

WHAT IS OLIGARCHY?

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OLIGARCHY - A government in which the super-rich make the rules for everyone else.

The Five Elements of Oligarchy:

1. **Concentration of Power in the Wealthy Elite** - Oligarchs leverage their wealth to influence government policies, ensuring laws and regulations favor their interests over those of the working class.
2. **Cronyism** - The practice of favoring close allies, friends, or business associates with political or economic advantages, regardless of merit.
3. **Limiting Political Organizing** - The restricting of the ability of citizens, workers, and communities to organize, protest, or form independent institutions that challenge their rule.
4. **Scapegoating** - The blaming of marginalized or powerless groups for society's problems. This is done to divert attention from the real culprits of inequality and corruption - the monied elites and corporate greed.
5. **Media Censorship** - The suppression of independent journalism, the intimidation of critics, or spreading propaganda that protects those in power.