. **Vertical integration, horizontal consolidation, regulatory capture, tax exempt foundations that shape policy and market dominance so complete that**

competition becomes impossible. Rockefeller didn't just build an oil empire. He built the architecture of modern corporate control." Attorney Hollis' remarks include this:

"Dollars were funneled into NGOs, purportedly for charity but really to implement policy."

Hollis also said (bold added): "As gross as that [Epstein-elites'-sex with underage girls] behavior may have been, the teenage-girl sex stuff was a mere pastime, and **fixating on it is a dangerous distraction. The true threats from Epstein and his sycophants lay elsewhere.**" There are areas of overlap between two seemingly distinct topics. The notions

presented herein will be tested with typically [left-leaning third-party artificial intelligence](#)

(AI) in Part III. This article will explore what insights and lessons, if any, may be useful for

understanding why HUD Code manufactured housing is underperforming in the 21st

century when compared to the pre-HUD Code manufactured housing industry's record production of mobile homes in the early 1970s and the high achieved by manufactured

housing in the mid-to-late 1990s. Facts-evidence-analysis (FEA) of these seemingly

unconnected examples will yield arguably useful insights for organic growth without

predatory behavior that is of interest to affordable home seekers and sincere advocates,

numbers of retail investors, taxpayers, sincere (vs. 'captured') public officials, educators and others.

MHVille

MHVille is an affectionate yet sarcastic term illustrating the artificially frustrated potential of the 21st Century HUD Code manufactured home industry. MHVille includes all stakeholders: consumers, professionals, advocates, officials.



The 21st Century manufactured housing industry has operated at less than 30 percent of the last highwater mark achieved in 1998 when 373,143 new HUD Code manufactured homes were produced. About 24 percent more population yet lower production?

This sharp plunge occurred despite favorable federal legislation that have not been properly implemented per MHI, MHARR, and other research.

"MHVille"

Manufactured housing offers potential generational wealth creation to singles, couples and families of modest means who are otherwise trapped in higher cost rental housing.

LendingTree and the FHFA are among the sources that reveal that modern manufactured homes have been appreciating at about the same rate as more costly conventional site built housing.



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Figure 9: Median Household Income in 2016, by Type of Household Unit and Tenure, in Thousand Dollars²¹



A key part of the solution to the affordable housing crisis is hiding in plain site. Congress has studied manufactured homes several times. They pointed to independent data that underscored the value of manufactured homes.

The Government Accountability Office (GAO) in a prior 2014 study came up with similar data as CRE Scholastica "Gay" Cororaton did for her research on behalf of the National Association of Realtors. Cororaton praised the quality of modern manufactured homes, and their durability - as evidenced by post windstorm data.

While these data points ought to be adjusted for inflation and updated, they still illustrate useful points. Buying or renting a mobile or manufactured home is routinely less costly than available conventionally built housing. Several of the illustrations shown in this report can be opened in many browsers to reveal a larger size. To open this picture, click the image once. When the window opens, click it again to reveal the larger size photo. [/caption]

Note that sources from across the left-right divide are being presented in this article. Part III will provide additional facts, evidence, and industry expert analysis that will reveal how these insights apply to MHVille.

This MHVille [facts-evidence-analysis](#) (FEA) is well underway.

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WND NEW WORLD DISORDER

Epstein's sexual scandals are distractions from the real threat

'Dollars were funneled into NGOs, purportedly for charity but really to implement policy'

By [Laura Hollis](#)

A few weeks ago, commentator Peggy Tierney wrote a Substack piece in which she referenced a long article – a profile piece – written about Jeffrey Epstein in 2014 by well-known author and journalist Michael Wolff. According to Tierney, although the article was intended to polish Epstein's public image, it was never picked up by any publication but nevertheless somehow ended up in parts of the "Epstein files" that were released earlier this year by the House Oversight Committee.

The countless articles, books and media documentaries about Epstein have fixated on his insatiable sexual appetites and predilection for teenage girls, as well as his willingness to provide the services of those very young females to some of his friends and colleagues. That lens on Epstein's life – and the nonstop public outrage it has generated – could easily lead one to conclude that the primary purpose of his existence was to serve as a wealthy and somewhat eccentric pimp for the world's elites.

Wolff's article, however, reveals otherwise. As gross as that behavior may have been, the teenage-girl sex stuff was a mere pastime, and fixating on it is a dangerous distraction.

The true threats from Epstein and his sycophants lay elsewhere.

Wolff starts out astonished that Epstein's Florida convictions for sex with minors did not deter the powerful people who sought him out. Wolff writes that Epstein's meetings with the world's movers and shakers "somehow stayed private or secret ... not out of any formal or stated restrictions, but because, in some sense, it would be very hard to explain just what you're doing there with a brazen sex offender in a guffaw-inducing home flaunting all moderation. And yet, defying disgrace, and tolerating his tone deafness – or mocking attitude toward the zeitgeist – so many come. Gladly. Willingly. Feeling that his invitation is quite an extraordinary privilege."

Who were these visitors to Epstein's *salons* – his homes in Manhattan and Palm Beach, his apartment in Paris, his private island in the Caribbean, his lushly appointed private jets?

Heads of state and other political leaders, of course; Wolff mentions former President Bill Clinton, former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak, former Qatari foreign minister Sheikh Hamad bin Jassim, former Australian Prime Minister Kevin Rudd and a high-ranking member of former President Barack Obama's administration who asks not to be named.

But also the uber-rich. Bill Gates, Wolff says, was a "frequent visitor" and a "key adviser" to Epstein. Gates was only one of many billionaires who sought Epstein out. Rob Baron (of the billion-dollar Baron Fund) pays homage. PayPal founder Peter Thiel comes for lunch. Google founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin ride to a TED Talk on Epstein's Boeing 737. Wolff describes a recent dinner as something out of a "conspiracy theorist's fantasy": six tech entrepreneurs worth hundreds of billions of dollars between them, sitting around Epstein's dining room table "trying to figure out how to ... shape the world to their liking."

Epstein was only too happy to help. His expertise, according to Wolff, was "hyper wealth." Wolff quotes Epstein as saying, "In the past, only governments had this kind of money, money of a reality altering scale. ... Now you have legions of people (with) vastly larger fortunes than Rockefeller or Carnegie had at their disposal, or might even have imagined."

So, Epstein helped them decide how to give to charitable causes?

Au contraire.

Epstein elaborated, "(I)t used to be that the rich, reaching a certain point of philanthropy, merely hoped to help make the world a better place; now they want to change the world."

And how better to do that than to implement government policy on a global scale?

Interestingly, Brin's ex-wife and former Democratic Party vice presidential candidate Nicole Shanahan just gave an interview with conservative podcaster Allie Beth Stuckey in which she talks about exactly this. Shanahan describes how she and other wives of the small handful of "tech mafia" billionaires in Silicon Valley (some of whom were almost certainly among the six at the dinner party Wolff described 11 years ago) were duped into thinking that the enormous donations their families and enterprises were making had charitable purposes, but were really part of the Klaus Schwab/WEF/Davos crowd's "Great Reset" – a movement designed to restructure the governments and economies of the planet into a planned, top-down command-and-control model with a small cadre of self-appointed leaders at the top in possession of everything, and everyone else crowded into "15-minute cities," with life's essentials rationed on the basis of social credit scores.

