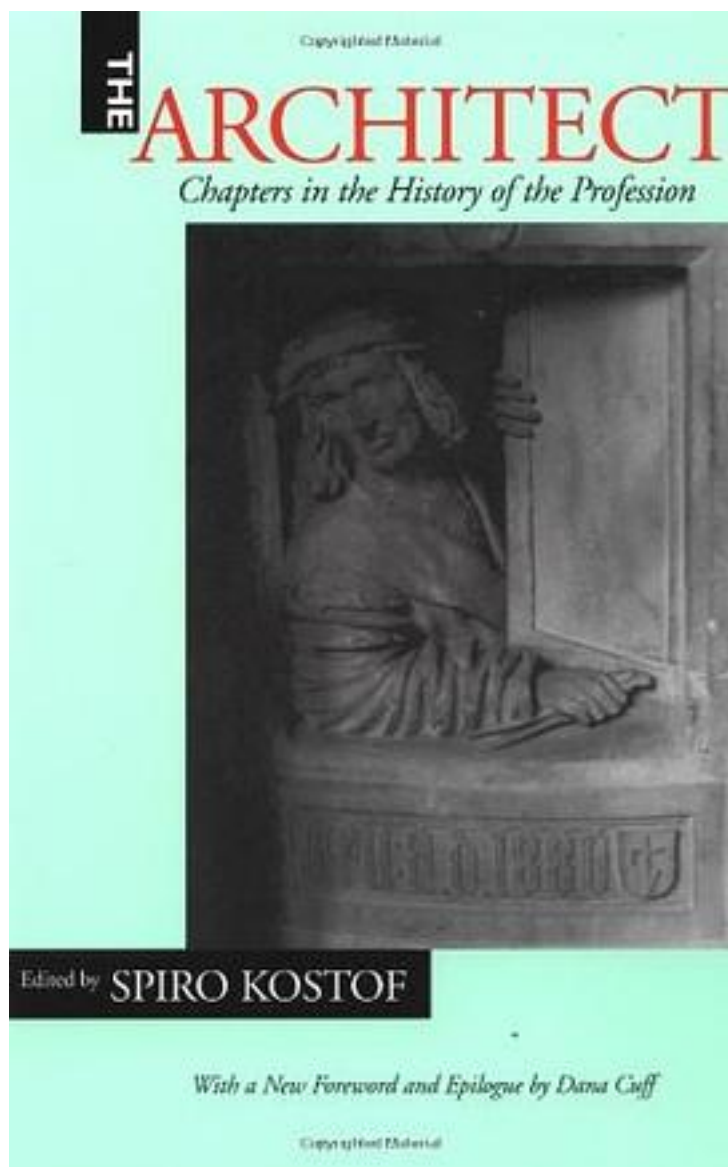


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President George W. Bush dubbed Karl Rove “The Architect” for his skill in creating an unprecedented campaign and fund-raising machine. But Rove’s ambitions have always been far more sweeping—to build a right-wing dynasty that can dominate American politics for decades. Rove’s master plan imagines a political system so controlled by Republicans that it is resisted only by symbolic opposition.

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- Used lobbyist Jack Abramoff as a cat’s-paw to manage unruly legislators
- Energetically led the antigay marriage movement while protecting a family secret that made his stance bizarrely cynical
- Turned Christian churches into a gigantic vote delivery system, despite privately admitting to being a nonbeliever
- Repeatedly leaked information to harm political opponents, making him the man investigators most wanted to talk to when they began probing the Plame affair
- Was intimately involved in an international disinformation scheme to lead America to war

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