Oh What a Tangled Web They Weave: The Global Elites' World of Deception

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It is difficult to describe the way the world works politically — peeking into the machinations of the power elites — without stumbling into a lexicon of Dark Forces and Deep State Insiders. However, *realpolitik* revolves around behind-the-scenes partnerships and alliances that influence organizations and shape public policies; it's not Conspiracy 101. The most active and effective backstage actors today are globalists, funded and led by the billionaire class. Globalists see the world as a single and manageable cohesive unit instead of a mix of different countries, cultures, and ethnicities, with definable national borders and distinct ideologies.

Twenty years ago, the late Harvard political scientist Samuel Huntington predicted¹ that the political order in the West would be turned upside down by a dominant "global elite." He believed that controversial issues of "free trade" and open border immigration policies are often determined by multi-national corporations and special interest groups; interventionist, "nation-building" foreign policy is in the hands of what President Eisenhower called the Military-Industrial Complex and its political establishment partners — what is better known as the neo-con (neo-conservative) political establishment.

Former Georgetown University Professor Carroll Quigley, mentor to President Bill Clinton and member of the Council on Foreign Relations, is often quoted on the power of a global elite: "The powers of financial capitalism [have a] far-reaching aim, nothing less than to create a world system of financial control in private hands able to dominate the political system of each country and the economy of the world as a whole."

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The Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) is an invitation-only organization made up of about 4,000 members.³ More than its self-promoted image of being just a think tank, the CFR is a network of globalists who create policies, laws, political alliances, and financial monopolies. Some of its members include Alan Greenspan, Paul Volcker, Condoleezza Rice, Hillary Clinton, Ruth Bader-Ginsberg, Neil Gorsuch, Stephen Breyer, George Soros, Michael Bloomberg, and Dick Cheney. A few of the more notable CFR corporate members include NASDAQ, VISA, BP, Merek, Citigroup, Exxon Mobil, Pfizer, and Goldman-Sachs.⁴

Historian Arthur Schlesinger, Jr. called the CFR a "front organization [for] the heart of the American Establishment."

The CFR has called for the creation of a "North American Community" (NAC) whose "boundaries will be defined by a common external tariff and an outer security perimeter within which the movement of people, products, and capital will be legal, orderly, and safe." A CFR task force (including staffer Heidi Cruz, wife of Senator Ted Cruz) produced the NAC blueprints, which proposed a "North American preference," which would streamline "immigration and labor mobility rules that enable citizens of all three countries to work elsewhere in North America with far fewer restrictions than immigrants from other countries." It even suggested that the United States and Canada "should consider eliminating all remaining barriers to the ability of their citizens to live and work in the other country" and proposed that the two countries should "work to extend this policy to Mexico as well."

Globalists operate from a number of interlocking organizations including the Bilderberg Group (founded in the Netherlands in 1954 at the Hotel de Bilderberg), whose members are largely from Europe and the U.S. According to *Time* magazine (June 6, 2016, "What to Know About the Bilderberg Group's Secret Annual Meeting"), "Since 1954, the Bilderberg Group has been gathering in secret to discuss everything from the rise and fall of communism to cyber security ... In 2000, British politician Denis Healey, who had been involved

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in Bilderberg for decades, told the *London Guardian*, 'To say we were striving for a one-world government is exaggerated, but not wholly unfair.'"

Bilderberg members include open borders advocate and neo-con leader Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) and the executive chairman of Google's parent company Eric Schmidt, who says the U.S. should "produce more customers through immigration." CFR member Schmidt is ranked by *Forbes* as the 100th richest person in the world.

Another globalist cabal is the Trilateral Commission (TC). Founded in 1973 by David Rockefeller and former Jimmy Carter National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski, it is a sort of international CFR to coordinate the spheres of financial and political influence of the U.S., Europe, and Japan. TC members were instrumental in creating the European Union and formulating its open borders policy.