Shanahan explained how billions of dollars were funneled into nongovernmental organizations, purportedly for charity but really to implement policy. The constant refrains of "social justice" and "climate change," she says, were fabricated ruses designed to appeal to progressive women seeking personal validation through philanthropic work; wives and mothers too overwhelmed (and too medicated) to discover that the "charities" were coverups for global power grabs.

In that vein, Wolff's summation of Epstein's role is telling. He says, "Epstein's position in this ... is not as a philanthropist but as a sort of adviser or guru or brain – a rich whisperer – making him ... arguably among the most influential people you've only heard of for reasons that have nothing to do with his influence."

BOOM. There you go.

Those who don't believe Epstein committed suicide are certain he was taken out because he had "dirt" on men for whom he procured sexual services. Perhaps. But it seems more likely that the threat was not so much the potential exposure of the sexual exploitation per se but rather the possibility that all the revealed smut would undermine the longer-term political, economic and social objectives of Epstein's cohorts and advisees.

Either way, all the names in the "Epstein files" should be released. They all need to be exposed, not so much for their sexual inclinations but for their authoritarian aspirations.

It's worth mentioning that there are plenty of others who are just as set upon taking control of the world's governments, militaries, economies, agricultural and other production, and who had *zero* interest in Epstein, his opinions or his minions. They are just as dangerous, because they, too, see themselves as the rightful rulers of the planet. Whether or not they have sexual depravity in their background, they are exploiting all the power and financial resources available to them and using the same neo-Marxist and envirot fascist propaganda to achieve their goals. They, like Epstein's fawning coterie, must never acquire the power they seek. ##

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Part II. From the [YouTube](#) page of [Economy Rewind](#) on the topic of billionaire John D. Rockefeller's System - Provided under [Fair Use Guidelines](#) for [Media](#)

1) [MHProNews](#) notes it would disagree on historical, pragmatic, and philosophical with the implied premise of the article (i.e.: "the system you can never escape"). That said, what makes this video of interest and potential use are insights and concepts that are often (but not always in all places, times, industries, etc.) true. It doesn't matter, for the purposes of this facts-evidence-analysis (FEA) if [Economy Rewind](#) is simply exaggerating for literary effect or if the writer(s)/producer(s) of this video and related transcript are sincerely making their contention as literally true. By applying the principle of separating the [wheat from the chaff](#) to this article (or the one in Part I above by Hollis) to this article and all others, then

the nuggets of gold stand on their own merits and the inevitable dross or dirt can be tossed aside without worrying about the why's or what's behind the purported [chaff](#).

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John D. Rockefeller: The Man Who Created The System You Can Never Escape

[Economy Rewind](#)

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1870: 31-year-old man in Cleveland controls 4% of America's oil refining. 1880: Controls 90%. 1904: Controls 91% of oil production, 85% of final sales. His name: John D. Rockefeller. The system he built didn't die when Standard Oil was broken up in 1911. It evolved, spread, and controls your life RIGHT NOW in 2025. The gasoline you pump. Drugs you buy. Tech platforms you use. Food you eat. Banks you borrow from. Every single one uses the Rockefeller playbook. Vertical integration, horizontal consolidation, regulatory capture, tax-exempt foundations shaping policy, market dominance so complete competition becomes impossible. Rockefeller didn't just build an oil empire. He built the architecture of modern corporate control. And you cannot escape it. THE ROCKEFELLER PLAYBOOK: STEP 1: VERTICAL INTEGRATION Control every stage of production. Rockefeller didn't just refine oil—he owned barrel factories (15¢ vs competitors' 25¢), tank cars, railroads, warehouses, distribution networks. Every profit margin competitors needed, Rockefeller kept in-house. Cost advantage = predatory pricing = destroyed competition. Today: Amazon owns warehouses, logistics, delivery trucks, payment processing, cloud infrastructure (AWS: \$90B annual revenue). Google owns search, video (YouTube), mobile OS (Android), cloud, hardware. Same playbook. Different century. STEP 2: HORIZONTAL CONSOLIDATION Buy or destroy every competitor. 1872 "Cleveland Massacre": Rockefeller approached every Cleveland refinery. Offer to buy. If refused, launch price war—sell below cost. Competitors had two choices: sell to Rockefeller or go bankrupt. 3 months: controlled 25 of 26 Cleveland refineries (4% to 25% market share). By 1879: 90% of American refining. Today: Amazon bought Whole Foods, Zappos, Twitch, Ring, MGM (100+ acquisitions). Google bought YouTube, Android, Waze, Nest, DeepMind. Meta bought Instagram, WhatsApp. When can't buy, copy and undercut (Amazon Basics strategy). STEP 3: THE TRUST (Corporate Structure) 1882: Rockefeller's lawyers created Standard Oil Trust. First major corporate trust in American history. Holding company that owned all Standard Oil companies. Template for every modern corporation. Alphabet owns Google/YouTube. Meta owns Facebook/Instagram/WhatsApp. JPMorgan Chase is holding company. All descendants of Rockefeller's 1882 innovation. STEP 4: REGULATORY CAPTURE Don't just

compete in markets—shape the rules. Rockefeller lobbied for railroad regulations favoring Standard Oil. Set kerosene standards his refineries met but competitors couldn't. Today: Pharma companies fund FDA through user fees, lobby for patent extensions, write regulations they're regulated by. Big Tech writes privacy laws. Banks wrote Dodd-Frank exemptions. Rockefeller invented regulatory capture. Every industry perfected it. STEP 5: PHILANTHROPIC INFLUENCE 1913: Rockefeller Foundation created with \$250M (\$7B today). Funded medical research, education, public health. But also: avoided estate taxes, controlled university funding (shaped what's taught/researched), bought legitimacy. Most hated man in America became beloved philanthropist. Rockefeller Foundation funded modern medical education (Johns Hopkins, U Chicago, Rockefeller University). Established pharmaceutical model over holistic care. Shaped American medicine to favor drug interventions. Pharma companies (many from Standard Oil's chemical divisions) profited enormously. Today: Gates Foundation (\$75B assets), Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, Buffett pledged wealth to Gates Foundation. Tax avoidance + legacy building + policy influence. Rockefeller invented it. Modern billionaires perfected it. THE 1911 "BREAKUP" MADE HIM RICHER: Supreme Court ordered Standard Oil broken into 34 companies (1911). Should have destroyed Rockefeller's wealth. Did opposite. Rockefeller owned shares in ALL 34 companies: Standard Oil of New Jersey → Exxon Standard Oil of New York → Mobil Standard Oil of California → Chevron Standard Oil of Indiana → Amoco Standard Oil of Ohio → Sohio (later BP) DISCLAIMER This video is for educational and informational purposes only. It presents historical analysis, opinions, and interpretations based on publicly available sources. It is not financial advice, political advice, or a prediction of future events. All historical comparisons and references to modern countries or governments are theoretical and should not be interpreted as claims, certainties, or endorsements. Viewers are encouraged to research independently and draw their own conclusions.

