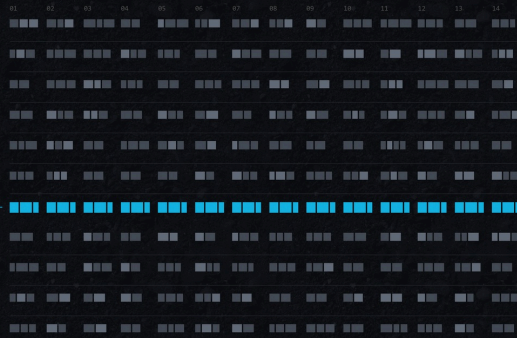


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Same incentives first. Allege coordination only with a document.

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Keep the method. Open the primary.

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Introduction + the rule

Product job: institution scorecard (convergence vs coordination). **Sticky line:** Two explanations open until a primary forces one shut.

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Entrenchment

Convergence, Coordination, and the Receipts That Tell Them ApartMWL 10 §1

Exhibit: The Letter Before the Drive

A former director reads a letter on television before anyone has opened a hard drive.

The public text is the exhibit. On October 19, 2020, fifty-one former intelligence officials released a statement about reporting on a laptop tied to Hunter Biden. What the feed sold from that statement was a verdict: the story had “the classic earmarks of a Russian information operation.” Case closed. Move on. Vote.

Titles did the work. Most viewers never read the letter. The same statement hedges: the signers “do not know if the emails... are genuine or not” and “do not have evidence of Russian involvement.” “Earmarks of” is not a forensic finding that the files were fake. Titles arrived before verification.

The letter:

<https://www.politico.com/f/?id=00000175-4393-d7aa-af77-579f9b330000>

A House Intelligence / Judiciary interim report later assembled emails, testimony, and a calendar for that week, including campaign-side outreach to a former acting CIA director:

https://intelligence.house.gov/uploadedfiles/ic_51_interim_report.pdf

Payment for signing the letter is not shown in that public packet. Do not invent it.

Lockstep is the subject of this exhibit, not a mood. The rule that follows is the whole book.

Start with convergence. Upgrade to coordination only when a document closes a hop.

You have watched institutions move together. A story dies on platforms in the same week titles appear on cable. An investigation that was supposed to be “by the book” later produces an inspector general report full of omissions. A different story about a different scandal never gets the same oxygen.

This book is for the third posture: **you will hold two explanations open until a primary forces one of them shut.**

Convergence is people with the same schools, careers, donors, party incentives, and media markets reaching the same public position **without** a secret meeting. They are not mind-controlled. They are selected and paid to think inside the same room.

Coordination is people taking **joint action** that leaves a trail: email, testimony, filing, contract, warrant application, campaign outreach documented under oath. Coordination is rarer in the public record than lockstep *looks*. When it exists, it is radioactive. When it does not, shouting “cabal” is how you lose the serious reader.

The default rule of this book follows from that pair.

End of free sample. The full book is Entrenchment, live at \$8.99.

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