The New ‘New Property’

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LIFT IN THE SUN of this presidential election is a remarkable inflection in intellectual development. The core of electoral campaigning and commentary constitutes a grand try for focus for one of the most important liberal ideas of the 1960s and the candidate who proposes to take it one step further: Vice President Al Gore, and Governor George W. Bush.

Led by Charles Koch, author of "The Giving of America," his thanks to America to its private property and to its legal system that protects and enforces the rights of individuals to choose and own property to make their lives and their children’s lives better. The role and function of government, the ideas behind the idea of "governmental property," have been at the center of the political discourse of the last several decades.

The idea has been that government, as a public trust, creates property rights for individuals and entities to use, enjoy, and improve. This idea is not without its critics, but it has been a cornerstone of American political and economic life for over a century.

Now, Bush proposes...