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when Standard Oil was broken up in 1911.

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They evolved. They spread and they

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The system is the method. And that

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method has been replicated by every

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dominant corporation for 150 years.

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Amazon uses it. Google uses it. Fizer

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uses it. JP Morgan uses it. They all

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learned from the same blueprint, the

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Rockefeller blueprint. Control the

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supply chain vertically. Eliminate

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competitors horizontally. Capture the

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regulators. Use philanthropy to buy

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legitimacy. And when the government

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finally breaks you up, make sure the

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pieces you control are worth more than

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the whole. Let me show you exactly how

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Rockefeller built this system, how he

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used it to become the richest man in

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history, how Standard Oil's breakup

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actually made him richer, and why 114

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years after that breakup, you still live

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in the world Rockefeller designed.

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Because understanding the system isn't

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academic, it's survival. The system is

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designed to extract wealth from you and

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concentrate it at the top. And once you

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see how it works, you'll see it

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everywhere. John Davidson Rockefeller

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was born July 8th, 1839 in Richford, New

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York. His father was a con man who sold

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fake cancer cures. His mother was a

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devout Baptist. This combination, the

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con man's ruthlessness and the Baptist's

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moral certainty, would define

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Rockefeller's entire approach to

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business. He would destroy competitors

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without mercy while believing God had

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chosen him to organize industry for the

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betterment of mankind. This wasn't

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hypocrisy. This was genuine conviction

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that his monopoly was moral because it

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brought order to chaos and efficiency to

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waste. In 1859, oil was discovered in

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Titusville, Pennsylvania. The oil rush

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began. Thousands of prospectors flooded

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into western Pennsylvania to drill.

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Fortunes were made and lost overnight.

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It was chaos, boom and bust.

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Overproduction collapsed prices. Then

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shortages spiked them. Rockefeller, who

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was 20 years old and working as a

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bookkeeper in Cleveland, saw

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opportunity, but not in drilling.

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Drilling was volatile, risky, dependent

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on luck. Rockefeller saw opportunity in

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refining, turning crude oil into

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kerosene for lamps. That was the real

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business. In 1863, Rockefeller invested

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\$4,000 in his first oil refinery in

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Cleveland. Within two years, it was the

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largest refinery in Cleveland. But

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Cleveland had 30 refineries. Competition

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was fierce. Margins were thin. Most

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refineries operated at the edge of

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bankruptcy. This is where Rockefeller's

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genius emerged. He didn't try to compete

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on price. He tried to eliminate

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competition entirely. And he did it

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through a method that would become the

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foundation of corporate America.

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Vertical integration. Vertical

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integration means controlling every

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stage of production. Most refineries

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just refined oil. They bought crude from

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drillers, refined it, and sold kerosene

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to distributors. They controlled one

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step. Rockefeller decided to control all

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the steps. He bought the barrel making

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factories so he didn't have to buy

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barrels. He bought tank cars and

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railroads to ship his own oil. He bought

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his own warehouses for storage. He

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bought the distribution networks to sell

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directly to consumers. Every step that

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used to be a separate business

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generating profit for someone else,

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Rockefeller brought in house. This gave

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him massive cost advantages. While

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competitors paid 25 cents per barrel

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from barrel makers, Rockefeller made his

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own for 15 cents. While competitors paid

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railroads to ship oil, Rockefeller owned

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the tank cars and negotiated secret

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rebates. The railroads paid him to ship

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his oil and charged competitors more.

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This wasn't just efficient, this was

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predatory. Rockefeller could sell

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kerosene at prices that put competitors

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out of business while still making

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profit. And that's exactly what he did.

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By 1870, Rockefeller created Standard

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Oil Company of Ohio. His refinery

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capacity had grown from one small plant

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to the largest refining operation in the

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world. But he still only controlled 4%

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of American refining. That wasn't

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enough. So Rockefeller launched the
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second phase of his strategy, horizontal
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integration. If vertical integration is
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controlling the entire supply chain,
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horizontal integration is buying or
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destroying every competitor. In 1872,
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Rockefeller initiated what historians
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call the Cleveland Massacre. Over three
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months, Rockefeller approached every
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refinery owner in Cleveland. He offered
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to buy their refineries. If they agreed,
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he paid fair market value and often
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hired them as managers. If they refused,
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he launched a price war. Rockefeller

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would drop the price of kerosene below

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cost. His competitors, who couldn't

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produce as cheaply, lost money on every

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sale. They had two choices. Sell to

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Rockefeller or go bankrupt. Most sold. A

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few fought. They all lost.

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By the end of 1872, Rockefeller

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controlled 25 of Cleveland's 26

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refineries. He went from 4% to 25% of

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American refining capacity in 3 months.

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This was the blueprint. Offer to buy. If

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they refuse, destroy them economically

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and buy the ruins. This method would be

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used in every industry, by every

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monopoly for the next 150 years. But

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Rockefeller wasn't satisfied with

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Cleveland. He wanted the entire country.

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Through the 1870s, Rockefeller expanded

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standard oil across America. He bought

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refineries in New York, Philadelphia,

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Pittsburgh, Baltimore. He used the same

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tactics everywhere. Secret railroad

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rebates that made his shipping costs

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lower than competitors. Vertical

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integration that made his production

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costs the lowest. And ruthless price

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wars that destroyed anyone who refused

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to sell. By 1879, Standard Oil

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controlled 90% of America's refining

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capacity. 90%. That's not a business.

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That's a monopoly. But here's where

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Rockefeller's true genius emerged. He

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understood that monopolies face two

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problems. First, they're illegal. The

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Sherman Antitrust Act was passed in 1890

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specifically to break up monopolies like

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Standard Oil. Second, they're hated. The

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public despised Rockefeller. He was

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called a robber baron, a ruthless

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tyrant, the most hated man in America.

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Rockefeller needed a solution to both

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problems, and he found it. The trust. In

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1882, Rockefeller's lawyers created the

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Standard Oil Trust. Here's how it

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worked. Standard Oil of Ohio couldn't

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legally own companies in other states,

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but a trust could. Rockefeller created a

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trust that held the stock of all

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Standard Oil companies. 41 shareholders,

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all Rockefeller and his close

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associates, controlled the trust. The

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trust controlled the companies. This was

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the first major corporate trust in

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American history. And it became the

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model for every trust that followed.

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Sugar Trust, Tobacco Trust, Steel Trust,

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all copied Rockefeller's structure. The

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trust allowed Rockefeller to control a

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nationwide monopoly. While technically

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complying with state laws, but more

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importantly, it created a new legal

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entity. The trust wasn't a company. It

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was a holding company. It didn't produce

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anything. It just owned other companies.

