

Blueprints For Reform: The Far Right's Agenda for Higher Education



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Agenda

What?

How?

Who?

Why?

Now
what?

What is The Right's Agenda?

Make Campus Great Again

1

Limit Access

2

Limit Content

3

**Control
Delivery**

4

**Impose a
Business
Paradigm**

Limit Access

Discourage
enrollment

Restrict
admissions

Shift cost

Create a
hostile
environment

Restrict Admissions

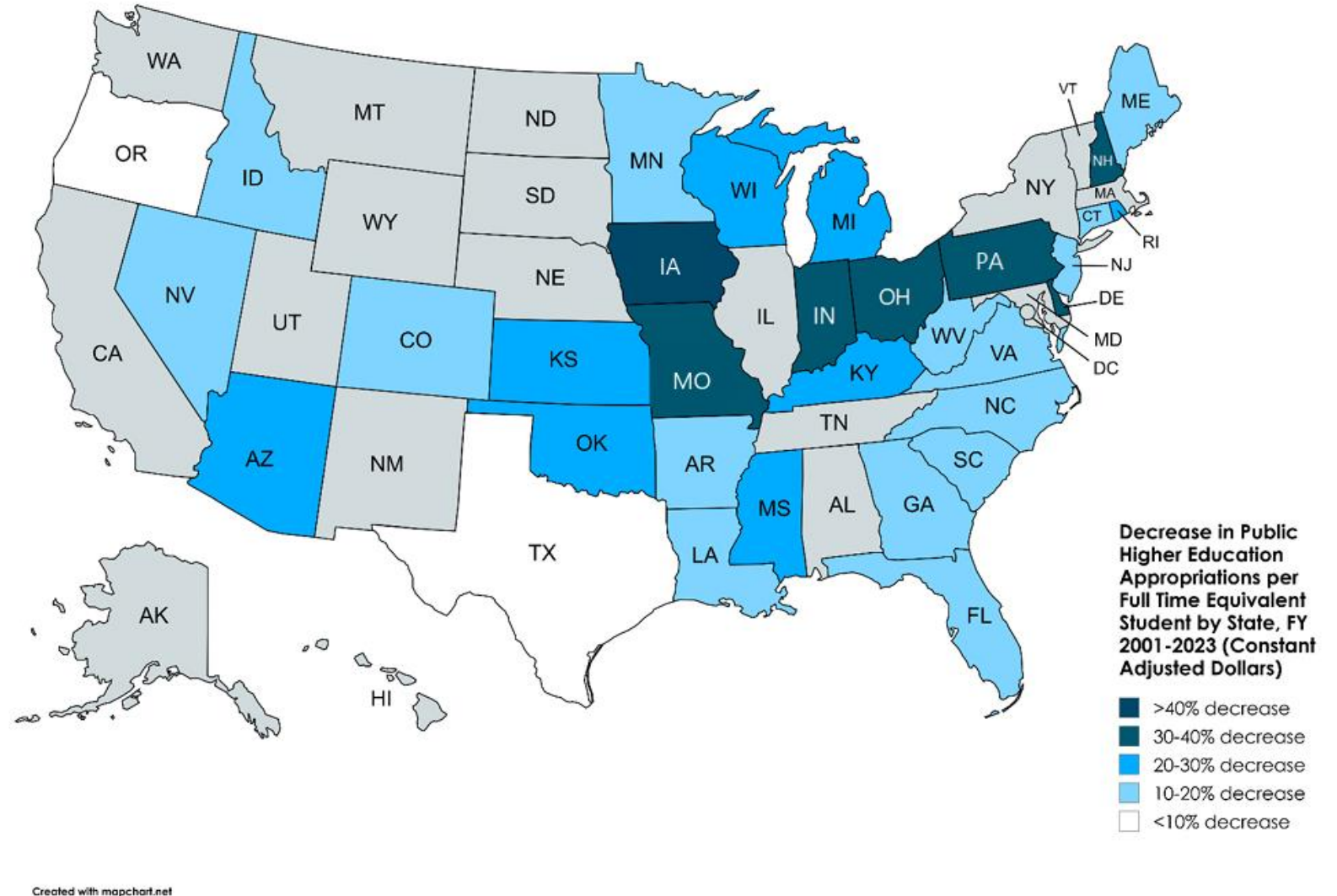
Students for Fair Admissions

Minimum Admission Requirements: Model System Policy

Fair Admissions Act (Martin)

