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Project Liberal Ecosystem Mapping Report

Transnational Connectivity, Asymmetrical Funding, and the Cultural "United Front" within the Classical Liberal Infrastructure

1. Executive Summary

This report documents the structural, operational, and personnel connectivity between the domestic Liberal Party USA ecosystem and the broader international classical liberal apparatus. It highlights that this ecosystem functions as a dual-pronged "United Front," merging international political architecture with a heavily capitalized domestic cultural movement. By utilizing 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organizations and allied media platforms, this network supports domestic political operations and cultural advocacy simultaneously, bypassing direct campaign contributions and obscuring the ultimate financial anchors.

2. Asymmetrical Funding & The "Dark Money" Root

The Facts:

- Direct financial contributions from international and institutional powers to the domestic Liberal Party USA are absent from public campaign finance filings.
- Instead, the ecosystem utilizes an asymmetrical funding model anchored by non-profit trusts and foundations.
- Public tax filings confirm that DonorsTrust routed \$3,003,040 to the Atlas Network. DonorsTrust also disbursed \$52,500 to the Foundation Against Intolerance and Racism (FAIR).[1][2]
- Similarly, the National Philanthropic Trust provided \$25,000 in seed capital to the North American Values Institute (NAVI), a cultural advocacy group operating within this network.[3]
- The Atlas Network and the Cato Institute provide fellowships, salaries, and grants to the primary architects of the movement.[4]
- Key organizers for the Liberal Party USA and its media arm, Project Liberal, are frequently salaried by or hold fellowships at Cato or the Institute for Humane Studies (IHS).

Operational Implications:

Regardless of organizational intent, this structure bypasses direct campaign finance limitations and significantly reduces public transparency. Third-party philanthropic trusts act as a blind financial seam, allowing the same mega-donors to simultaneously capitalize the political apparatus (Atlas/Project Liberal) and the cultural apparatus (FAIR/NAVI) without public exposure. By fully funding the careers of the movement's intellectual architects, the 501(c)(3) ecosystem effectively subsidizes the Liberal Party USA's strategy and leadership without appearing on the Project Liberal PAC's ledger.

3. The "Seam": IALP, LOLA, and Structural Overlap

The Facts:

- The International Alliance of Libertarian Parties (IALP) coordinates global classical liberal parties.
- The U.S.-based Liberal Party ecosystem connects to this international infrastructure via shared personnel.
- This integration is verifiable through the Ladies of Liberty Alliance (LOLA), which holds formal Associate Member status within the IALP.[5]
- LOLA serves as a structural node connecting the international alliance to the domestic U.S. operations through documented personnel overlaps:
 - LOLA and Project Liberal / Cultural Media: Shikha Dalmia serves concurrently on the Advisory Board of Project Liberal, as the North American Representative for LOLA, and as a contributor to The Fulcrum (a media organization that co-produces content with the Institute for Liberal Values and Braver Angels).[6][7][8]
 - LOLA and the IALP: Lana Leguia serves simultaneously as LOLA's Finance Director and the Secretary General of the IALP.[5][7]

Operational Implications:

By sharing personnel across the transnational organization (LOLA), the domestic PAC apparatus (Project Liberal), the international alliance (IALP), and the cultural media wing (The Fulcrum), the U.S. Liberal Party ecosystem establishes a direct structural bridge to European counterparts without requiring formal, direct international party membership.

4. Transatlantic Partnerships (FNF, Cato, and Atlas Network)

The Facts:

- The Friedrich Naumann Foundation (FNF) operates as the foundation aligned with the German FDP and the broader Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE) network.[9]
- The FNF North America office explicitly lists its operational focus as fostering "transatlantic dialogue".[10]

- FNF, the Cato Institute, and the Fraser Institute annually co-publish the Human Freedom Index.[11]
- Tom G. Palmer serves as the Executive Vice President for International Programs at the Atlas Network, a Senior Fellow at the Cato Institute, and acts as a featured policy advisor for Project Liberal.[12]

Operational Implications:

The structural reality is sequentially documented: European state-aligned foundations (FNF) formally partner and co-publish policy with U.S. think tanks (Cato/Atlas). Those same U.S. think tanks provide the salaries, fellowships, and executives that advise Project Liberal, which in turn provides ecosystem support for the domestic Liberal Party USA. The alignment of their political platforms directly reflects this shared funding and personnel matrix.

5. The Cultural "United Front" and Domestic Coalitions

The Facts:

- The Project Liberal apparatus is structurally integrated into a broader domestic cultural coalition focused on K-12 education and heterodox advocacy.
- Rio Veradonir serves concurrently on the Advisory Board of Project Liberal and the Advisory Board of the Institute for Liberal Values (ILV).[6][13]
- ILV is formally part of the Coalition for Empowered Education. David Bernstein, founder of the North American Values Institute (NAVI), serves on the advisory board of this coalition alongside ILV and Free Black Thought (FBT).[14]
- The Coalition for Empowered Education officially includes national advocacy groups such as Parents Defending Education (PDE) and the Foundation Against Intolerance and Racism (FAIR).[14]

Operational Implications:

Project Liberal is not an isolated electoral PAC; it functions as the political wing of a highly funded cultural "United Front." Through shared board members and formal coalition memberships, the political operators attempting to influence the Libertarian Party are structurally tethered to the broader heterodox and educational advocacy sphere.