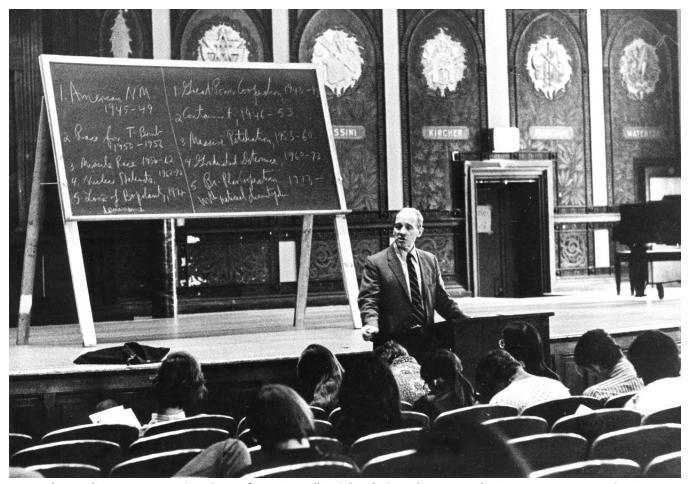
The late U.S. Senator Barry Goldwater (R-AZ) once observed, "The Trilateral Commission is intended to be the vehicle for multinational consolidation of the commercial and banking interests ... What the Trilateral Commission intends is to create a worldwide economic power superior to the political governments of the

nation states involved. As managers and creators of the system, they will rule the future."5

TC members include CFR President Richard Haas, the First Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, David Lipton, the afore-mentioned Eric Schmidt, and E. Gerald Corrigan, Managing Director, Goldman Sachs & Co. According to *Computerworld's* Patrick Thibodeau, ⁶ Goldman Sachs is ranked 33rd among the biggest users of the H-1B Visa Program, a thread that runs through multi-national corporations, open borders supporters, and globalist ringleaders. (More on H-1B visas below.)

Opposition to the globalist network is non-ideological. Democrat presidential candidate Senator Bernie Sanders (I-VT) described the strategy of the moneyed elites: "The reality is that for the past 40 years Wall Street and the billionaire class have rigged the rules to redistribute wealth and income to the wealthiest and most powerful people of this country."

Former Congressman Ron Paul (R-TX), a libertarian, argues, "The international elite, including many in the political and economic leadership of this country, believe our constitutional republic is antiquated and the loyalty Americans have for our form of government is



Author and Georgetown University Professor Carroll Quigley during a lecture on the Georgetown campus in 1974.

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like a superstition, needing to be done away with." And conservative commentator Lou Dobbs asserts, "It is the members of this business elite ... that pose the greatest danger to our American way of life. They are the ones who've bought and paid for members of both political parties."

Globalists are non-ideological too, ranging from left-wing funder George Soros to Republican megadonor Shelden Aldelson to the billionaire Koch brothers, benefactors of libertarian and conservative candidates and causes.⁷

The impact of the billionaire ruling class cannot be overstated. President Trump's now-stalled initiative that would ban immigrants from seven predominantly Muslim countries from entering the U.S. brought an immediate response from Silicon Valley: the CEOs of Google, Microsoft, Apple, Netflix, Uber, and Airbnb, denounced the policy. Airbnb CEO Brian Chesky offered free housing to anyone displaced by the potential ban. Google created a \$4 million "crisis fund" for immigrant-rights organizations, including the American Civil Liberties Union, The UN Refugee Agency, and the Immigrant Legal Resource Center.

Netflix CEO Reed Hastings didn't mince words on his Facebook page, calling Trump's executive order "so un-American it pains us all."

Google CEO Sundar Pichai said he was "upset about the impact of this order and any proposals that could impose restrictions on Googlers and their families or that could create barriers to bringing great talent to the U.S." That last justification is about the H-1B visa program, which allows U.S. businesses to employ foreign workers in occupations that require technical expertise such as scientists, engineers, and computer programmers.

Ambiguities in the H-1B program have made it easy to bring in cheaper foreign workers, with ordinary skills, who directly substitute for, rather than complement, U.S. workers — displacing and denying opportunities to American job seekers. The loopholes also provide an unfair competitive advantage to companies specializing in offshore outsourcing, undercutting companies that hire American workers.

