

## The counter-revolution against the Deep State

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*You never change things by fighting the existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete.*

– Systems theorist Buckminster Fuller

It's not just the most ideologically empowered nation on the planet... but also a powerful disruptor of the power of the "Deep State."

Regular *Inner Circle* readers know that the Deep State and its increasing control over almost every aspect of our lives is one of the biggest themes on our radar.

In case you're unfamiliar with the term, the Deep State is the "shadow government" that rules no matter who voters elect.

It's made up of an ever-expanding circle of unelected "insiders" – from top levels of finance, industry, and government.

I've been tracking this story for over a year now. As part of my research, I talked to congressional-staff-turned-Deep-State-whistleblower Mike Lofgren.

You can find the full Q&A of my conversation with Lofgren [here](#). But here's Lofgren describing what he means by the term:

The Deep State is this hybrid association of elements within government, finance, and industry that actually governs the U.S. The term was first used in Turkey to describe a group of oligarchs, senior military, and intelligence operatives – along with organized crime – that ran the government regardless of who was formally in power. But it's the same now in the U.S.

It's a very slow-moving and gradual thing. Most people don't notice the changes because they happen inside our public institutions... and out of sight. We still have voting. We still have members of Congress and so on.

Lofgren is not a household name. But he should be. **Because he's come closer than anyone else to understanding the true nature of government in the U.S.** For 28 years, Lofgren – a self-described "Midwest Republican" – worked on Capitol Hill. He was a congressional staff member and a national defense analyst with top-secret clearance for the House and Senate budget committees. He was walking the corridors of power when House Speaker Newt Gingrich tried to impeach President Clinton over the Monica Lewinsky "incident." He was there when an obscure Islamic fundamentalist group known as al-Qaeda blew up two U.S. embassies in Africa. He was there when airplanes flew into the World Trade Center in 2001...and for "shock and awe" in Iraq two years later.

Lofgren has seen the inner workings of Washington up close. And his conclusion is shocking. As he describes it in his book *The Deep State*: [T]he United States has, over the last several decades, gradually undergone a process first identified by Aristotle and later championed by Machiavelli. It's what journalist Edward Peter Garrett described in the 1930s as a "revolution within the form." Our venerable institutions of government have outwardly remained the same,

but they have grown more and more resistant to the popular will as they have become hardwired into a corporate and private influence network with almost unlimited cash to enforce its will.

Most people naively believe the myth that they can “change” government by pulling a lever in a polling booth once every couple of years. But they’re wrong. The shocking truth is that no matter which candidate sits in the Oval Office next, the Deep State will stay in control. The same goes for the power structures of almost all advanced and developing nations. Which is why this week’s dispatch is so important...

## Counter-Revolution

You see, there’s a counter-revolution underway – against the Deep State... Big Government... and oppressive state power in all its forms.

It’s led by a small group of libertarians, anarchists, and freethinkers who are reimagining what a truly free and prosperous society might look like. For this week’s issue, I arranged a meeting with one of them.

I travelled to Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic, to meet with Vit Jedlička (pronounced “Veet Yed-litchka”) – a burly, blonde, 32-year-old Czech activist.

Last April, Vit literally planted the flag of a new nation, the Free Republic of Liberland, on a small parcel of disputed land along the banks of the Danube between Balkan nations Serbia and Croatia. Liberland, Vit told me, will be a constitutional republic, founded along similar lines to the U.S. It will grant citizenship to like-minded people. And it will use a digital currency similar to Bitcoin as its national currency.

But its core mission is to protect and support the economic and personal freedom of its citizens. And in case there is any doubt about that, the Liberland motto is “To Live and Let Live.”