



Tonight we return to history.

In this moment of retiring Justice Kennedy, the shady dealings of his offspring, & the onslaught of judges that "Cocaine" Mitch & Donnie "Two Scoops" are appointing, I've been asked to do a piece on the Mob & judges.

"But, Your Honor..."

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1/ If you have a pulse, you're aware of some basic mob tactics (& I hope I've helped to sort lore from reality).

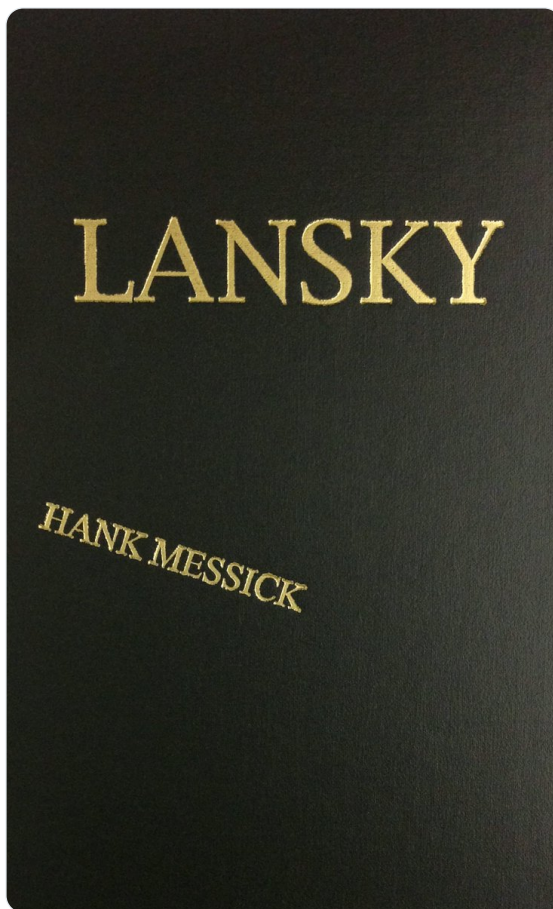
The most basic tactic of all is to compromise law enforcement & politicians.

This is how one can run an illegal empire.

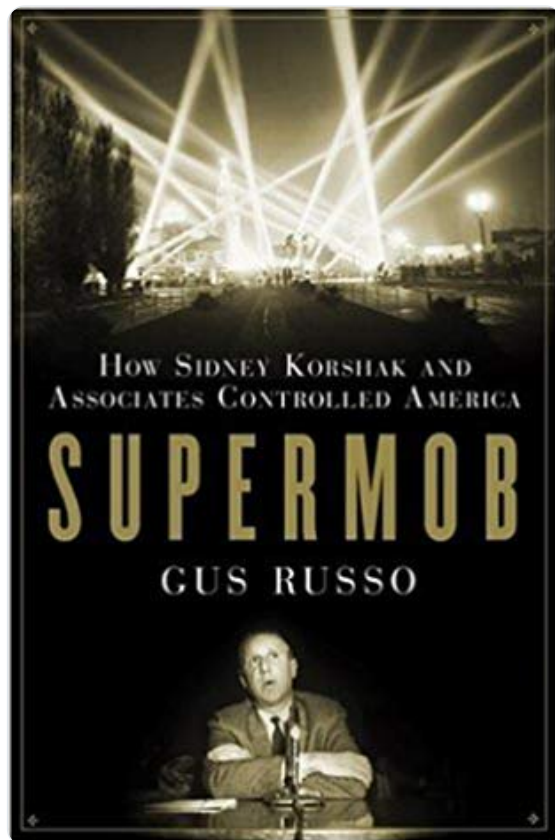
But the jewel of all jewels to compromise...

2/ ... are judges.