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The structure would evolve into the

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modern corporation, the parent company

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that owned subsidiaries, Berkshire

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Hathaway, Alphabet, Meta, Amazon.

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They're all descendants of Rockefeller's

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trust. By 1904, Standard Oil controlled

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91% of oil refining in America and 85%

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richest man in the world. His net worth

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was 900 million. That's \$25 billion in

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today's money. But that's just paper

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wealth. At his peak in 1913, Rockefeller

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was worth \$400 billion inflationadjusted

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dollars. Richer than Jeff Bezos, Elon

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Musk, Bill Gates combined. The richest

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individual in modern history. And he

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built that wealth through the system.

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system. But the public was turning

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against monopolies. In 1890, Congress

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passed the Sherman Antitrust Act, making

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monopolies illegal. In 1906,

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investigative journalist Ida Tarbell

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published the history of the Standard

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Oil Company, exposing Rockefeller's

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tactics. Secret railroad rebates,

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predatory pricing, crushing competitors.

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The outcry was enormous. In 1911, the

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Supreme Court ruled that Standard Oil

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was an illegal monopoly and ordered it

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broken up into 34 separate companies.

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This should have been the end, the

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destruction of the system, but it

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wasn't. It was the beginning of the

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systems evolution because when Standard

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Oil was broken up, Rockefeller still

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owned shares in all 34 companies.

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Standard Oil of New Jersey became Exxon.

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Standard Oil of New York became Mobile.

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Standard Oil of California became

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Chevron. Standard Oil of Indiana became

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a Mokco. Standard Oil of Ohio became

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Ohio, later bought by BP. The breakup

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didn't destroy Rockefeller's wealth. It

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multiplied it. Before the breakup,

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Standard Oil stock was worth about \$600

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per share. After the breakup, the

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combined value of all 34 companies was

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worth over \$2,000 per share.

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Rockefeller's wealth tripled. Why?

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Because the breakup forced each company

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to compete, which drove innovation and

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efficiency. And because breaking one

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monopoly into 34 companies that still

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dominated their regional markets, wasn't

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really breaking up the monopoly. It was

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just reorganizing it. Today, most of

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those 34 companies have merged back

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together. Exxon and Mobile merged in

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1999. Chevron bought Standard Oil of

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Kentucky and Gulf Oil. BP bought a Moco

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in Ohio. The standard oil monopoly that

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was broken up in 1911 has essentially

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reconsolidated into Exxon Mobile,

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Chevron and BP. The system broke itself

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up to avoid regulation, then quietly put

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itself back together over a hundred

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years. But Standard Oil isn't even

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Rockefeller's most enduring legacy. The

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real legacy is the system itself. The

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methods, the structures, the playbook.

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Let me show you how it's being used

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right now. Amazon uses vertical

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integration exactly like Rockefeller.

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Amazon started as an online bookstore.

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Now it controls the entire supply chain.

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It owns the warehouses, the logistics

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network, the delivery trucks, the

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payment processing, the cloud

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infrastructure that hosts its

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competitors websites. Amazon Web

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Services, AWS, generates \$90 billion in

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annual revenue. That's more than

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Amazon's retail profit. Rockefeller

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controlled refineries, railroads, and

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distribution. Amazon controls retail,

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logistics, and cloud computing. Same

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playbook, different century. Amazon also

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uses horizontal consolidation. It buys

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competitors. Whole Foods, Zapos, Twitch,

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Ring, MGM Studios, over 100

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acquisitions. When it can't buy a

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competitor, it copies their products and

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undercuts their prices using data from

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its own marketplace. Third party sellers

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report their sales data to Amazon.

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Amazon analyzes that data, identifies

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successful products, creates Amazon

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basics versions, and promotes them above

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the original. This is the modern version

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of Rockefeller's Price War. legal,

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barely regulated, and devastatingly

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effective. Google uses the trust

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structure. Alphabet is a holding company

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that owns Google, YouTube, Whimo,

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DeepMind, Verily, and dozens of other

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subsidiaries. It's the standard oil

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trust, one parent company controlling

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multiple operating companies. This

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structure shields the parent from

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liability, allows tax optimization

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across jurisdictions, and makes

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regulatory breakup complicated because

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each subsidiary is technically separate.

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Pharmaceutical companies use

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Rockefeller's regulatory capture

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strategy. Rockefeller didn't just

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compete in markets. He shaped the rules.

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He lobbied for railroad regulations that

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avored standard oil. He worked with

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politicians to set standards for

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kerosene that his refineries could meet,

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but competitors couldn't. Today,

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pharmaceutical companies do the same.

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They fund the FDA through user fees.

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They lobby for patent extensions. They

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write the regulations they're supposedly

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regulated by. Fizer, Johnson and

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Johnson, Merc, they learned from

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Rockefeller. control the regulators and

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you control the market. The financial

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sector uses holding company structures.

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JP Morgan Chase is a holding company

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that owns Chase Bank, JP Morgan

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Investment Bank and numerous

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subsidiaries. Bank of America, Citygroup,

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Wells Fargo, all holding companies. When

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DoddFrank tried to regulate banks after

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2008, the holding company structure made

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it nearly impossible. Which entity do

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you regulate? The parent or the

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subsidiaries? Rockefeller solved this

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problem in 1882. Banks copied the

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solution 100 years later. And then

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there's philanthropy, Rockefeller's

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final innovation. In 1913, Rockefeller

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created the Rockefeller Foundation with

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an initial gift of \$250 million, over \$7

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billion today. The foundation funded

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medical research, education, and public

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health. On the surface, this was

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charity, Rockefeller giving back. But

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look deeper. The foundation allowed

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Rockefeller to avoid estate taxes. It

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gave him control over which universities

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received funding, which meant control

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over what was taught and researched. It

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bought him legitimacy. The man who

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destroyed thousands of competitors was

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now a philanthropist. The most hated man

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in America became a beloved benefactor.

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The Rockefeller Foundation funded the

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creation of modern medical education. It

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funded John's Hopkins University of

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Chicago, Rockefeller University. It

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established the model for medical

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schools that emphasized pharmaceutical

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interventions over holistic care. This

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isn't conspiracy theory. This is

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documented history. The foundation

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shaped American medicine to favor the

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pharmaceutical model and pharmaceutical

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companies, many descended from Standard

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Oils chemical divisions, profited

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enormously. Today, every billionaire

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uses the Rockefeller playbook. Bill

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Gates founded the Bill and Meinda Gates

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Foundation, \$75 billion in assets. It

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funds global health initiatives, shapes

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who policy, and influences national

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governments. Mark Zuckerberg created the

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Chan Zuckerberg Initiative. Warren

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Buffett pledged most of his wealth to

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the Gates Foundation. These aren't just

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charity. They're tax avoidance, legacy

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building, and policy influence.

