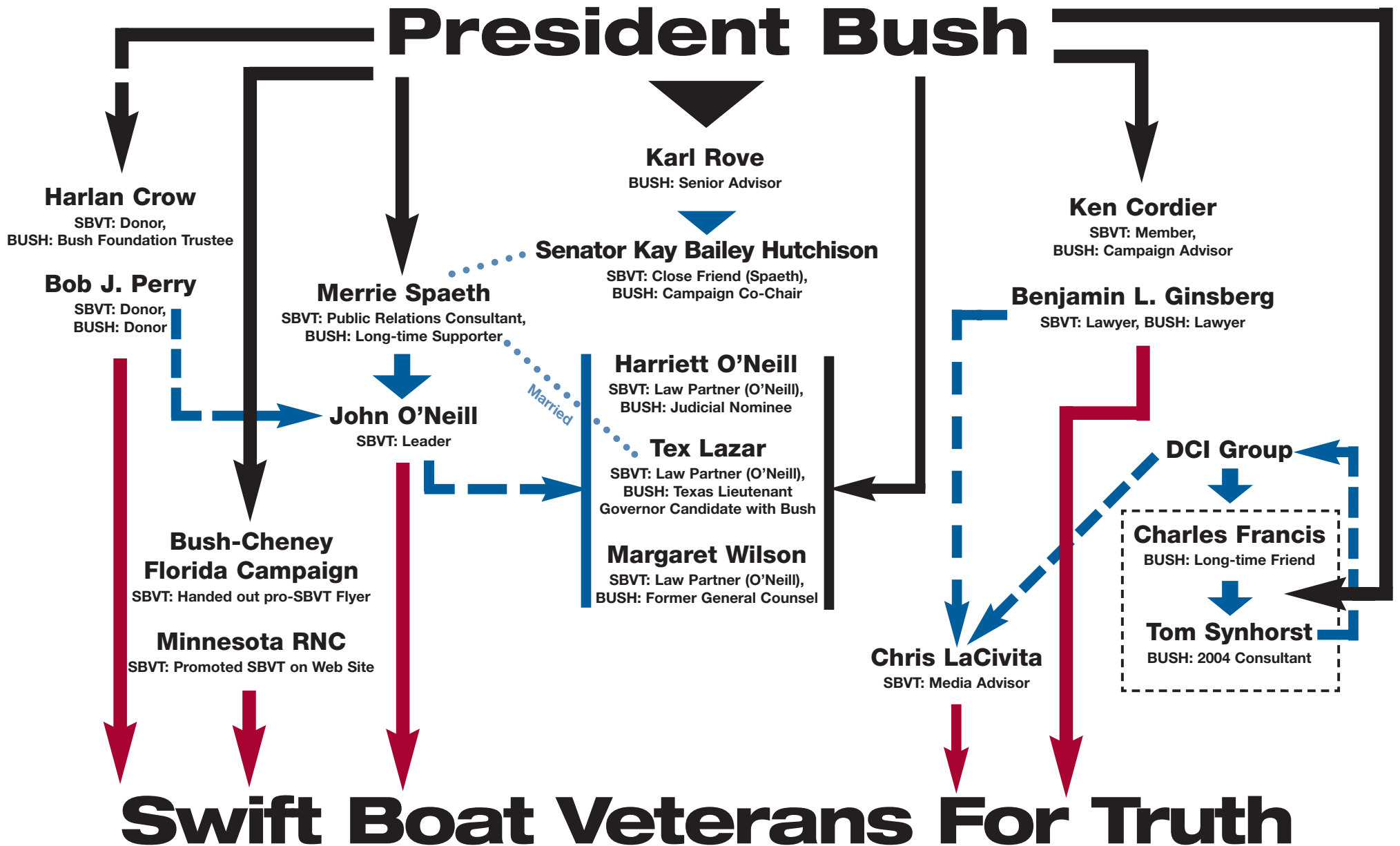


WEB of CONNECTIONS





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Karl Rove – Bush’s White House political director; longtime associate to Bob Perry; consultant to Hutchison; most senior advisor to Bush campaign.

Ken Cordier – Former Bush-Cheney campaign advisor—forced to resign after appearing in Swift Boat Veterans for Bush commercial.

Benjamin Ginsberg – Former General Counsel to Bush Cheney—Resigned after it was discovered he was advising both Bush and the Republican Swiftboat 527.

Harlan Crow – Bush Foundation Trustee; Longtime friend of Bush family; Longtime fundraiser for Bush family; Donated at least \$25,000 in seed money to the Swift Boat Vets for Bush.

Bob Perry – Largest Republican donor in Texas; Donated hundreds of thousands to Bush family campaigns; Donated at least \$200,000 in seed money to the Swift Boat Vets for Bush; Close colleague of Rove in Texas Governor’s race; Longtime friend of John O’Neill.

Kay Bailey Hutchison – Longtime friend of Spaeth; Former client of Rove; Current Co-Chair of Bush campaign

John O’Neill – Longtime friend of Bob Perry; Very close law firm connections to Bush as Governor; close friend to Spaeth, former colleague to Spaeth’s husband/Bush’s 1994 running mate; Front man for Swift Vets for Bush.

Merrie Spaeth – Provided media consulting to Swift Boat Vets; longtime friend of Hutchison; longtime supporter of/donor to Bush campaign; provide debate prep for GHW Bush; met with and gave media training to current, top White House officials; close associate to John O’Neill; Advised smear campaign on McCain in 2000.

Tex Lezar – Late husband to Spaeth; Former running mate with Bush in 1994; law partner to John O’Neill.

Harriet O’Neill – Close associate to John O’Neill, Lezar & Wilson; Bush judicial nominee.

Margaret Wilson – Law partner with John O’Neill, Lezar; Bush Administration official; former counsel to Governor Bush.

Bush-Cheney Campaign HQ Florida – Regional Bush HQ in Battleground State; Coordinated activities with Swift Boat Vets for Bush rally—rally forced to cancel.

Minnesota RNC – Official Republican website in Battleground State; Coordinated linkage with Swift Boat website—provide direct link to Swift Boat commercial.

DCI Group – Political strategy firm with close connections to Bush campaign & Swift vets.

Charles Francis – Longtime friend/supporter of Bush; works for political firm with close ties to both Bush campaign and Swift Vets for Bush; colleague of Lacivita.

Tom Synhorst – Advisor to Bush campaign 2000; “major contracts” with Bush campaign 2004; works for firm with close ties to Swift Vets for Bush; colleague of Lacivita; Worked on anti-McCain phone banking in South Carolina in 2000.

Chris Lacivita – Senior advisor to Swift Boat Vets for Bush; close ties to Bush campaign; associates with Synhorst & Francis.