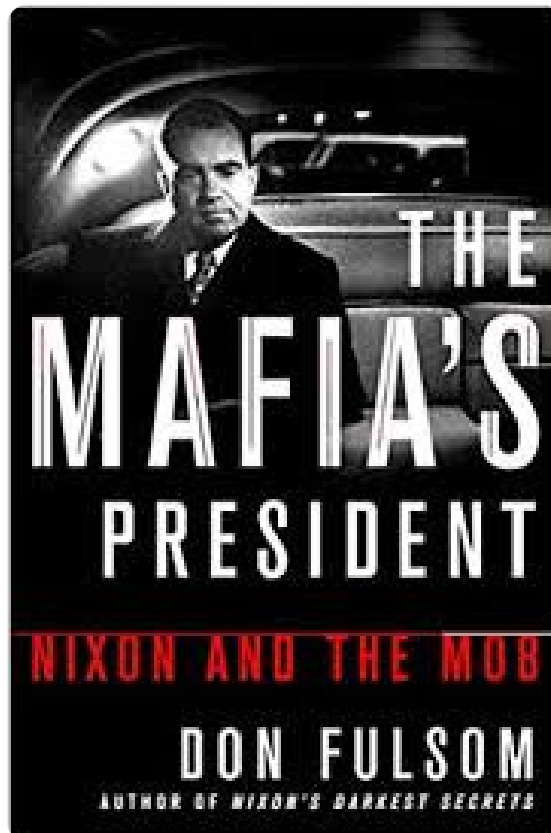
I'll start with some historic examples, thanks to these source texts, and archived articles I will attach with their screenshots.



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3/ Now, mobsters love to talk about the judges they have in their pockets. Most of mob history is oral and full of gossip & conspiracy. But there are key individuals, & their intersection w/judges they may have compromised is discoverable if you track them carefully...

4/ Like this shi*third, from early 20th century: SAM INSULL.

Chicago knows him well. And he bought himself some judges.

Street habitues to make the exodus to Lawndale.²³ Insull, a former private secretary to inventor Thomas Edison, and himself a genius in business, inherited Edison's General Electric power company and, thanks to massive political corruption, built it and his other holdings into a \$2 billion empire. The Rosenbergs, in exchange for uncontested junk-hauling contracts from Insull, corrupted countless pols who happily allowed Insull to use monopolistic and predatory practices in exchange for "investment opportunities" in the power company—in other words, insider stock priced far below the market quotes. Ovid Demaris, the seminal historian of Chicago crime, described the unsavory climate thus: "[Insull] built his paper colossus on the hot coals of corruption. Corrupt politicians and predatory law firms kept it precariously fireproof for forty years in a continuing conspiracy that provided low taxes, and favorable legislation, plus safe judges, reasonable mayors, pliable aldermen, patronage officeholders, and

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anybody else who could serve Insull's undivided interest."²⁴

Everyone got rich together, and when the stock market crashed in 1929, Insull merely sold overvalued stock to the public, costing investors over \$2 billion in losses. So hated did Insull become that he hired Capone's musclemen to protect him from his countless enemies. Eventually, Insull's paper profits evaporated and he was charged with stock fraud and, separately, with embezzlement—he escaped conviction in both.²⁵ Years later Moe Rosenberg would serve a prison term for receiving stolen goods and was also indicted for tax evasion. In an effort to lessen his sentence, Rosenberg gave a full confession in 1933 regarding the massive political-corruption schemes he had entered into with Insull. However, Rosenberg died before the trial started, and a year later his sealed confession was made public.²⁶

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5/ Or, we can jump forward 50 years to the Nixon era and Bebe Rebozo.

And then that last screenshot - on the case that gets under my skin like no other.

Not just the light sentence for Marcello to begin with, but reducing it as well, were CORRUPT to the core.

that was fraudulent, stolen," asserted William Gallinaro, a senior investigator for the Senate Subcommittee on Investigations. Gallinaro added, "When we started making inquiries about this, somebody tipped [Rebozo] off to watch himself. And the next thing we know, he's sold the stolen stock. That's a crime in itself, and he should have been arrested and gone to prison for that. Bebe Rebozo was a friendly banker when it came to the Mob."¹⁴

Rebozo avoided prison and never faced trial. Under ordinary circumstances, federal law requires a fine of up to \$10,000 or a prison term up to ten years, or both, for anyone who knowingly takes part in such deals. Eventually, a civil case involving Rebozo and the sale of the

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stolen stock was dismissed by James King, a Florida judge appointed by President Nixon.¹⁵

Rebozo's mob-friendly bank was also a suspected pipeline for Syndicate money skimmed from an opulent gambling casino in the Bahamas. Operated by Nixon and Rebozo buddy James Crosby (who contributed \$100,000 to Nixon for the 1968 primaries), the Paradise Island Casino was linked to top U.S. mobsters. Despite *Life* magazine's report that Crosby's casino would be run by "Lansky & Co.," Nixon showed up as the star attraction at its opening party, on January 7, 1968, where he was photographed with Crosby. At the 1968 Republican convention in Miami Beach, Nixon accepted the use of a luxurious yacht owned by Crosby's casino.¹⁶