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Rockefeller invented the model. Modern

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billionaires perfected it. The

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Rockefeller family still exists, still

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influential. David Rockefeller, John D's

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grandson, died in 2017 at age 101. He

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was chairman of Chase Manhattan Bank,

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founder of the Trilateral Commission,

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one of the most powerful men in global

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finance for 50 years. The family's

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wealth, estimated at 11 billion, is

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spread across hundreds of trusts and

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foundations. The Rockefeller Brothers

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Fund, the Rockefeller Family Fund, the

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David Rockefeller Fund. They still shape

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policy, fund research, and influence

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politics 150 years after John D started

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Standard Oil. And here's the most

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important part. The system isn't

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designed to be escaped. It's designed to

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be invisible until you're already

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trapped. You buy gasoline refined by

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Exxon Mobile or Chevron, descendants of

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Standard Oil. You buy from Amazon, which

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uses Rockefeller's vertical integration

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and horizontal consolidation. You search

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on Google structured as a trust like

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Standard Oil. You take pharmaceuticals

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developed through a medical system

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shaped by Rockefeller Foundation grants.

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You bank with institutions using

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Rockefeller's holding company

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structures. And your taxes fund

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regulations written by the industries

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being regulated just like Rockefeller

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designed. The system is

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self-perpetuating. It concentrates

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wealth. It eliminates competition. It

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captures regulators. And it uses

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philanthropy to buy legitimacy while

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avoiding taxes. This is the Rockefeller

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system. And it's not a conspiracy. It's

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just corporate structure, legal,

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accepted, and replicated by every

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dominant company in every major

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industry. You cannot buy oil outside the

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descendants of Standard Oil. You cannot

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avoid Amazon's logistics network. You

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cannot opt out of pharmaceutical

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medicine shaped by Rockefeller grants.

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You cannot escape the banking system

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built on Rockefeller's holding company

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model. You live inside the system and

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the system extracts wealth from you

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every single day and concentrates it at

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the top exactly as Rockefeller designed

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it to do in 1870. Here's what makes

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Rockefeller different from other robber

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barons. Carnegie built steel mills. When

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he died, US Steel remained but

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Carnegie's personal control ended.

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Vanderbilt built railroads. When he

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died, the railroads continued but

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fragmented. JP Morgan built financial

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empires. When he died, his partners

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carried on but his personal dominance

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faded. But Rockefeller built a system

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and systems don't die with their

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creators. They evolve, they adapt, they

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spread. Standard oil was broken up in

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1911. But the vertical integration model

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spread to every industry. The trust

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structure became the holding company.

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The regulatory capture became lobbying.

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The philanthropy became foundations.

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Every piece of Rockefeller's system was

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copied, refined, and embedded into

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corporate law, tax code, and regulatory

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frameworks. Rockefeller died in 1937.

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But his system became stronger after his

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death because it wasn't dependent on

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him. It was structural. Let me show you

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the mechanism how the system extracts

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wealth from you. You need gasoline. You

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have a choice. Exxon, Chevron, BP,

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Shell. All of them are pricecoordinated

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oligopolies descended from standard oil or

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using its methods. You're not choosing.

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You're selecting between branches of the

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same tree. You need to buy products. You

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have a choice. Amazon, Walmart, Target.

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Amazon dominates through vertical

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integration. Walmart and Target must

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match its scale or die. Same system,

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different companies. You need internet

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search. Google has 92% market share.

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That's higher than Standard Oil's peak

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of 91%. But Google isn't considered a

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monopoly by regulators because it's

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free. You pay with data instead of

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money. Rockefeller would have loved this

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innovation. A monopoly so complete that

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users don't even realize they're paying.

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You need social media. Facebook has

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three billion users. Instagram, also

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Facebook. WhatsApp, also Facebook.

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You're not choosing platforms. You're

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choosing which meta property to use.

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horizontal consolidation, exactly like

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Rockefeller. You need health care. You

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see a doctor trained in a system shaped

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by Rockefeller Foundation grants. You

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receive pharmaceuticals developed by

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companies using patents, regulations,

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and structures pioneered by Standard

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Oils chemical divisions. You pay

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insurance companies using Rockefeller's

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corporate structures. Every step,

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extraction. Every choice an illusion.

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The average American spends \$4,000 per

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year on gasoline, \$3,000 per year on

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Amazon, \$5,000 per year on healthcare

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beyond insurance. \$4,200 per year on

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internet and technology services. That's

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\$13,200 per year flowing to companies

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using Rockefeller's system. Over a

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lifetime, that's \$660,000 of wealth

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transfer, not to innovative startups or

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small businesses to monopolistic

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corporations using 150y old tactics to

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eliminate competition and extract

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maximum profit. And you cannot escape

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1. You could refuse to buy gasoline,

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but you need to work, which requires

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transportation. You could refuse to use

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Amazon, but competitive pricing and

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convenience make it nearly impossible to

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avoid. You could refuse Google, but what

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alternative has 92% market share? You

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could refuse Facebook, but social

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connection is controlled by Meta's

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platforms. You could refuse

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pharmaceutical medicine, but medical

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licensing, insurance coverage, and

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cultural acceptance are all shaped by

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the Rockefeller system. This is

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Rockefeller's ultimate achievement. Not

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that he became the richest man in

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history, that he built a system that

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makes escape impossible. A system where

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every path leads back to consolidated

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corporate control. Where competition is

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crushed before it threatens the dominant

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players. Where regulators protect

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incumbents instead of consumers. Where

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philanthropy buys influence that

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perpetuates the system. This is the

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Rockefeller system. And you live in it

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whether you know it or not. But here's

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what Rockefeller understood that most

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people miss. The system isn't evil. It's

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efficient. Vertical integration reduces

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costs. Horizontal consolidation

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eliminates wasteful competition.

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Regulatory capture provides stability.

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Foundations fund genuine research. The

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system works. It delivers products

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cheaper, faster, and more reliably than

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chaotic markets. Standard oil made

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kerosene affordable for average

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Americans. Before Standard Oil, kerosene

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cost 58 cents per gallon. After Standard

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Oil's efficiencies, 8 cents per gallon,

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an 86% price reduction. That's not

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exploitation, that's efficiency. Amazon

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delivers products in two days. Google

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answers every question in seconds. Exxon

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Mobile produces gasoline at scale. Fizer

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develops life-saving drugs. The system

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delivers value. The problem isn't that

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it doesn't work. The problem is that it

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concentrates wealth at the top while

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delivering efficiency at the bottom. You

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get cheap gasoline, fast shipping,

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instant information, and effective

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medicine. Rockefeller's heirs get

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trillions in accumulated wealth. Both

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things are true. So what do you do? How

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do you respond to a system you cannot

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escape? Three options. One, accept it.

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Understand that consolidation and

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monopoly are features of advanced

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capitalism, not bugs. Use the

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efficiencies they provide. Buy from

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Amazon. Use Google. Accept that wealth

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will concentrate. Two, resist it.

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Support antitrust enforcement. Buy from

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small businesses even when it costs

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more. Use alternatives even when they're

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inferior. Vote for politicians who

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promise to break up monopolies. Make the

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system less efficient in exchange for

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less consolidation. Three, understand it

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and position accordingly. If you cannot

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escape the system, benefit from it. Buy

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stock in the companies that dominate.

