**To: James D. Gwartney, economics professor at Florida State University**

**From: neo**

**date: 5/27/14**

**I have posted the following review of your book**

**Economics: Private and Public Choice on Amazon.**

[**http://www.amazon.com/review/R1S5UX94JWNZK1**](http://www.amazon.com/review/R1S5UX94JWNZK1)

**The story of how the Koch Brothers**

**and their organization, Americans For Prosperity,**

**have taken control of multiple university economics departments**

**throughout America is exemplified by their takeover of FSU.**

[**http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/college-inc/post/report-va-billionaire-controls-hires-at-fla-university/2011/05/12/AFAV990G\_blog.html**](http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/college-inc/post/report-va-billionaire-controls-hires-at-fla-university/2011/05/12/AFAV990G_blog.html)

**For the right price, FSU sold out its integrity and its academic freedom.**

**An FSU degree in economics, now carries the same weight**

**as a divinity degree from Liberty University ...**

**both have as much value as a roll of toilet paper.**

**I feel deep sadness for the other faculty members in your department,**

**but not as much as I feel for the students that you brainwash**

**with your anti-science lies.**

**neo**

**(as always - replies are encouraged)**

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**Koch Brothers Professor Threatens Legal Action**

**The Koch professor wrote a response to my review, in the comment section of the book review (I have italicized his text). My replies were not posted to Amazon, but were sent to him via email, and appear below in bold, following each of his italicized statements.**

*Joseph Calhoun says:*

**I'm a little confused here. Joseph Calhoun is one of the economics professors at FSU who was cc'd in my original email. According to this first line "Joseph Calhoun says" it implies that the text which follows was written by Calhoun; yet it appears to be written and signed by professor James Gwartney?**

**I received an email from Gwartney that was identical to the italicized text below, except that Calhoun's name did not appear anywhere in the email. So I assume that Gwartney wrote the response, but had Calhoun post it on Amazon on his behalf. Why? Why couldn't Gwartney post his own rebuttal on Amazon? Why did he make it appear that Calhoun wrote it? Or, if Calhoun wrote it, why did he write it as if it came from Gwartney?**

**These are questions inquiring minds would like to know.**

*Reviewer and Other Readers:*

*For the record, I have never worked for, or received any funds from the Koch brothers or Americans For Prosperity, nor any of their charitable organizations.*

**Calhoun or Gwartney or whomever - I work for truth and justice. I work to make the world a better place. No one pays me a dime for what I do. I do not even allow ads on my web site. When I stated that you worked for the Koch Brothers, that did not necessarily mean that you receive a check from them.**

*Further, the Stavros Center for Economic Education and Free Enterprise at Florida State University which I direct has never received any funds from the Koch brothers or Americans For Prosperity, nor any of their charitable organizations.*

**Where in my email, or in my review of your book, did I say anything about the Stavros Center?**

**If you could refresh my memory with a link or a copy/paste ... I would appreciate it.**

*While you are certainly welcome to review the book and express your opinions, I respectfully request that you remove the false statement that I (or any of my coauthors) work for the Koch Brothers, either now or in the past, from your review and communications with others. This notice is being provided pursuant to the provisions of Florida Statutes 770.01. Please be governed accordingly.*

**Florida Statutes 770.01?**

**Well, I don't have that one memorized. Perhaps I did at one time and just forgot about it, so I googled it at:**

**http://law.onecle.com/florida/torts/770.01.html**

**Here is what it says:**

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770.01 Notice condition precedent to action or prosecution for libel or slander.—Before any civil action is brought for publication or broadcast, in a newspaper, periodical, or other medium, of a libel or slander, the plaintiff shall, at least 5 days before instituting such action, serve notice in writing on the defendant, specifying the article or broadcast and the statements therein which he or she alleges to be false and defamatory.

History.—s. 1, ch. 16070, 1933; CGL 1936 Supp. 7064(1); s. 1, ch. 76-123; s. 1178, ch. 97-102.

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**So I guess that means, that when you said**

**"***While you are certainly welcome to review the book and express your opinions"*

**and**

**"***I respectfully request***"**

**What you were really saying was:**

**if I don't remove my review within 5 days, that I might want to consider using that link, provided near the end of statute 770.01, to take advantage of that free legal advice.**

**Well, today is Thursday, so I guess I have until Sunday to decide.**

**But I have to tell you professor, when it comes to threats, especially gutless threats disguised in respectful language, I don't have a record of responding very well. You might want to consider gathering your legal team; because when it comes to freedom of speech, that's where many of us ...**

**draw the line.**

*James D. Gwartney*

**neo**

**ps:**

**Now that OJ is sitting in a cell (in Florida of all places) there's a good chance that Kardashian is available to handle your case. If you need his number I could probably get it from Kim.**