Kim Berry, President of the Programmers Guild, contends, "If a company is holding the reins to the process of getting a green card, and they ask them to come in on the weekends, what do you think they're going to say? These tech companies want people who will work 80 hours a week without complaining. It's basically a form of indentured servitude."

President Trump has stated that "H-1B visas are awarded in a totally random lottery and that's wrong — they should be given to [the] most skilled and highest-paid applicants, and they should never, ever be used to replace Americans."

Senator Bernie Sanders agrees: "This whole immigration guest worker program is the other side of the trade issue. On one hand you have large multinationals trying to shut down plants in America, move to China and on the other hand you have the service industry bringing in low wage workers from abroad. The result is the same — middle class gets shrunken and wages go down."

Top H1-B visa program users include multinational corporations Goldman Sachs, Bank of America, JPMorgan Chase & Co., Google, Wal-Mart, and Citibank — all corporate members of the Council on Foreign Relations.

Multi-national corporations seeking cheap labor and their allies — tax-exempt foundations with a multicultural political agenda — shape the globalist worldview and underwrite the mechanisms of the immigration fight. According to The Open Borders Network: How a Web of Ethnic Activists, Journalists, Corporations, Politicians, and Clergy Undermine U.S. Border Security and National Sovereignty,9 a book by Social Contract Managing Editor Kevin Lamb, the Ford Foundation seeded the militant Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund with a grant of \$2.2 million. La Raza ("The Race"), which maintains a network of 300 affiliate community-based organizations, is supported by the Ford Foundation (major donor to the CFR) and CFR corporate members Bank of America, PepsiCo, Wal-Mart, and Citibank (Andrzej Olechowski, the former Vice Chairman of Citibank France, is a Trilateral Commission member).

In 2006, the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), one of many groups carefully dissected in Lamb's book, received \$5 million from Comcast to organize a voter registration drive in Hispanic communities. Comcast asserts this was part of its goal of "attracting and retaining a multicultural workforce." Michael J. Cavanagh, Senior Executive Vice President of Comcast, is a CFR member.

In defining the globalist agenda, including open borders advocacy, International Monetary Fund Managing Director Christine Lagarde revealed exactly what "globalization" really means.

According to *World Net Daily* writer Curtis Ellis, ¹⁰ Lagarde urged the leaders of the G-20 Summit¹¹ to "help those who are adversely affected" by globalization. Her prescription? 'Re-training, skill building, and assisting occupational and geographic mobility.' Her call for 'geographic mobility' is astonishing in its candor." Lagarde is the former French Finance Minister who has been pivotal in the process towards drafting and proposing a "European economic government." The Managing Director of the IMF is always in attendance at Bilderberg meetings.

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Globalist elites sometimes reveal their goals and tactics with astonishing frankness:

"We are grateful to the *Washington Post*, the *New York Times, Time* magazine and other great publications whose directors have attended our meetings and respected their promises of discretion for almost forty years. It would have been impossible for us to develop our plan for the world if we had been subject to the bright lights of publicity during those years. The supranational sovereignty of an intellectual elite and world bankers is surely preferable to the national auto-determination practiced in past centuries."¹²

"The technetronic era involves the gradual appearance of a more controlled society. Such a society would be dominated by elite, unrestrained by traditional values. Soon it will be possible to assert almost continuous surveillance over every citizen and maintain up-to-date complete files containing even the most personal information about the citizen. These files will be subject to instantaneous retrieval by the authorities." ¹³

Conservative commentator Patrick Buchanan has a cautious assessment of the globalists' agenda: "If the agenda is going to be implemented, it will rely more heavily on Donald Trump who understands what got him here and what he believes himself. This is the way to restore the balance, and the president knows this — we have to rely on him to do it. If Trump decides to go the old Goldman Sachs route, the globalists win, the game is over, and our efforts were in vain. I am betting on Trump himself to get the agenda passed."

Pat Buchanan's bet is no sure thing, but the game is on. ■

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