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Exxon, Chevron, Amazon, Google, Fizer,

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JP Morgan. If the system extracts wealth

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from everyone and concentrates it in

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these companies, own these companies.

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This is what Rockefeller did. He owned

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Standard Oil while everyone else bought

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its products. He extracted wealth from

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the system he built. You can do the

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same, not at his scale, but

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proportionally. Own the extractors

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instead of being extracted from. This

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isn't investment advice. This is pattern

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recognition. The Rockefeller system has

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concentrated wealth for 150 years. It

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will continue concentrating wealth

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because it's embedded in corporate law,

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tax code, and regulatory structures.

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Fighting it is noble but exhausting.

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Escaping it is impossible. Understanding

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it and positioning within it is

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pragmatic. John D. Rockefeller died in

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1937 at age 97. He lived long enough to

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see Standard Oil broken up,

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reconsolidate, and spread its methods

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across every industry. He lived long

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enough to see his foundation reshape

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American medicine and education. He

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lived long enough to see his

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grandchildren positioned at the top of

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American finance and industry. He built

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a system that outlived him by a century

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and will outlive us all. The system is

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vertical integration, horizontal

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consolidation, corporate trusts,

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regulatory capture, and philanthropic

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influence. It started with standard oil.

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It spread to steel, railroads, sugar,

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tobacco, then to automobiles,

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electronics, pharmaceuticals,

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technology. Now it dominates every

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sector of the economy and you cannot

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escape it. You can only understand it.

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Rockefeller said, "Competition is a

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sin." Most people hear that as greed,

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but Rockefeller meant it theologically.

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Competition is wasteful. It duplicates

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effort. It destroys capital.

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Consolidation is righteous. It creates

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efficiency. It serves consumers through

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lower prices. Monopoly isn't theft. It's

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the natural endstate of efficient

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markets. This was Rockefeller's

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worldview. And he built a system to

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enforce it. 150 years later, we live in

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that system. Amazon eliminates retail

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competition. Google eliminates search

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competition. Meta eliminates social

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media competition. Exxon, Chevron, and

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BP control oil. Fizer, Merc, and J&J

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control pharmaceuticals. JP Morgan, Bank

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of America, and City control banking.

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The consolidation Rockefeller started

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has reached its logical conclusion. The

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end state isn't thousands of

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competitors. It's three to five dominant

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players in every industry, all using

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Rockefeller's playbook. And the

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consolidation continues. Every year,

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fewer companies control more market

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share. Every year, barriers to entry get

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higher. Every year, the system gets

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harder to escape. This is the

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Rockefeller system, not Standard Oil.

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The method. And the method is eternal

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because it works. If this video showed

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you a system you'd never seen before, if

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you understand now that the corporate

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structures controlling your life were

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built by one man 150 years ago,

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subscribe to this channel. Because

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understanding the system is the first

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step. You cannot escape the Rockefeller

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system, but you can see it. And seeing

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it changes everything. John D.

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Rockefeller created a system you cannot

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escape. Vertical integration, horizontal

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consolidation, corporate trusts,

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regulatory capture, philanthropic

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influence. That system is the modern

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economy, and you live in it every single

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day. Welcome to Rockefeller's [World.]

https://www.youtube.com/embed/d__pH5Wt3Ms

Part III. Additional Facts-Evidence-Analysis (FEA) from sources as shown plus more MHPProNews [manufactured home](#) industry [expert](#) commentary

1) *Economy Rewind* video aptly used the main theme of their presentation multiple times. In the closing minute of their video, they said it this way.

Vertical integration, horizontal consolidation, corporate trusts, regulatory capture, philanthropic influence. That system is the modern economy, and you live in it every single day.

MHPProNews has been reporting on that pattern for years as it is playing out in [MHVille](#). [Consolidation](#). [Vertical integration](#). [Regulatory capture](#). [Philanthro-feudalism](#) (a.k.a.: philathro-capitalism, philathopic-industrial complex, etc.). It has been observed that monopolies (be they [oligopoly style, a duopoly](#), or single-firm dominating monopoly) power only occurs when government specifically or de facto allow them to occur. Governments often provide utilities a monopoly under specific guidelines. But some monopolistic structures develop or occur more subtly. Whatever the case, the founders of America routinely rejected monopolistic powers as being contrary to the interests of the American people. The [Boston Tea Party was both a protest against the tea tax and was a protest against the tea monopoly granted by the British crown](#).

2) As MHPProNews has reported for years, it would be ludicrous to deny the existence of what some call the oligarchs and plutocrats that are often (not always) 'ruling' America when one of those purported oligarchs - centi-billionaire Warren Buffett - has all but said as much. See the quotes and linked report below.

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President Barack Obama awards the 2010 Medal of Freedom to Warren Buffett in Washington

President Barack Obama awards the 2010 Presidential Medal of Freedom to Warren Buffett during a ceremony at the White House in Washington on February 15, 2011. UPI/Kevin Dietsch

**“There's class
WARFARE, ALL
RIGHT, BUT
IT'S MY CLASS,
the rich class,
THAT'S MAKING
WAR, AND WE'RE WINNING.”**

- Warren Buffett,
per left-of-center New York Times
on November 26, 2006.



**“ACTUALLY,
THERE'S BEEN
CLASS WARFARE
GOING ON FOR
the last 20
years, and my
CLASS HAS WON.”**

**- Warren
Buffett**
PER THE LEFT-OF-CENTER
WASHINGTON POST
9.30.2011, CITING
AN INTERVIEW ON
LEFT-OF-CENTER CNBC.

"There's class warfare, all right, but its my class, the rich class, that's making war, and we're winning." That's per the left-leaning New York Times on 11.26.2006. "Actually, there's been class warfare going on for the last 20 years, and my class has won." That's per left-leaning Washington Post on 9.30.2011 citing an interview on left-leaning CNBC.

<https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/warren-buffett-declared-class-warfare-buffett-says-fellow-billionaires-were-winning/> and

<https://www.manufacturedhomepronews.com/stone-kuttner-kotkin-american-dream-slip-vs-rise-of-neo-feudalism-theres-class-warfare-all-right-but-its-my-class-the-rich-class-thats-making-war-and-were-winning-warren-bu/>[/caption]

3) Beyond Buffett's remarks, or those found in the *Economy Rewind* (see Part II) video, MHPProNews has repeatedly pointed to the leaked [Citigroup memo that asserted that America \(and other nations\) has become a plutonomy](#).

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The screenshot shows a Google search for "define plutonomy". The AI Overview section provides a definition: "A plutonomy describes an economy where a small, wealthy elite controls most wealth and drives economic growth through their consumption of luxury goods and investments, creating a system where the rich and 'everyone else' are the main economic segments, according to Citigroup research that popularized the term in 2005. Essentially, it's an economy powered by the rich, benefiting them disproportionately, even while average incomes stagnate." It also includes a line graph showing "Historical Real GDP Growth vs. Per Capita Income" from 1967 to 2017, with a red line for "Plutonomy" and a blue line for "Economic Growth".