By the 1960s, FBI agents keeping track of the Mafia had identified Bebe Rebozo as a "non-member associate of organized crime figures."¹⁷ Former Mafia consigliere Bill Bonanno—the son of legendary New York godfather Joe Bonanno—asserts that Nixon "would never have gotten anywhere" without his old Mob allegiances. And he reports that, through Rebozo, Nixon "did business for years with people in [Florida Mafia boss Santos] Trafficante's Family, profiting from real estate deals, arranging for casino licensing, covert funding for anti-Castro activities, and so forth."¹⁸

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Under Mitchell, in 1970, a federal judge reduced the two-year prison term of Mafia godfather Carols Marcello to only six months at a medical facility.⁵³

Shortly after his 1972 re-election, President Nixon gave unconditional pardons to three men associated with a shady accounting firm. The men had been convicted of distributing false financial statements and mail fraud.

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6/ There's a lot more case study, but you get it. The mob has its judges.

They GROOM them, often, from within the family.

You know my saying, #FollowTheLawyers? Well, that leads us to judges as well.

In fact, it leads us right to a now-retiring judge on the US Supreme Court...

7/ To get to him - to truly see it, you gotta through the mobsters. That's how it works.

And Justice Kennedy's mobster was his daddy's mobster: the "Governor of the Legislature" - "The Boss of California" - the "Godfather" of Mickey Cohen.

ARTIE SAMISH.

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Artie Samish, known in California political circles as "the Governor of the Legislature."⁶⁶

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ARTHUR H. SAMISH, A COAST LOBBYIST

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The New York Times Archives

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 13, (AP)—Arthur H. Samish, the super-lobbyist who once described himself as "the boss of California," died yesterday at 1 St. Mary's Hospital. He was 75 years old.

Served Tax-Charge Term

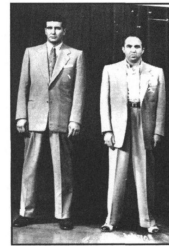
Arthur Samish was released from prison in 1959 after serving 26 months for evading \$71,878 in income taxes over five-year period.

Nevertheless, during some 30 years he wielded considerable power in the California Legislature representing interests in liquor, beer, racing, buses, trucking, railroads, banking, chemicals, oil, the films and the theater.

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was close friends with municipal officers at all levels. **Artie Samish, a Cohen childhood friend and California lobbyist, who was called more powerful than the governor by Governor Earl Warren,**³⁷ remained a powerful ally of Cohen's. As Cohen explained in his autobiography, "See, if I had any problems with legislators in Sacramento on things like slot machines on premises, he nipped it in the bud. I was his right hand, and he was my godfather, my senior statesman."³⁸ Cohen's friendly influence did not stop at the state capital—it extended into every important agency, including the police force and the mayor's office. "At one point in the 1940s and 1950s, I had the police commission in Los Angeles going for me," Cohen recalled. "A lot of the commissioners didn't have any choice. Either they would go along with the program, or they would be pushed out of sight... It was all the way up to the box at certain police stations... When I was in the mayor's corner, see, a certain amount was put into his campaign each time through my lawyers, Sam Rummel and Vernon Ferguson." Cohen had the private numbers of the mayor's home and office to boot.³⁹ He also knew Richard Nixon, who, before running for Congress, demanded that Cohen come up with a \$75,000 "contribution" to assure Nixon's intimacy toward the local hoodlums. Cohen held a dinner with all the local hoods and came up with the money.⁴⁰

Mickey Cohen (c.) with his enforcer, Johnny Stompanato
(author collection)

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8/ Samish was a sh*tbird of the highest order. He did the kind of racketeering that Fred Trump and Roy Cohn were so good at: lobbying a state legislature by compromising the locals. THAT is how you get sh*t done.

Samish represented the liquor companies. Because... of course...

9/ If you know your mafia history, you know it all goes back to those bootleggers. (psst... there is a method to the order of the bricks I'm laying down).

lawyer in Los Angeles, and was named police prosecutor. Bugsy Siegel had his headquarters in Los Angeles and had a keen interest in all things relating to crime, police, and courts. In 1940 Nixon married, but his restlessness grew. According to his biographer, Earl Mazo, "during a brief trip to Cuba he spent a bit of his vacation time exploring the possibilities of establishing law or business connections in Havana."

