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Rank #13

#	Word	Definition / Example
1	oligopolistic	having a market structure dominated by a small number of large companies "Oligopolistic media consolidation produces a uniformity of perspective that competitive rhetoric about press freedom conveniently obscures."
2	plutocratic	a system of government where the rich hold power "Plutocratic capture of regulatory institutions transforms government from democratic instrument into sophisticated management tool for concentrated wealth."
3	prosecutorial	adj. pertaining to the legal activities and duties of bringing criminal charges against someone "His prosecutorial style assembles documentary evidence with the methodical patience of someone building a case rather than merely scoring points."
4	corporatist	a person or system that supports the organization of society into interest groups "Corporatist arrangements between financial institutions and their nominal regulators produce accountability theatre rather than genuine oversight."
5	muckraking	n. the exposure of scandal especially about public figures; v. explore and expose misconduct and scandals concerning public figures "Muckraking journalism at its finest names specific actors and specific decisions rather than retreating into comfortable systemic abstraction."
6	financialization	the process of increasing the importance of financial motives and markets in the economy "Financialization of the economy extracts value from productive activity without creating any, concentrating the proceeds among an increasingly narrow stratum."
7	bipartisan	adj. composed of representing or supported by two parties or factions esp. two political parties; having two of something from Latin root bi mean TWO "Bipartisan consensus on matters of financial deregulation reveals where the performance of political opposition ends and shared class interest begins."
8	regulatory	adj. pertains to regulations; branch of science that deals with technical studies through qualitative approach "Regulatory capture is not corruption in the crude sense — it is the subtler process by which oversight agencies absorb the worldview of the overseen."
9	sensationalist	a person who uses exaggerated claims to attract interest "Sensationalist framing that personalizes systemic failure conveniently distracts from the institutional architecture that made individual misconduct possible."
10	disinformation	n. deliberately false information leaked by a government; as to confuse another nation's intelligence operations "Disinformation campaigns succeed most reliably when they exploit pre-existing institutional distrust rather than manufacturing it from nothing."
11	journalistic	related to the profession of writing news and reporting events "Journalistic independence cannot survive financial dependence on the very institutions whose conduct most urgently requires scrutiny and accountability."
12	populist	n. 1 an advocate of democratic principles; 2 a member of the People's party "Populist anger, however raw its expression, frequently identifies real concentrations of unaccountable power that sophisticated commentary prefers to aestheticize."

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13	mccarthyite	<p>a term used to describe actions or ideas that unfairly accuse people of being disloyal or untrustworthy based on their associations</p> <p>“McCarthyite guilt-by-association techniques have migrated across the political spectrum with depressing ease and remarkable historical amnesia.”</p>
14	institutional	<p>n. Characteristic of or appropriate to an institution</p> <p>“Institutional self-protection consistently overrides the stated commitments of organizations whose founding purpose was transparency and public accountability.”</p>
15	deregulatory	<p>adj. related to the removal or reduction of government rules and restrictions.</p> <p>“Deregulatory ideology provided intellectual cover for decisions whose primary beneficiaries were never the markets but the largest participants within them.”</p>