Key Characteristics:

- **Wealth Concentration:** A small group holds the majority of wealth and income.
- **Elite-Driven Spending:** Economic growth relies heavily on the spending and investment patterns of the ultra-rich.
- **High Inequality:** Marked by significant income and wealth gaps, with the rich benefiting from asset booms, favorable policies, and complex financial systems.
- **"Rich vs. Everyone Else":** The economic structure separates the wealthy from the rest of the population, as the non-rich have a smaller impact on national economic metrics.

Origin of the Term:

- Coined by Citigroup analysts, led by Ajay Kapur, in 2005 to explain economic trends in the U.S., U.K., Canada, and China.

Why it Matters:

- It highlights how economic growth can occur despite broader stagnation, as long as the wealthy are thriving.
- The concept suggests a reliance on luxury markets, equities, and real estate, potentially leading to political instability if the wealthy become alienated, notes Shmoop.

On the right side of the search results, there is a banner for MHPProNews.com with the tagline "Industry News, Tips and Views Pros can Use." Below this, there are three related items: "Plutonomy Definition - Shmoop" (with a cartoon dog image), "Is the world a 'plutonomy?'" (with a person on a balance scale image), and "as such, the economic growth of that society becomes dependent on ..." (with a Facebook link).

At the bottom of the search results, there is a button that says "Dive deeper in AI Mode".

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Per left-leaning Google's [artificial intelligence](#) (AI) powered overview.

A **plutonomy** describes an economy where a small, wealthy elite controls most wealth and drives economic growth through their consumption of luxury goods and investments, creating a system where the rich and "everyone else" are the main economic segments, according to Citigroup research that popularized the term in 2005. Essentially, it's an economy powered by the rich, benefiting them disproportionately, even while average incomes stagnate.

Key Characteristics:

- - **Wealth Concentration:** A small group holds the majority of wealth and income.
 - **Elite-Driven Spending:** Economic growth relies heavily on the spending and investment patterns of the ultra-rich.
 - **High Inequality:** Marked by significant income and wealth gaps, with the rich benefiting from asset booms, favorable policies, and complex financial systems.
- **"Rich vs. Everyone Else":** The economic structure separates the wealthy from the rest of the population, as the non-rich have a smaller impact on national economic metrics.

Origin of the Term:

- Coined by Citigroup analysts, led by Ajay Kapur, in 2005 to explain economic trends in the U.S., U.K., Canada, and China.

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4) Essentially, every aspect of the *Economy Rewind* video's key points have been unpacked previously on MHProNews and/or MHLivingNews. The purpose here in part is that the video, which is overall quite well done, provides a useful set of descriptions that simplify what citizens, researchers, and others should be looking for in an industry, in or beyond manufactured housing.

The point of the mashup with attorney Hollis is her point of how distractions are deployed that can attract attention away from larger issues.

Meaning, these two distinct sources (Hollis Part I, Economy Rewind Part II) have specific insights from their work product provide that overlap. Historically, looking back at American history, there have been multiple times that violence or large protests erupted over the concentration of wealth, a perceived injustice in what part of the earnings went to independent business or employees vs. the elites, and Rockefeller and others learned how to manage their image and the economy in a manner that would give some measure of obscurity to the evident imbalance. There are volumes of history books, documentaries, and other sources that cover these historic details.

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Oligopolies, trusts and monopolies in the 19th century



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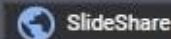
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Gilded Age-origin

- ▶ Gilded Age -Period when corruption existed in society but was overshadowed by the wealth of the period ("gilded" is when something is golden/beautiful on the surface but is really cheap/worthless underneath)
- ▶ Abuses in business and government caused problems for immigrants, laborers, and farmers
- ▶ Term comes from a book written about the time period by Mark Twain and Charles Dudley Warner in 1873 *The Gilded Age*

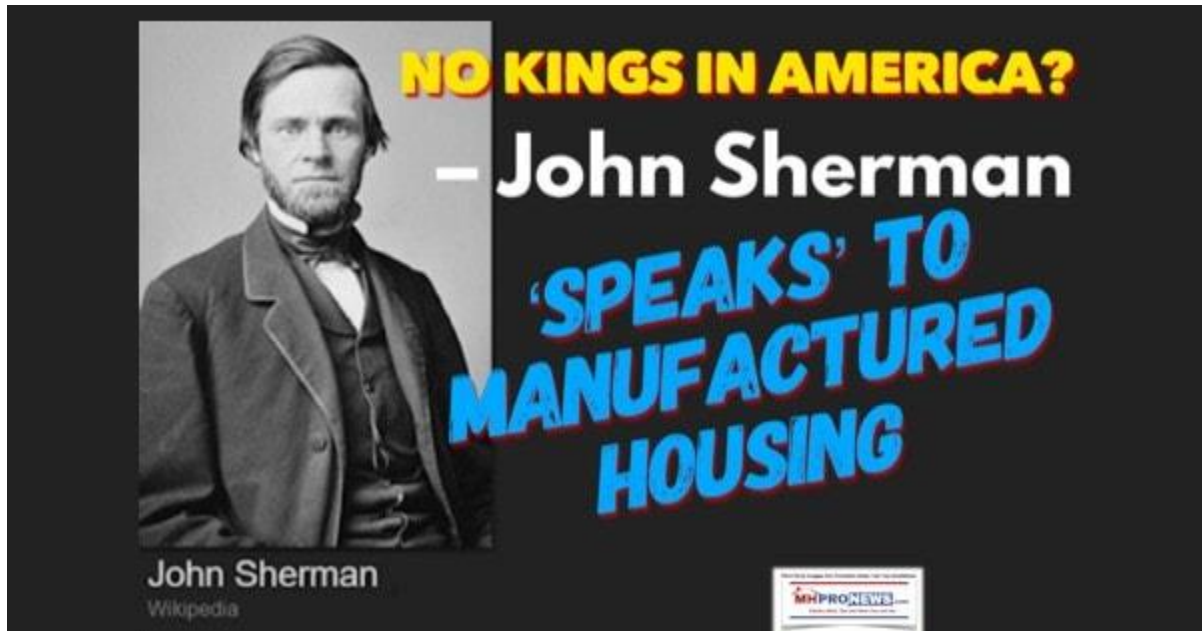


[View Intro to America's Industrial Revolution](#)



Well before the "No Kings" movement, one of the articles that MHProNews published on a related topic is the one linked below.