The circumstances can be dismissed as a coincidence. The fact that Lansky's partner bossed crime in California and that in Cuba Lansky himself sat at the right hand of Batista may mean nothing. Yet Whittier is a long way from Havana for a young lawyer in search of new connections.

In any case, with the war approaching, there was little opportunity for either Nixon or Lansky in Havana. But people had their eyes on the young lawyer. Before the war ended, he was tapped to run for Congress. Murray M. Chotiner, later to be involved in a messy scandal concerning influence peddling and a man who represented top gangsters, was one of those who helped select Nixon.

Later, Mickey Cohen, the man who succeeded Siegel in the West, was to boast that he and assorted mobsters gave money and other aid to Nixon in the early stages of his political career. And politically important was Arthur Samish, a lobbyist who called himself Governor of the Legislature. He was on the payroll of Lewis S. Rosenstiel, the head of a giant liquor company and a friend of both Lansky and J. Edgar Hoover. Samish eventually went to federal prison for tax evasion.

Whether or not Lansky believed Cohen's boast of helping Nixon is immaterial. Years later, when columnist Drew Pearson published Cohen's comments, Nixon's press

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10/ Samish represented all the mob ops, actually. And had a slush fund. And had the attention of the Kefauver Committee. Take a gander.

When Prohibition ended 79 years ago, California replaced the bootleg liquor trade with a legal monopoly - a series of laws that locked in industry marketing practices and enforced industry-established retail prices.

The misnamed "fair trade" laws were the handiwork of the Capitol's dominant lobbyist of the era, Artie Samish, who later described it this way in his autobiography:

"Only by regulation and enforcement could the alcoholic beverage business thrive and prosper. Cutthroat competition could have been ruinous. So I put through fair-trade laws to protect wholesalers, distributors and retailers. All of them make a profit in California, and they always have."

Samish went to prison for treating the Legislature like a puppet (he was once photographed holding a ventriloquist's dummy he named "Mr. Legislature"). But his laws remained on the books for decades, until the courts struck down price-fixing.

Artie Samish and His Amateurs

- Until his 1953 income tax evasion conviction, Artie Samish claimed to be the "Secret Boss of California."
- He represented the liquor industry, horse racing, banks, chemical manufacturers, and transportation.
- Samish took payments from companies and turned them into votes.



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LOS ANGELES Senator Kefauver said of crime in California that it had "a special flavor—exotic, overripe and a little sickening." But the committee also intimated that compared to some other places and persons California gangsters, like the celebrated Mickey Cohen, were small fry. Cohen has since been convicted for evading federal income taxes and been sent away for five years. The committee's strongest recommendation was that the attorney general investigate the state's impudent lobbyist Arthur Samish to see if he had violated the Federal Corrupt Practices Act. But Samish, who is credited with disbursing a million-dollar slush fund, has not been subpoenaed by a federal grand jury now studying tax-evasion cases.

The biggest effect the Kefauver committee had in southern California was to start a chain reaction against petty crime. The police have been particularly active in driving prostitutes from the more accessible, and cheaper, locations

into the more expensive hotels, thus increasing the price of their services. The world's oldest profession has found it very hard going in the Hollywood hills and many of the girls have trooped over the line into Las Vegas, Nev. Book-makers too are suffering. A year ago you could place a bet in almost any neighborhood. Now it is hard to reach a "book" even if you do know his telephone number. One example of the zeal shown by Los Angeles police in chasing down gamblers was the boarding of 12 fishing boats which were equipped with slot machines.

Kefauver hit again and again at the narcotics trade when he was in California. On the surface at least the police seem to have taken him seriously and tightened up. The courts have been handing out stiffer sentences to peddlers and the flow of drugs into the area seems to have been checked.

On the whole, there is a great deal more heat on petty gangsters out here than there was before Kefauver came. —JANE ESTES, ELDON GRIFFITH

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11/ I mean... Samish was just a HUGE mobster, on every level.

He was.

There is no disputing it.

And like all big mob bosses, he had his own attorney. Someone whose solo practice revolved around him.

Take a gander. That's Justice Kennedy's dad.

Samish v. Superior Court

Annotate this Case

[Civ. No. 6129. Third Appellate District. October 14, 1938.]

ARTHUR H. SAMISH, Petitioner, v. THE SUPERIOR COURT OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY et al., Respondents.

COUNSEL

Anthony J. Kennedy and Howe, Hibbit & Johnston for Petitioner.

Otis D. Babcock, District Attorney, and George M. Naus for Respondents.

OPINION

Thompson, J.

