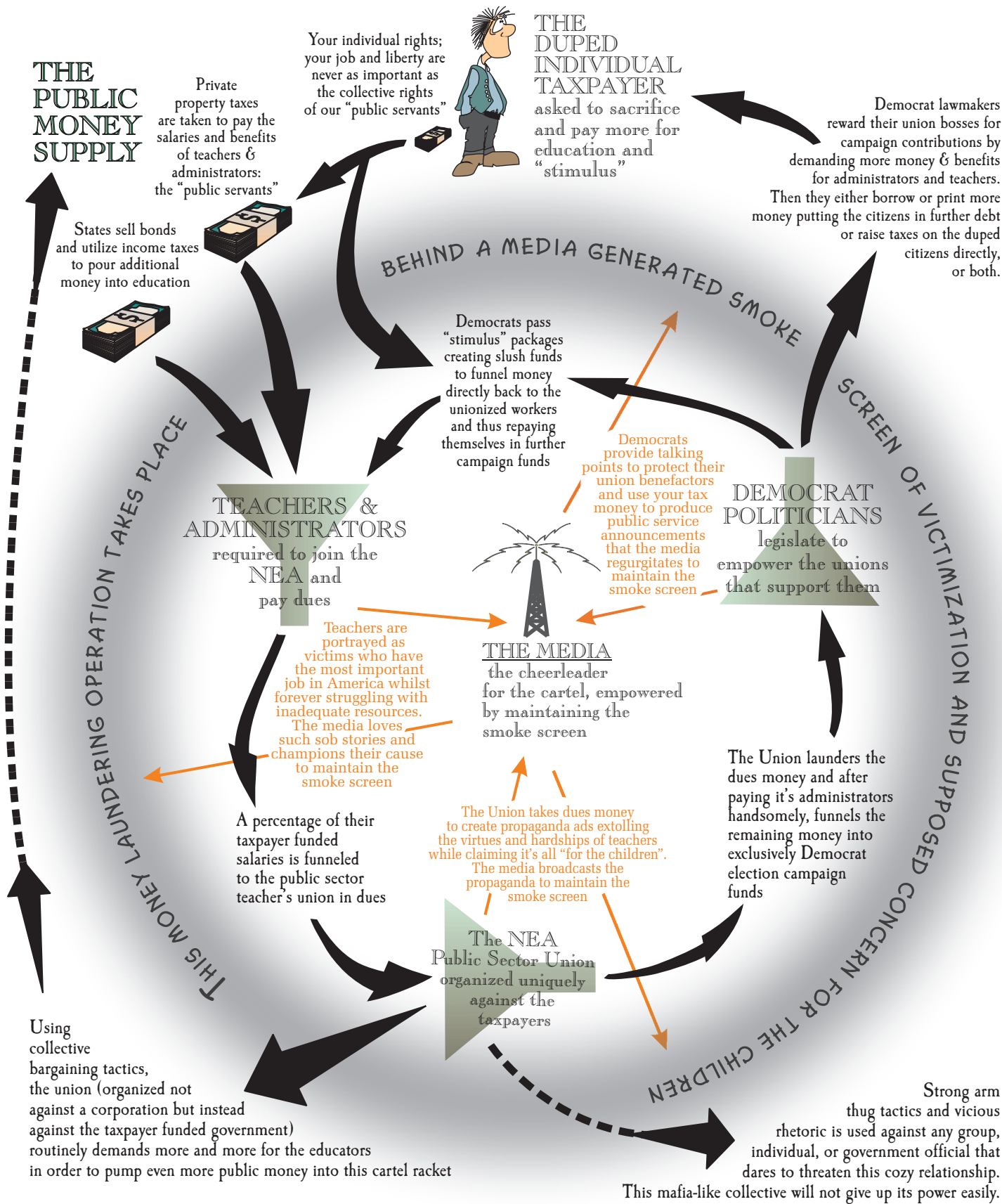


# Behind the Smoke Screen of the NEA/Democrat Racket

A cozy little cartel that launders money and maintains power for Democrats; secures more money for education jobs, and enriches union bosses at the expense of the individual taxpayer.

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## What Have We Learned? Unionization and Freedom of Association:

**Freedom of Association:** Everyone has the right of freedom of association. You have the right and the freedom to join a union.

**However:** Unions should not have the right to use the power of state or federal governments to exclude other workers from taking their jobs at lower dollar amounts. Your freedom to join a union should not take away the freedom of others to not join a union. So while it is your lawful right to organize, it should not be your right to use the power of law to exclude those individuals outside of the organization.

**So how should governments hire teachers and other necessary employees?** Here's an example- the government states; "here is what we will pay for a 3rd grade teacher in salary and benefits, here is what we require; if interested, send in your application for the job." -No collective bargaining, no favoritism, no games. That's it. If you want a higher salary, then you have the freedom to find another job. Conversely, if the government fails to find a qualified 3rd grade teacher at this salary, they have the freedom to raise what they will pay in order to attract better candidates. Sounds simple doesn't it? -and it is. This is the free market; and it works every time it is tried. It promotes freedom, responsibility, and exceptionalism. To reject this is to promote a system of favoritism and protectionism at the expense of freedom and exceptionalism.

**For union members:** When you are in the favored and protected group, it is very hard to give up this position. And you must therefore continuously invent more and more fanciful reasons why the free market solution is flawed. At some point, reality must inform you that we don't have any more money and that all the fanciful arguments are nothing more than excuses for why you must be continuously favored at the expense of your fellow citizens.