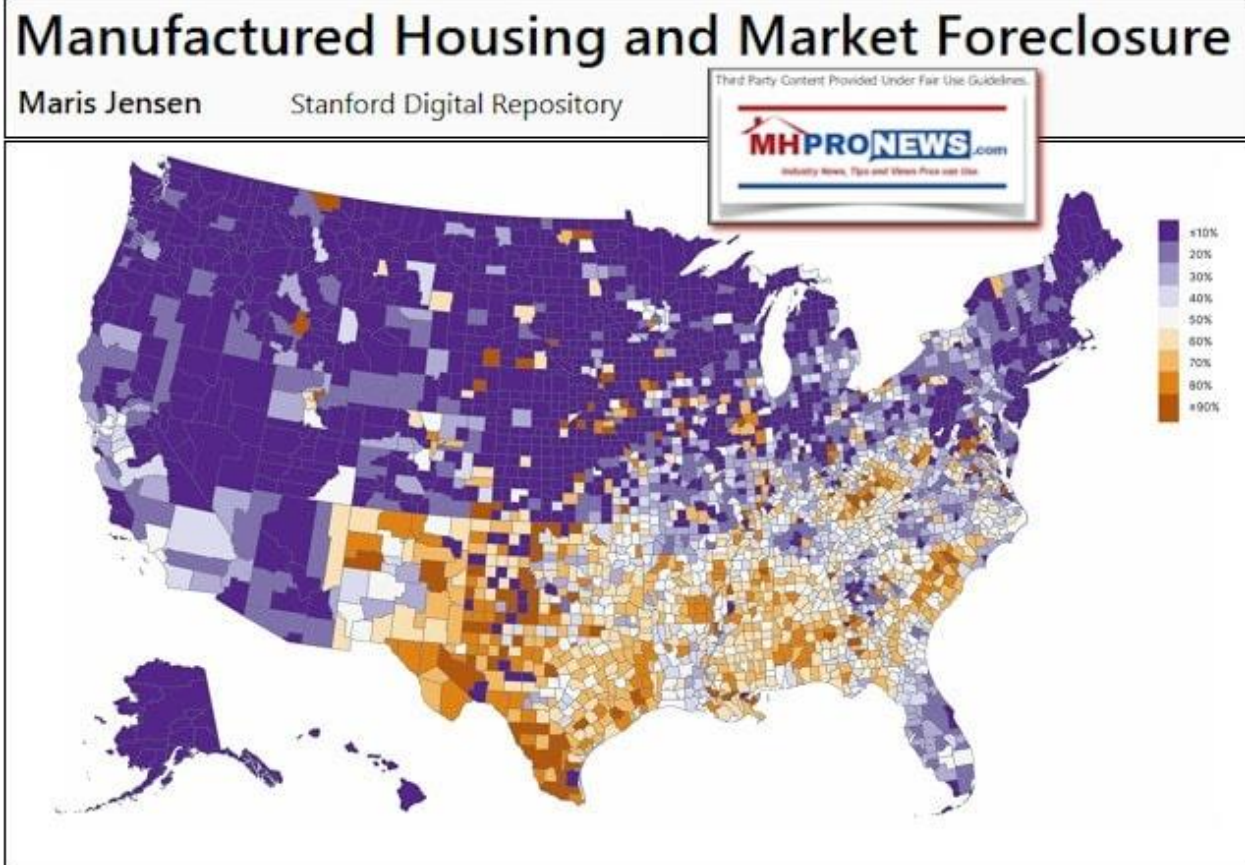
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5) MHPProNews and/or MHLivingNews have explored the topics of [regulatory capture](#), [philanthro-feudalism](#), the problems of various kinds of monopolization, and more. Let's note that properly understood, these topics are neither just from the left or the right. They are matters of documented and well researched realities that members of the less and right often agree up, wittingly or not.

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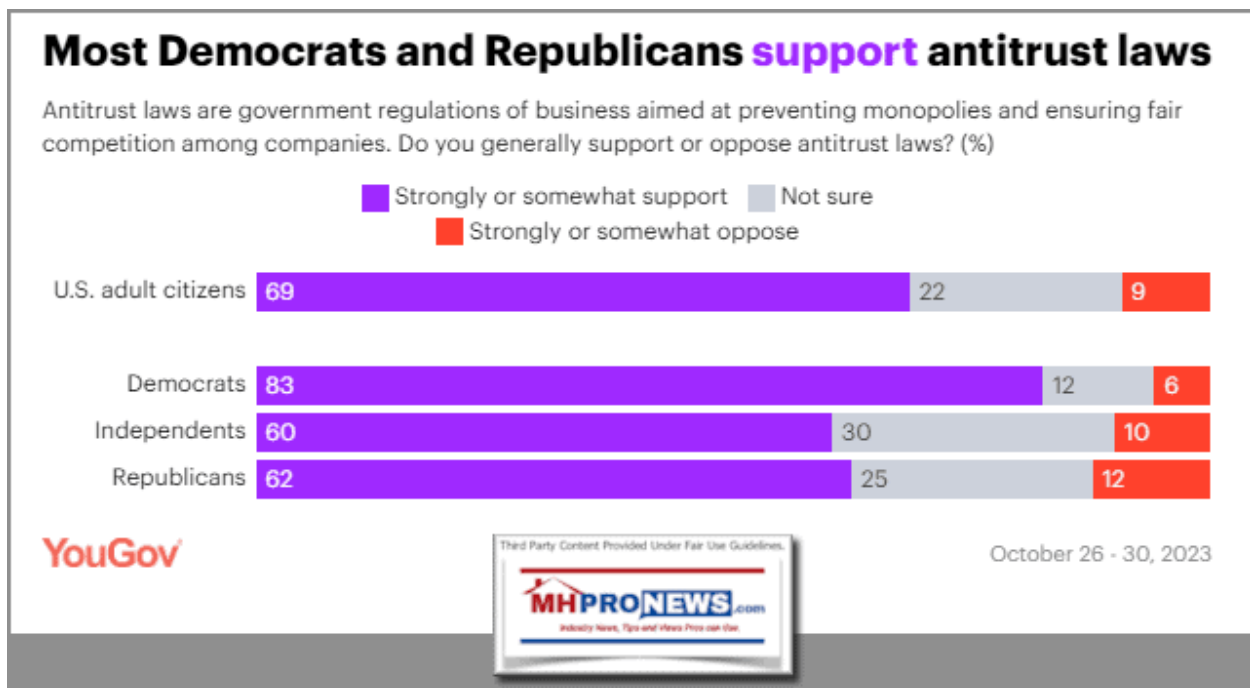
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Some of those politicians who protest against such economic power and influence are themselves 'on the take' (so to speak) of campaign donations (either directly, via PACs, etc.) of the money of those they posture protesting against. When Hollis speaks of 'distraction' - she makes it clear that she wants the [Epstein](#) matter properly pursued. Her bigger point is that the [Epstein](#) case can be used to distract the public, a different kind of 'wag the dog' methodology.

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This is arguably a useful follow up to the possible follow up on the national class action antitrust suit that is unpacked in the report linked below.

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6) While there are many ways to consider the [Manufactured Housing Institute](#) (MHI) and related [awards](#) programs, one of the ways that might be kept in mind is as a distraction and as a way of buttressing the image of this or that person or organization that may otherwise be seen for its problematic realities.

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