This is a petition for a writ of prohibition to restrain the grand jury and the prosecuting officers of Sacramento County from obtaining possession by subpoena or otherwise of copies of petitioner's income tax statements for the years 1935, 1936 and 1937, and from compelling a disclosure of the contents thereof, the originals of which are filed with the state and federal governments for taxation purposes. These copies are sought to be used by the grand jury as evidence in its investigation of alleged lobbying and bribery of members of the state legislature. The respondents have demurred to the petition, and also filed an answer denying the material allegations thereof.

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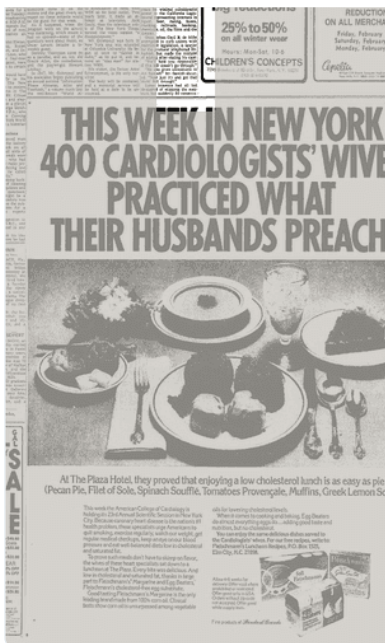
12/ So, Samish goes to prison for the one thing that the Feds were great at popping mobsters for: tax evasion, of course.



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And then, years later Samish croaks. As does his consigliere, Kennedy.
And all those Samish atty-client privileged files...

13/ And all those business relationships of Samish's - all the other mobsters, & corporations of the mob, & individuals compromised by the mob - fell into the hands of...Kennedy's son, Anthony.
Yep. This was the law practice that young Tony Kennedy took over. He was a mob lawyer.

Judge Kennedy was born into Republican politics on July 23, 1936. His mother, Gladys, was a prominent civic booster, and his father, Anthony J. Kennedy, was a politically connected lawyer and lobbyist in Sacramento who was associated with Artie Samish, a powerful lobbyist and fixer who ultimately went to jail for tax evasion. At the age of 10 the youth took a year off from school to serve as a page in the State Senate.

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After graduation, Mr. Kennedy joined a law firm in San Francisco, and in 1963 married Mary Jeanne Davis, who now teaches elementary school in Sacramento. That year was a turning point in the young lawyer's life. His father died of a heart attack, leaving his personal financial affairs in extraordinary disarray. The son returned to Sacramento, sacrificing a potentially lucrative practice in San Francisco, to take over his father's solo practice and help the family.

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Restrained Pragmatist - Anthony McLeod Kennedy

SAN FRANCISCO -- In the modern world of family turmoil, the life of Judge Anthony McLeod Kennedy seems almost like a living Norman Rockwell portrait of provincial constancy and familial loyalty. He h...

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15/ Now, to avoid the uncomfortable discussion of mob families would be just a bullish*t thing to do, at this point.

Our democracy is at stake. So, I'm not sugarcoating a thing.

I'm also not going to point to anything but that which I can source.

All that above? That's sourced...

16/ But let's get real. When you're born into a mafia family, it's very likely (but not definitive) that you continue in the family's work.

It is what it is.

I, personally, cannot avoid this history of Kennedy's - when considering what his "retirement" is enabling...

17/ I don't know why he picked this moment to leave the bench & open up yet another seat for Trump & the completely compromised @GOP to fill.

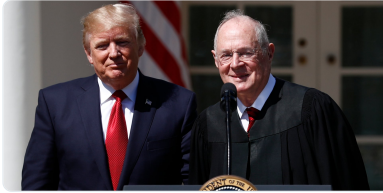
I don't know why his son approved Trump's loans at Deutsche bank, & what that might mean (other than Russian mob money-laundering 😏).

Maybe someone paid him a visit, and let him know it was time to go.

Maybe that person(s) was even a good guy, because a bunch of sh*t is about to go down.

I don't know. I really don't.

BUT, I do know...



Trump's business career is more connected to Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy than...
President Donald Trump and Supreme Court Justice Anthony Kennedy had an unusually close relationship that The New York Times detailed in a Thursday report.