Civil Rights Act (ALEC)

Shift Costs



Collins, Christian, “Threats to the Department of Education: Private Equity Replacing Public Funding” The Center for Law and Social Policy (January 2025)

https://www.clasp.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/2025_Private-Equity-Replacing-Public-Funding.pdf

Access to Student Loans: Project 2025

Spin off the Office of Federal Student Aid

- Establish “professional governance and management”

Consolidate and privatize all lending programs.

- Introduce “consumer-driven accountability.”

Terminate Public Service Loan Forgiveness



A Safe and Welcoming Environment?



Nondiscrimination

Free Speech

Freedom of
Association

Due Process on
Campus

**Limit Content
via
Mandates and
Prohibitions**

Core
Curriculum

Civics

Transparency

Neutrality

Accreditation
"reform"



Control Delivery: Who Can Teach?

Viewpoint
Diversity

Tenure
"reform"

Business Paradigm

Adjunctification

Privatization

University
Governance

Commodification
of Education

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Who?



NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION
of SCHOLARS





Why?

Political

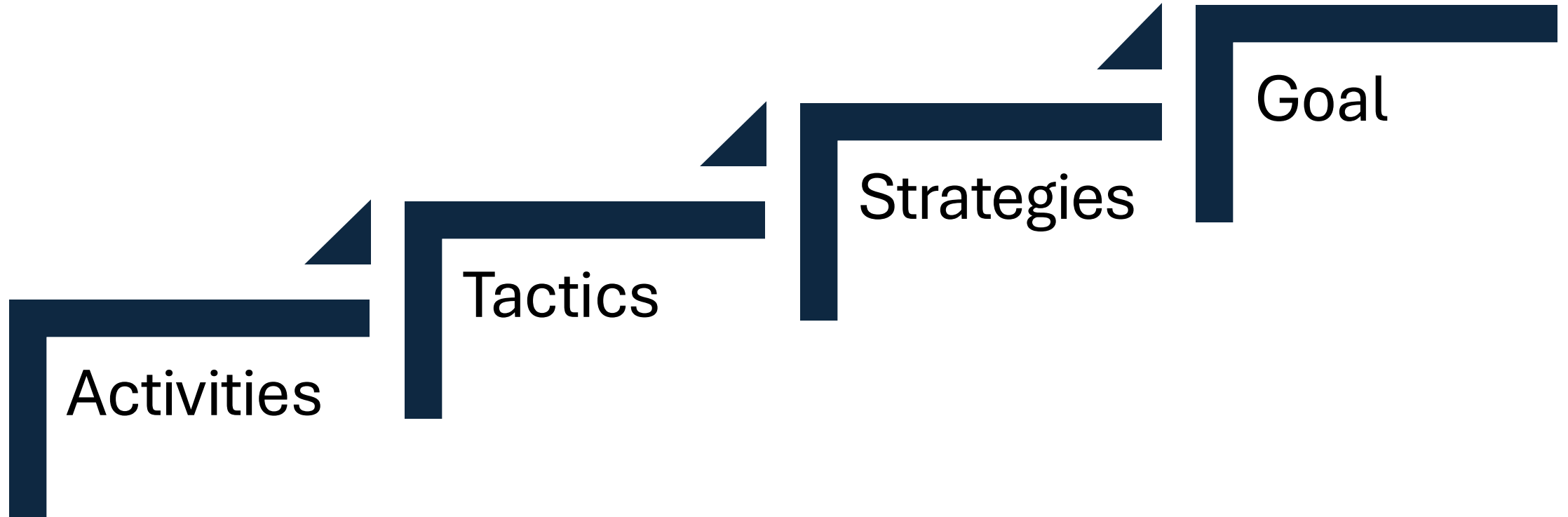
Economic

Religious

Ideological



The Theory of Change

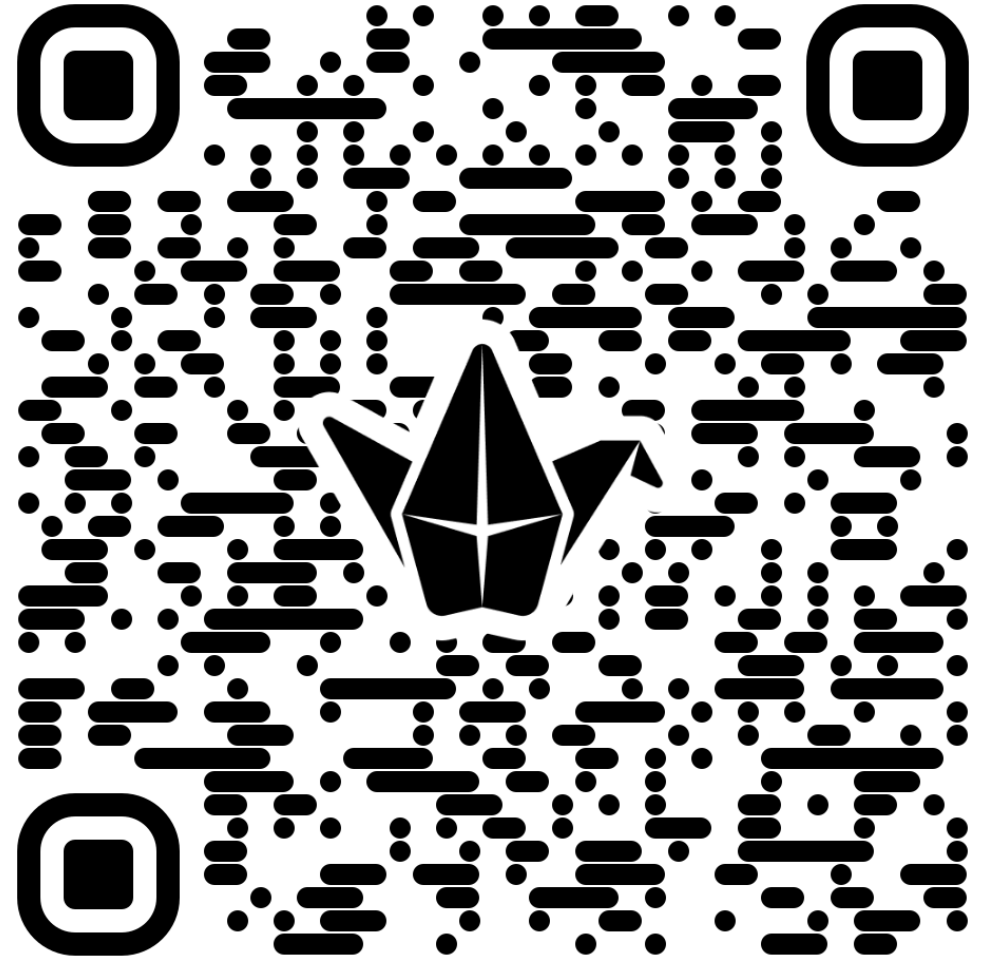


What now? Organize!

- Instructions:

4 tables – access, content, profession, business paradigm

In groups, discuss what can be done through bargaining, advocacy, and community engagement to protect, preserve and promote higher education. Enter ideas in the padlet.



Sources

- Martin Center Blueprints for Reform
<https://jamesgmartin.center/blueprints-for-reform/>
- Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE)
<https://www.thefire.org/>
- State Policy Network
<https://spn.org/>

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