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Was America Wired for Authoritarianism from the Start?

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In contrast to current thinking, that treats Trump's authoritarianism as new and singular, what if authoritarianism in the United States has a long history that explains the extent to which authoritarianism has been embraced by large sections of US voters?

The *Magna Carta*, the foundation of our *Constitution*, really is much more than what we were taught in school ... that it's the basis for America's Rule of Law and Due Process. In fact, the *Magna Carta* was a contract between King John and 25 of the most powerful British barons. In the *Magna Carta*, the feudal barons meant to curb the absolutist power of the King. The barons aimed to protect their own wealth and power in a document the King could no longer easily ignore.

Americans were never taught that the *Magna Carta's* official name was “ARTICLE OF THE BARONS” which King John put his seal on in 1215.

In this interview, Dr. Charles Derber, professor of sociology at Boston College, will discuss the *Immunity Decision* of the Roberts Court being truly “originalist” by reflecting a largely hidden truth about the early authoritarian wiring of the constitution that sustains great power of both the President and today's corporate barons.

Dr. Derber will outline the history of a long and ominous path of oligarchic system wiring in the US by revealing from America's founding, three corporate regimes, each rewiring and strengthening the power of both today's barons and the President of the United States.

Interview Guest:

Charles Derber is Professor of Sociology at Boston College and has written 32 books - on politics, democracy, fascism, corporations, capitalism, climate change, war, the culture wars, culture and conversation, and social change.

He writes for and has been reviewed in the NY Times, the Washington Post, the Boston Globe, Truthout, and other leading media. His books are translated into 14 languages. His most recent books include *Wired for Authoritarianism*, *Dying for Capitalism*, *Who Owns Democracy*, *Welcome to the Revolution*, *Moving Beyond Fear*, *Sociopathic Society: A People's Sociology of the United States*; *Capitalism: Should You Buy It?*.

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