6. The Operational Paradox (Tactical Alliances)

Direct Action, Armed Confrontation, and "LP Antifa"

The Facts:

- The cultural coalition integrated with Project Liberal (including FAIR, ILV, and Heterodox Academy) actively opposes progressive institutional overreach, particularly regarding campus free speech and educational policy.

- Simultaneously, operators supported by the Project Liberal network utilize progressive intelligence assets and militant tactical frameworks.
- John M. Hudak funneled confidential LNC materials directly to the Southern Poverty Law Center's (SPLC) Hatewatch program and was explicitly named on the record by the SPLC as their informant.[15]
- The LP Alliance hosted veteran strategist Cara Schulz for a "Solidarity Stream" explicitly dedicated to "planning and choreographing direct action" based on experiences from the Minneapolis protest Signal groups.[16]
- LP Alliance co-founder Kyle Davis publicly advocated for showing up "armed to the teeth" to stop federal agents (ICE) and utilizing "the force required to stop them." [17]
- Core organizer Phillip Rein stated the party needs to be "interfaced with" a militia, and explicitly declared in internal communications: "LP antifa does have a ring to it. LPA if you will." [18]
- Pierre-Alexandre Crevaux-Asatiani, the formal IALP Liaison, LP Alliance Strategist, and Executive Committee member, publicly posted, "Hi. I'm Antifa." [19]

Strategic Assessment:

This presents a severe operational and compliance paradox that threatens the entire classical liberal NGO ecosystem. Massive Donor Advised Funds (like DonorsTrust) capitalize cultural groups and think tanks that publicly combat progressive institutions. Concurrently, the political operators subsidized by this same financial network (via Project Liberal, Atlas, and the IALP) utilize the SPLC to conduct lawfare, identify as "LP Antifa," choreograph riots, and publicly advocate for armed confrontation with law enforcement.

This documents a cynical, tactical alliance where the network leverages left-wing intelligence assets for political destruction while relying on right-leaning cultural groups for funding and legitimacy. Ultimately, it exposes a highly capitalized "Trojan Horse" operation: mega-donors are unwittingly (or quietly) subsidizing a militant ground operation that adopts violent, anti-fascist branding and direct-action tactics to capture the Libertarian Party's ballot access infrastructure.

7. The National Security and Intelligence Nexus

The Facts:

The leadership of the cultural "United Front" is structurally tied to the interventionist foreign policy establishment and global intelligence sectors.

Jennifer Richmond serves as the Executive Director, co-founder, and Board Member of the Institute for Liberal Values (ILV), and is the CEO of the Coalition for Empowered Education (CEE).

Public records confirm Richmond concurrently serves as the Deputy Director of the Foundation for Defense of Democracies (FDD) Program on Education and National Security.

Richmond previously served as a China scholar and Vice President for International Projects at Stratfor, a prominent global intelligence and geopolitical forecasting firm.

Operational Implications:

This personnel overlap completely shatters the illusion of a grassroots libertarian movement. Project Liberal shares advisory leadership with the ILV (via Rio Veradonir). The ILV is directed by Jennifer Richmond, who is simultaneously a Deputy Director at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies (FDD)—a think tank renowned for advocating aggressive, neoconservative, and interventionist U.S. foreign policy.

Furthermore, her executive background at Stratfor tethers this domestic cultural network directly to the U.S. intelligence contractor sphere. This explains the network's broader geopolitical alignment with the International Alliance of Libertarian Parties (IALP) and European state foundations (FNF). It proves that the operators attempting to capture the U.S. Libertarian Party's ballot access are deeply embedded in the exact national security, intelligence, and interventionist infrastructure that the Libertarian Party platform explicitly opposes.

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LPAlliance ✓

@LP_Allies

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TONIGHT at 8 PM ET, Cara Schulz joins us for an LPALLIANCE SOLIDARITY STREAM on building digital resistance & protest coordination ecosystems!

Learn the truth behind the government narrative about the Minneapolis Signal groups from someone on the inside; the story of how a distributed group of organizers improvised its way into developing a network for planning and choreographing direct action; and lessons for how the rest of us can do the same within and across our communities.

Links in the comments!



[17] Social Media Archive. Kyle Davis X Post regarding armed confrontation. [Ref: 313.jpg]



[18] Social Media Archive / Discord Logs. Phillip Rein statements regarding militias and "LP Antifa". [Ref: 805.png, 1057.png]



Austin the Musical Chair @Aus... · 7h

Replying to @Phill_Rein and @Kelly4LibertyCT

You think the LP is a militia?

Woke Antifa trash will be removed, and violent leftism will no longer be tolerated in the LP.



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Phillip Rein ✓

@Phill_Rein

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Replying to @AustinShiloh1 and @Kelly4LibertyCT

It needs to be interfaced with one.

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Can't apply that to the people trying to defend themselves and their families and communities from ICE though!

Then they're evil antifas 🙌

@Bryce Thon(Tone)-WI To my knowledge Logan is not a member of the libertarian party



PHIL REIN-PA 2:27 PM

Don't pretend the entire point of certain marketing is to bring them in. Citation : LPNH. Now we have a festoring wound sitting there.

@Rose Leatherman (NY) Can't apply that to the people trying to defend themselves and their families and communities

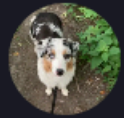


Austin Martin (Hawaii Chair) 2:28 PM

It's picking a fight with the government.

I'm all for picking fights with the government — but not in ways that hurt the cause of liberty and get good people killed for stupid reasons.

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