

[NBC News: Mapping Trump's connections to tech's right-wing brotherhood](#)

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[Rob Lalka](#), Albert Lepage Professor in Business, was interviewed by [NBC News](#) for a story about President-elect Trump's alliance with right-leaning tech executives.

Rob Lalka, a professor at Tulane University's Freeman School of Business, said several characteristics define the technologists surrounding Trump, including their wealth and skepticism of institutions and the heavily online personas they've created. And he said they have a shared history, with many of them overlapping at Stanford University during and after Thiel's time there.

“That contrarianism, it doesn’t come out of nowhere. It comes from real-life experiences they had as college students,” he said.

To read the story in its entirety, visit [nbcnews.com](https://www.nbcnews.com):

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