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The Playbook of Modern Financial Elites

In the aftermath of the Jeffrey Epstein exposure, the ideological slogan "No Kings" — and its equivalents like "no one is above the law" or "defend democracy" — is weaponized by the two-party establishment to reframe the horrors of the Epstein enterprise as an anomaly rather than a structural expression of decaying capitalism.

The capitalist state in the U.S. has long used similarly high sounding banners as "Freedom," "Democracy," and "Human Rights" to depoliticize the popular struggles. These slogans neatly sum up the pluralist ideology which claims that society is free of irreconcilable class conflict and is instead merely a neutral marketplace of competing "interest groups" whose needs can be harmonized within the existing government.

Here is exactly how "No Kings" today serves as a deliberate tactic of the monopoly capitalist class to safely channel the revolutionary energy of the people into avenues that protect the status quo.

1. The Myth of the Law and the State as a Supra-Class Vacuum

Epstein enterprise relied entirely on the standard, daily functioning of local and global capitalism. The "No Kings" rhetoric is designed to hide the fact that the U.S. state is a machine built to facilitate this exact kind of absolute commodification of humans by the financial elite.

The Epstein enterprise was exposed as part and parcel of the typical day to day operations of the modern "coupon-clipping" class which gains its wealth entirely through financial speculation and manipulation. Epstein built his entire fortune without producing a single material good or productive service. His foundational wealth was accumulated as a "technician" of Wall Street manipulation, first through alleged insider trading at Bear Stearns, and later by designing the illegal financial mechanics for the Towers Financial Corporation. Towers Financial was a massive Ponzi scheme that raised over $400 million by selling fraudulent bonds and promissory notes to ordinary investors. This early career established his blueprint for parasitic accumulation: extracting wealth through sophisticated, predatory financial fraud.

The enterprise utilized a sophisticated network of 34 distinct corporate entities, deliberately concentrating over half of them in the U.S. Virgin Islands (USVI) to exploit corporate secrecy and tax havens. Entities like the Southern Trust Company were used as operational conduits to funnel payments to recruiters and transport operations while securing a 90% reduction in taxes. This legal jurisdictional arbitrage effectively subsidized his enterprise by saving it hundreds of millions of dollars. Furthermore, asset-holding shell companies — such as Nautilus Inc. for his private island and Maple Inc. for his Manhattan mansion — created procedural barriers that legally separated Epstein from his physical properties, purposefully shielding his operational bases from civil judgments and state seizure.

To bail out the Epstein enterprise when exposures of its trafficking in minors began, the justice system used another tool often used by the rich to legally gag plaintiffs and maintain their impunity across institutions and industries. In Wild v. United States, the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the protections of the Crime Victims' Rights Act did not apply to Jeffrey Epstein's victims because the government never formally filed federal charges against him. Federal prosecutors and Epstein's defense team had negotiated a secret Non-Prosecution Agreement entirely during the pre-charge investigative phase specifically to avoid initiating those formal criminal proceedings. Consequently, the plaintiffs were trapped in a perverse legal catch-22 where the government's deliberate act of evading charges became the exact legal justification the court used to deny the victims their standing to challenge the agreement.

Even when the legal structure nominally punished Epstein, it was engineered to accommodate his ongoing enterprise. Following his 2008 state conviction, Epstein was granted a highly permissive work-release arrangement, allowing him to leave the county jail for 12 hours a day, six days a week. He spent this time at the "Florida Science Foundation," a shell entity co-located with his attorney's office, which allowed him to seamlessly maintain his business operations, social networks, and illicit logistics while purportedly serving a prison sentence.

The reality is that the U.S. capitalist state is not a flawed democracy waiting to be fixed, but a highly functioning special machine for the suppression of the nationally oppressed,

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the working masses, the youth, and all the poor and most vulnerable sections of society. In the U.S. the state was explicitly constructed from the time of the revolution to protect the privileges and wealth of the propertied class.

2. Channeling Righteous Anger into the "Lesser Evil" Trap

When the full scope of the Epstein enterprise's moribund consumption and the dictatorial protection it received from the state apparatus are dragged into the open, the capitalist media and two-party politicians immediately attempt to frame the Epstein network as a rogue faction of individuals who inappropriately acted like untouchable feudal monarchs. The labor aristocracy and opportunist calls for "No Kings" to insist that the workers are nothing more than a slave class that must react by aligning themselves under the wing of the so-called "progressive" section of the capitalists.

By bullying the workers to accept this "lesser evil" alignment and framing systemic horrors as an aberration, the opportunists try to deny that the workers have unique historic experience as an independent class-for-themselves, winning rights and even building socialism. The bourgeoisie must first convince the working class that it cannot rule society in order to divide it into competing pressure groups. The "lesser evil" argument is nothing less than a demand that workers surrender their independent class interests and remain forever under the domination of the rich and their political parties.

This "lesser evil" trap is a Trojan Horse used to import the pluralist ideology into any independent organization of the people, relegating them to the role of voting herds with no other function but as a pressure group which petitions unsuccessfully for a slight amelioration of oppression of the broad masses of the people and the exploitation of the working class.

3. Laying the Groundwork for Intensified Anti-Social Offensives

Today the two-party system acts as the modern equivalent of feudal privilege. By watering down the demands of the workers and abandoning the independent class aims the labor aristocracy and opportunism paves the way for the capitalist politics to escalate the anti-social offensive of the ruling class. Without a militant, independent working-class movement to hold the ruling class in check, the monopoly capitalists are granted a "free hand" to impose their dictates on society.

Because the capitalist system is in a permanent crisis and driven by an insatiable need to maximize profit, the ruling class utilizes this active undermining of the political resistance to further shift the burden of the economic crisis entirely onto the workers. Having a free hand, the capitalists impose new and more intense forms of exploitation, which include:

Corporate Downsizing and increased use of Contingent Labor: Capitalists ruthlessly restructure the workforce by slashing wages, speeding up production, and replacing full-wage jobs with a super-exploited "contingent" workforce of guest and temporary labor that lacks job security and benefits.

Gutting the Social Safety Net: The capitalist government shreds up labor legislation and divests from vital social programs such as welfare, Medicare, and unemployment insurance. This ensures that the capitalist class continues to lead the country into deeper ruin, offering the people nothing but more poverty and exploitation.

Fascism and Imperialist War: By disarming the people politically and keeping them tied to the Democratic and Republican parties, this capitulation opens the door for fascism. It empowers capitalist politicians to freely loot the public treasury for the military, launch aggressive imperialist wars and heighten the repressive, violent apparatus of the state against minorities and the working class.

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The way the working class practically breaks out of the straitjacket imposed by the blackmail of the two-party monopoly is by organizing its own independent political alternative. Building the Workers Party is the decisive concrete action the working class takes to openly contend with the capitalists and offer a genuine, independent pro-social agenda.

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