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New Book Exposes “Elite Revolt Against Democracy,” Framing Dark Enlightenment as a Live-Action Coup

WASHINGTON D.C. – September 1, 2025 – Intellectual Enlightenment Press, LLC. today announced the release of **The Dark Enlightenment Files**, the Second Edition of *The Dark Enlightenment Unmasked: An Elite Revolt Against Democracy* by HASE Fiero. This updated and expanded edition presents a forensic investigation into how a fringe anti-democratic philosophy has transitioned from online theory to real-world operational power.

The book frames the neo-reactionary (NRx) movement not as a grassroots phenomenon, but as a strategic, top-down challenge to liberal democracy. It argues that the movement's power lies in its leverage among a small but powerful network of tech elites and political operatives, not in its numbers.

The The Dark Enlightenment Files uncovers:

- **A New Playbook for Power:** The book explains the central tenets of the NRx movement, from its rejection of the Enlightenment to its vision of a "CEO-monarch" who runs the state like a corporation. It details how concepts like the "Patchwork" and "Reactionary Modernism" serve as "operational blueprints" for dismantling democracy.
- **The Pipelines of Influence:** Fiero's investigation reveals the "pipelines" that carry these ideas from "obscure blogs into boardrooms, policy shops, and even the White House". The book provides dossiers on key figures like Peter Thiel, Marc Andreessen, J.D. Vance, and Steve Bannon, highlighting their roles in providing "policy on-ramps" and "narrative smuggling"

for NRx ideology.

- **Concrete Operations (2023-2025):** The core of the new edition is its documentation of real-world events as a "forensic case file". It analyzes "Operation RAGE," which involved the mass firing of civil servants, and "Operation EXIT," which details the rise of projects like seasteads and nationalist enclaves. The book also investigates "Operation LEVIATHAN," highlighting the use of algorithms, cryptography, and protocols as instruments of "governance capture".

The book's author, HASE Fiero, warns that the movement's danger lies in its camouflage, framing a "slow-motion coup" as mere "efficiency". The book highlights how the movement relies on pseudoscientific claims and historical myths—which it calls "weapons systems"—to justify its anti-egalitarian worldview and "script an authoritarian future".

Ultimately, *The Dark Enlightenment Unmasked 2nd Edition* offers a path forward, concluding with a "counter-strategy" section that acts as a defensive playbook. It outlines how to "harden institutions," "secure the stack," and "inoculate the public" against authoritarian sabotage.

The book argues that "the villains aren't coming—they're already inside the building," and that the public must recognize the threat before democracy becomes an obsolete operating system.

About the Author HASE Fiero is a writer and investigator whose work focuses on the intersection of technology, power, and democratic governance.

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