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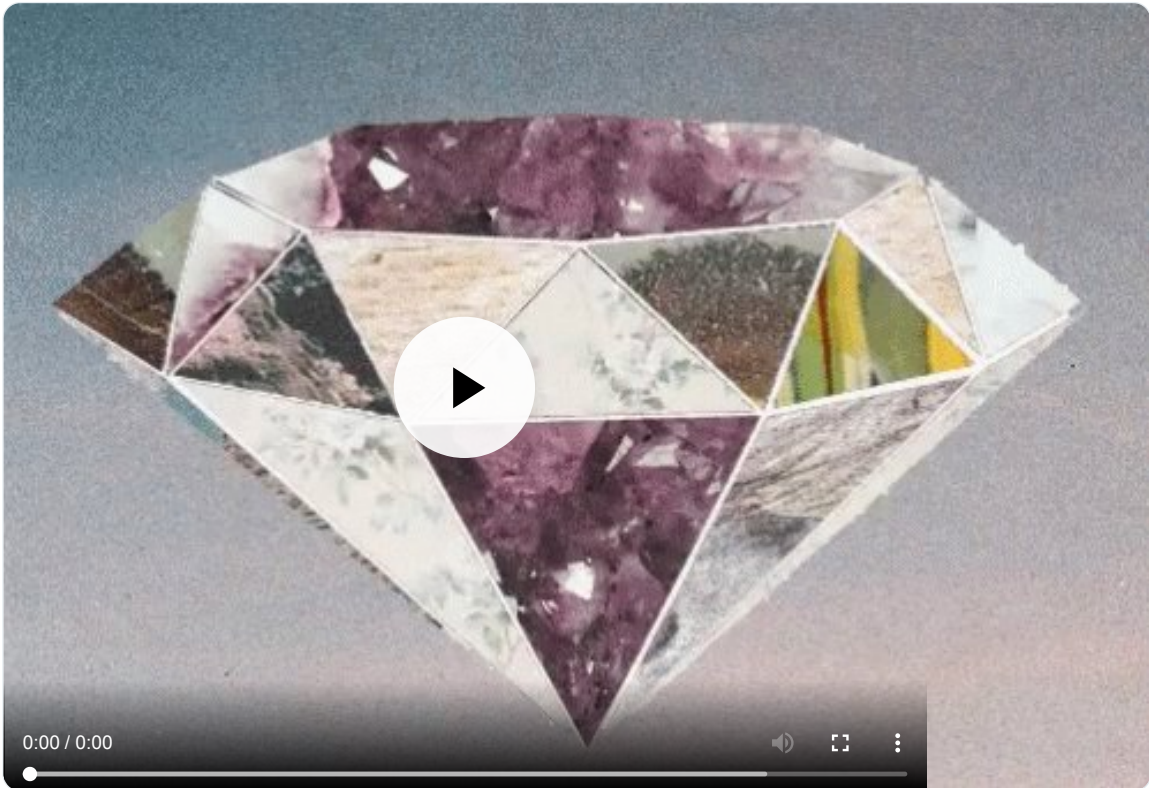
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19/ That ARTIE SAMISH WAS A HUGE MOBSTER, WITH A HUGE EMPIRE, & Justice Kennedy inherited all his legacy to keep.

Because the mob trusted him implicitly, or they would have never let him take over his father's practice. He was theirs.

And then, he chose to become a judge.

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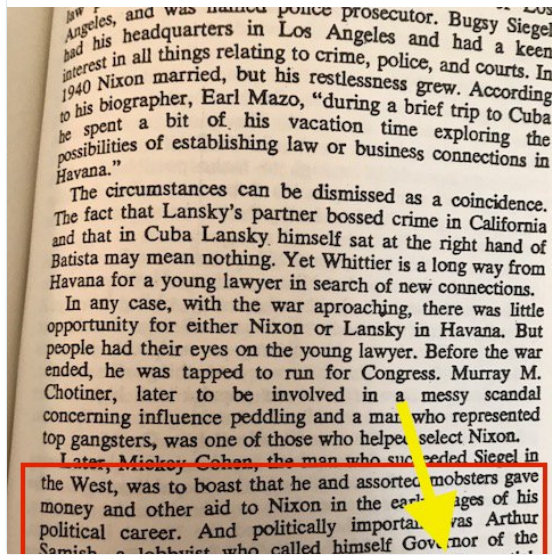
Lincoln's Bible
@LincolnsBible



Your responses to my Justice Kennedy thread last night made me realize something.
I'm a little too "inside baseball" in it - at least with 1 key detail.
This screenshot - the info in it, is an enormous thread to pull, taking us directly to what we've been looking at w/Trump.../1

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