

Gras 2020 Yearly Letter: Part 2: Evolution and Emergence

Before getting to evolution, I need to return to politics briefly:

The return of democracy under Biden remains elusive. Corporate Capitalism with its immense wealth has successfully forestalled most, if not all, of Biden's plans to increase taxes on corporations; make higher education freer and more like Europe's; increase peoples jobs with national renovation of roads, bridges, railroads; raise the minimum wage substantially; and achieve climate change with new laws and government benefits and penalties. Only the latter has a chance to move forward. The Koch group seems now to own Joe Mancine so the one margin vote of VP Harris no longer exists. (See Truthout and MSNBC's presentation of Rep. A.Ocasio-Cortez (June 3, 2021) and Rep. Jamaal Bowman "Joe Manchin...(is) beholden to the Koch brothers" (and their group).

Meantime, corporate capitalism understands the threat of growing populism and its voting power in black and Latina voters by erecting barriers for such citizens to vote in the many state laws now being created, especially in Texas. It seems we now have to wait for the 2022 elections to see if democracy will survive or perish.

Let's turn now to Evolution and emergence: