

Summary

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A **deep state** (calque of Turkish: *derin devlet*)^[1] is a type of governance made up of potentially secret and unauthorised networks of power operating independently of a **state's** political leadership in pursuit of their own agenda and goals. In popular usage, the term carries overwhelmingly negative connotations.^[2] The range of possible uses of the term is similar to that for **shadow government**. The expression **state within a state** is an older and similar concept. Historically, it designated a well-defined organization which seeks to function independently,^[3] whereas the deep state refers more to a hidden organization seeking to manipulate the public state.

Potential sources for deep state organization include rogue elements among **organs of state**, such as the **armed forces** or **public authorities** such as **intelligence agencies**, **police**, **secret police**, **administrative agencies**, and **government bureaucracy**. "Deep state" rhetoric has in recent years^{[4][5][6]} been used in the United States to describe what in many cases may be the work of **entrenched career bureaucrats or civil servants** acting in accordance with the mandate of their agency and congressional statutes, when seen as in conflict with the current presidential administration.^[4] The intent of a deep state can include continuity of the state itself, job security, enhanced power and authority, and the pursuit of ideological or **programmatic** objectives. It can operate in opposition to the agenda of elected officials, by obstructing, resisting, and subverting their policies, conditions and directives. **Conspiracy theories** of a secret government typically go far beyond these verifiable agencies and posit actions by more obscure bodies.^[4]

From <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deep_state>



Examples

- [Propaganda Due \(P2\)](#)
- [Soviet secret police/KGB](#)
- [UK Civil Service](#)
- [US Intelligence/CIA](#)
- [Cartel of the Suns](#)
- [Synarchy](#)

What is the deep state and where does it operate?

THE "deep state" is a name for the idea that some countries are run by an unelected elite which is more powerful than democratic politicians.

Among the bodies sometimes described as being part of a deep state are the military, civil service and big business.

Deep states are usually thought to be a problem in poorer countries where democracy has not been established for very long.

For example, countries including Egypt, Thailand and Pakistan have seen elected governments overthrown when they defied the interests of established elites.

And Turkey suffered an attempted coup in 2016, apparently organised by military leaders angry with the country's president.

Some commentators have suggested the idea of a deep state also applies in a more subtle way to more developed countries such as Britain and the US.

They argue that politicians are stopped from enacting radical change by civil servants who are intent on defending the status quo.

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State within a state

State within a state (also Latin language: *imperium in imperio*^[a] or *status in statu*) is a political situation in a country when an internal organ ("Deep State"), generally from the [armed forces](#), intelligence agencies, or police, **does not respond to the civilian leadership**.

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Imperium in imperio was also the first state motto of Ohio, reflecting its great size and influence within the early [United States](#).^{[a][b]}

From https://military-history.fandom.com/wiki/State_within_a_state

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In the field of [political science](#), this [pop culture](#) concept is studied within the literature on [the state](#). The modern literature on the state is generally tied back to *Bringing the State Back In*(1985)^[a] and remains an active body of scholarly research to this day. Within this literature, the state is understood as both *venue* (a set of rules under which others act and interact) as well as *actor* (with its own agenda). Under this dual understanding, the conspiratorial version of the deep state concept would be one version of the 'state as actor' while the non-conspiratorial version would be another version of the 'state as venue.'

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5th Columnist

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By the late 1930s, as American involvement in the war in Europe became more likely, the term "fifth column" was commonly used to warn of potential [sedition](#) and disloyalty within the borders of the United States. The fear of betrayal was heightened by the rapid [fall of France](#) in 1940, which some blamed on internal weakness and a pro-German "fifth column". A series of photos run in the June 1940 issue of [Life](#) magazine warned of "signs of Nazi Fifth Column Everywhere". In a speech to the [House of Commons](#) that same month, [Winston Churchill](#) reassured [MPs](#) that "Parliament has given us the powers to put down Fifth Column activities with a strong hand."^[21] In July 1940, [Time](#) magazine referred to talk of a fifth column as a "national phenomenon".^[22] In August 1940, [The New York Times](#) mentioned "the first spasm of fear engendered by the success of fifth columns in less fortunate countries".^[23] One report identified participants in Nazi "fifth columns" as "partisans of authoritarian government everywhere", citing [Poland](#),^[24] [Czechoslovakia](#), [Norway](#), and the [Netherlands](#). During the [Nazi invasion of Norway](#), the head of the Norwegian fascist party, [Vidkun Quisling](#), proclaimed the formation of a new fascist government in control of Norway, with himself as Prime Minister, by the end of the first day of fighting. The word "quisling" soon became a byword for "collaborator" or "traitor".^[25] [The New York Times](#) on August 11, 1940 featured three editorial cartoons using the term.^[26] [John Langdon-Davies](#), a British journalist who covered the Spanish Civil War, wrote an account called *The Fifth Column* which was published the same year. In November 1940, Ralph Thomson, reviewing Harold Lavine's *Fifth Column in America*, a study of Communist and fascist groups in the U.S., in [The New York Times](#), questioned his choice of that title: "the phrase has been worked so hard that it no longer means much of anything."^[27]



[Dr. Seuss](#) cartoon in [PM](#) dated February 13, 1942, with the caption 'Waiting for the Signal from Home'

Immediately following the Japanese [attack on Pearl Harbor](#), U.S. Secretary of the Navy [Frank Knox](#) issued a statement that "the most effective Fifth Column work of the entire war was done in Hawaii with the exception of Norway."^[28] In a column published in [The Washington Post](#), dated 12 February 1942, the columnist [Walter Lippmann](#) wrote of imminent danger from actions that might be taken by [Japanese Americans](#). Titled "The Fifth Column on the Coast", he wrote of possible attacks that could be made along the [West Coast of the United States](#) that would amplify damage inflicted by a potential attack by Japanese naval and air forces.^[29] Suspicion about an active fifth column on the coast led eventually to the [internment of Japanese Americans](#). During the [Japanese invasion of the Philippines](#), an article in the [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#) in December 1941 said the indigenous [Moro Muslims](#) were "capable of dealing with Japanese fifth columnists and invaders alike".^[30] Another in the [Vancouver Sun](#) the following month described how the large population of Japanese immigrants in [Davao](#) in the Philippines welcomed the invasion: "the first assault on Davao was aided by numbers of Fifth Columnists—residents of the town".^[31]

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fifth column

clandestine group or faction

fifth column, [clandestine](#) group or faction of subversive agents who attempt to undermine a nation's solidarity by any means at their disposal. The term is conventionally credited to Emilio Mola Vidal, a Nationalist general during the [Spanish Civil War](#) (1936–39). As four of his army columns moved on Madrid, the general referred to his militant supporters within the capital as his "fifth column," intent on undermining the loyalist government from within.

A cardinal technique of the fifth column is the infiltration of sympathizers into the entire fabric of the nation under attack and, particularly, into positions of policy decision and national defense. From such key posts, fifth-column activists exploit the fears of a people by spreading rumours and misinformation, as well as by employing the more standard techniques of [espionage](#) and [sabotage](#).

From <<https://www.britannica.com/topic/fifth-column>>

fifth columnist

Word forms: plural **fifth columnists**

COUNTABLE NOUN

A [fifth columnist](#) is someone who secretly [supports](#) and [helps](#) the [enemies](#) of the country or [organization](#) they are in.

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Synarchy

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The word *synarchy* is used, especially among French and Spanish speakers, to describe a [shadow government](#) or [deep state](#), a form of government where political power effectively rests with a secret [elite](#), in contrast to an [oligarchy](#) where the elite is or could be known by the public.^[a]

In Vichy France

According to former [OSS](#) officer [William Langer](#),^[a] some French industrial and banking interests even before the war, had turned to [Nazi Germany](#) and had looked to Hitler as the savior of Europe from Communism.

This theory allegedly originated with the discovery of a document called *Pacte Synarchique* following the death (May 19, 1941) of [Jean Coutrot](#), former member of [Groupe X-Crise](#), on May 15, 1941. According to this document, a *Mouvement Synarchique d'Empire* had been founded in 1922, with the aim of abolishing [parliamentarianism](#) and replacing it with synarchy. This led to the belief that [La Cagoule](#), a far-right organisation, was the armed branch of French synarchism, and that some important members of the [Vichy Regime](#) were synarchists. The Vichy government ordered an investigation, leading to the *Rapport Chavini*^[a] but no evidence for the existence of the *Mouvement Synarchiste d'Empire* was found. Most of the presumed synarchists were either associated with the [Banque Worms](#) or with [Groupe X-Crise](#); they were close to Admiral [François Darlan](#) (Vichy prime minister 1941–1942), and this has led to the belief^[a] that synarchists had engineered the military defeat of France for the profit of [Banque Worms](#).^[a]

This belief system has been dismissed as a "work of a paranoid imagination which wove together the histories of three disparate groups of activists, creating a conspiracy among them where none existed".^[a] Most historians:^{[a][1][2][3][4][5][6][7][8][9]} affirm that the *Pacte Synarchique* was a [hoax](#) created by some French collaborators with Nazi Germany to weaken Darlan and his Vichy technocrats.^[a] Only the far-left historian Annie Lacroix-Riz defends the idea that the synarchy existed.^{[a][10]}

Lyndon LaRouche

[Lyndon LaRouche](#), leader of the [LaRouche movement](#), describes a wide-ranging historical phenomenon, starting with [Alexandre Saint-Yves d'Alveydre](#) and the [Martinist Order](#) followed by important individuals, organizations, movements and regimes that are alleged to have been synarchist, including the [government of Nazi Germany](#).^[a] He claims that during the [Great Depression](#) an international coalition of financial institutions, raw materials cartels, and [intelligence](#) operatives installed [fascist](#) regimes throughout [Europe](#) (and tried to do so in [Mexico](#)) to maintain world order and prevent the repudiation of [international debts](#).^[a] LaRouche identifies the former [U.S. vice president](#) and former [PNAC](#) member [Dick Cheney](#) as a modern "synarchist", and claims that "synarchists" have "a scheme for replacing regular military forces of nations, by [private armies](#) in the footsteps of a privately financed international [Waffen-SS](#) like scheme, a force deployed by leading financier institutions, such as the multi-billions funding by the [U.S. Treasury](#), of Cheney's [Halliburton](#) gang."^[a]

From <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Synarchism>

Droit colonial.

- 538 — Du fait même de la solidarité universelle, aucun pays ne peut rester fermé ou se dérober aux grands courants de la civilisation mondiale, ombres et lumières mêlées.
- 539 — Aucun pays ne peut se refuser à la prospection et à l'exploitation, humainement conduite, des richesses matérielles qu'il recèle.
- 540 — A plus forte raison aucun pays ne peut-il maintenir en droit ses habitants à un niveau inférieur de vie et leur interdire les voies de plein développement sous prétexte de souveraineté ou de libre disposition des peuples par eux-mêmes.

Our research into this subject – detailed in *The Stargate Conspiracy* (1999) and *The Sion Revelation* (2006) – demonstrated that every major step in the development of the European Union from a simple trading body to a borderline superstate can be traced back to a very specific ideology, which upholds rule by an elite from behind the scenes. But this is n't just about politics. Astonishingly, this ideology is also about mysticism and magic.

This shadowy politico-occult movement is *synarchy*, which was developed by the Frenchman Joseph Alexandre Saint-Yves, the Marquis d'Alveydre, in opposition to the rise of anarchy in the second half of the nineteenth century. To him the ideal synarchist state would be a rigid social hierarchy topped by an elite that is predestined to rule – absolutely at odds with the then emerging concepts of democracy, individual liberty and social mobility.

Central to Saint-Yves was the creation of a united Europe, a call for which appears on the first page of his first book on synarchy, *Keys to the East* (1877). He believed that his perfectly balanced society reflected deep cosmic laws, with which his elite perfectly resonated. They are also directly guided by the powers that rule the universe – as he believed himself to be.

Saint-Yves claimed that in the ancient past an advanced civilisation – based, of course, on synarchic principles – had governed the whole world. This golden age lasted from 7500 to 4000 BCE, before imploding due to a global catastrophe, remembered in legends such as Atlantis. Since then the occult powers-that-be have periodically reintroduced the revelation of synarchy, sending or inspiring figures such as Moses and Jesus – and, naturally, Saint-Yves himself.

He adopted the idea, popular in nineteenth-century esoteric and theosophical circles, that spiritually advanced masters – to him preservers of the synarchic revelation – existed in Agartha, a hidden realm in the Himalayas. He confided in his closest associates that he had been visited by its emissaries.

Another significant aspect of his version of history was that clandestine societies had transmitted the secret of synarchy throughout the ages. It comes as no surprise to discover that his 'spiritual fathers of synarchy' were the usual suspects – the Knights Templar.

For a time in the 1880s and 90s Saint-Yves' ideas were seriously discussed in political circles in France and elsewhere in Europe. In 1886 he formed the Syndicate of the Professional and Economic Press to promote synarchy to political and business leaders. Several members of the French Parliament joined, including government minister François Césaire Demahy – later a founder of the influential nationalist movement Action Française – and Paul Deschanel, who became President of France in 1920. Saint-Yves was made a *chevalier* of the *Légion d'honneur* in 1893.

In the end, however, Saint-Yves' followers realised things would have to change radically. After his death in 1909, and particularly in the uncertain aftermath of the First World War, [they knew they could never achieve their ambitions through conventional means – and turned to stealth](#). They decided on inveigling their members into key positions in political and economic institutions intending on creating, in the words of Richard F. Kuise, a specialist in twentieth-century French political history, "[a world government by an initiated elite](#)."† Synarchy came to stand for '[rule by secret society](#)', which in practice makes it difficult to distinguish between card-carrying synarchists and those merely under their influence.

Towards Europe's 'United States'

The most high-profile late nineteenth-century devotee of Saint-Yves was the physician Gérard Encausse ('Papus'), a leading light among French esoteric societies. He blended the teachings of his 'spiritual master', the eighteenth century occult philosopher Louis-Claude de Saint-Martin, and his 'intellectual master' Saint-Yves. Encausse founded the Martinist Order, into which he absorbed synarchist principles – so that, unusually, it had political ambitions, including the formation of 'a United States of Europe'. Delusions of grandeur, one might have thought...

Encausse's death in 1916 resulted in a schism in the Martinist Order over its involvement in politics. The activists, under Victor Blanchard – head of the secretariat of the Chamber of Deputies of the French Parliament – formed the breakaway Martinist and Synarchic Order, which established the Synarchic Central Committee in 1922, designed to pull in promising young civil servants and "younger members of great business families."² The Committee soon became the Synarchic Empire Movement, or MSE (Mouvement Synarchique d'Empire) in 1930, under dedicated firebrands Jeanne Canudo and Vivien Postel du Mas.

Canudo is best remembered today as an energetic campaigner for European unity and founder of several youth organisations in the 1930s, select members of which were inducted into the esoteric synarchist orders that she led together with Postel du Mas.

An important witness to these events was the celebrated Parisian *litterateur* Maurice Girodias (publisher of scandalous sensations such as *The Story of O*, *Lolita*, Henry Miller's *Sexus* and William S. Burroughs' *The Naked Lunch*). As a teenager in the 1930s he was involved both with Canudo's European groups and an esoteric society that met at Postel du Mas' luxurious apartment to hear the 'secret masters' speaking through teenage trance medium Laurette. Girodias said of Postel du Mas' magical *salons*: "I saw at his feet men of science, company directors, and bankers."³

Beyond Top Secret

The MSE produced an important but beyond Top Secret document – its very existence unknown to outsiders until 1941 – entitled *The [Synarchist Revolutionary Pact for the French Empire, usually known simply as the Synarchist Pact](#)*. The exact authorship is uncertain but the main candidates are Postel du Mas and the businessman Jean Coutrot. It was only as a result of Coutrot's apparent suicide under the Nazi Occupation, when copies were found among his possessions, that anyone knew the Pact existed.⁴

This highly scary document set out a programme for "invisible revolution" or "revolution from above": that is, taking over a state from within by infiltrating into high office. The first step was to take control of France, before creating the "European Union" – then, tomorrow...

Saint-Yves did not invent the concept of a federal Europe. For example, Victor Hugo is credited with first using the term 'United States of Europe', although – probably not coincidentally – he was a close friend of Saint-Yves in the French ex-pat community in the Channel Islands in the 1860s.

But it became a serious political force when the Pan-European movement was established in 1923 by the Austrian Count Richard Coudenhove-Kalergi, described by Otto von Habsburg – in rather telling terms – as the "guide and prophet" of a united Europe. He famously won over Winston Churchill, who began espousing European unity from 1930 and wrote a foreword to the Count's 1953 book *An Idea Conquers the World*. The Count was a committed believer that cosmic forces shape events, giving him at least the profile of a synarchist. (Sadly we have no information about Churchill's views on the more occult aspects.) But there is evidence of a closer connection with the French synarchists.

In their 1968 *Synarchy and Power*, André Ulmann and Henri Azeau interviewed one of the inter-war members of the MSE, who claimed it had "inspired the action of Coudenhove-Kalergi and his pan-Europeanism."⁵ Coudenhove-Kalergi also lent his support to pro-Europe groups formed by the MSE's Jeanne Canudo.

Maurice Girodias' involvement with the synarchists began as a 16-year-old when, at a Theosophical Society lecture in 1935, he was intrigued by a group in flamboyant Templar garb led by Postel du Mas and Canudo. He was told they were "schismatic theosophists with political designs, and they are linked to Count Coudenhove-Kalergi... who is a champion of the United States of Europe.... Their aim is to launch a pan-European political party and to institute in the entire world, commencing with Europe, a society obedient to a spiritualist idea."⁶ In conversation with Girodias Postel du Mas named Coudenhove-Kalergi as one of the two major promoters of his and Canudo's plans.

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Boris Johnson Launches War on U.K.'s Own 'Deep State'

A juicy boss-from-hell story illuminates the tensions between Britain's radical new government and its solicitous but unyielding civil service.



Prime Minister Boris Johnson with Home Secretary Priti Patel last year in Manchester. Credit: Oli Scarff/Agence France-Presse — Getty Images



By [Mark Landler](#)

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LONDON — She is accused of flinging a folder at an aide, hitting the staffer in the head. She reportedly told another offending underling to “get out of my face” and castigated her staff as “useless,” adding an f-bomb for good measure.

The [allegations of abusive behavior](#) by Home Secretary Priti Patel — all of which she denies — have made her a lightning rod in Prime Minister Boris Johnson's new cabinet, a ready-made villain for critics who accuse this hard-line Brexit government of running roughshod over British customs and institutions. But when a respected career civil servant resigned last week because of what he claimed was a “vicious and orchestrated” campaign against him by Ms. Patel, what began as a juicy boss-from-hell story turned into a metaphor for Mr. Johnson's broader tensions with Britain's much vaunted civil service.

The feud between a populist leader and an entrenched bureaucracy carries echoes of the Trump administration's [war on what the president and his allies call the “deep state.”](#) In Britain, Mr. Johnson's scruffy, iconoclastic adviser [Dominic Cummings](#) plays the role of Stephen K. Bannon, Mr. Trump's one-time in-house provocateur.

In this case, the civil servant, Philip Rutnam, who served as the permanent secretary in the Home Office, said Ms. Patel's behavior was part of a pattern of [bullying civil servants](#) that needed to be called out. His mutiny came as Mr. Cummings is moving aggressively to shake up the bureaucracy, seeking to inject new people — especially ones with the math and science skills he considers lacking in senior civil servants — and rooting out those he deems hostile to Brexit.

“Civil servants are under a lot of pressure,” said Bronwen Maddox, director of the [Institute for Government](#), a think tank in London. “There is an intolerant tone in this government of, ‘You're on our side or you're not.’ The impartiality of the civil service is under question in a way that it hasn't been.” With Mr. Rutnam's [bitter public exit](#), which he promised to follow with a lawsuit against the Home Office, a feud that had been brewing behind closed doors spilled into the open. It was a startling break with decorum for the civil service, in which disputes are worked out privately and officials like Mr. Rutnam shun the limelight.

So far, Mr. Johnson has backed up Ms. Patel, who is a loyal political ally and a full-throated advocate for his project of leaving the European Union. As home secretary, her mandate includes overhauling Britain's immigration system to implement a points-based system for admitting foreigners.

Among Mr. Rutnam's offenses, people with knowledge of the situation said, was warning Ms. Patel how unrealistic it was to set up such a system in less than 10 months. While Ms. Patel has few defenders outside Mr. Johnson's party — and [faces a government investigation](#) of her conduct — even her critics said they understood the pressures she faced, as the leader of a front-line ministry in a government that is carrying out radical changes in the name of getting Brexit done.

Image



SECRET INFLUENCERS

David Cameron's ex-guru Steve Hilton says Tony Blair warned him of a 'deep state' conspiracy by civil servants to ignore the PM and secretly run the country themselves

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DAVID Cameron's former director of strategy says Tony Blair warned him of a 'deep state' conspiracy by civil servants to ignore the PM and secretly run the country themselves

Steve Hilton, who was the Prime Minister's policy guru when he entered Number 10 said he met the Mr Blair to discuss the machinery of government.



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David Cameron's ex-guru Steve Hilton says Tony Blair warned him of a 'deep state' conspiracy by civil servants. Credit: PA

But he said when he spoke with the ex-PM in the months before the general election of 2010, he told him Whitehall officials “believe it's their job to actually run the country”.

In a blog for [Fox News](#), Mr Hilton said: “It was a fascinating conversation. Whatever you might think of his record, there's no question that Blair is an incredibly impressive political figure with enormous experience.

“Blair was candid and thoughtful, and gave us a brilliant primer on what he'd learned about making the machinery of government work.

“But there was one thing above all that stood out from our conversation: his blunt warning about the administrative state and the attitude any incoming government would face from the permanent bureaucracy.”



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He says Mr Blair told him: “You cannot underestimate how much they believe it's their job to actually run the country and to resist the changes put forward by people they dismiss as ‘here today, gone tomorrow’ politicians.”

He said he then added: “They genuinely see themselves as the true guardians of the national interest, and think that their job is simply to wear you down and wait you out.”

Mr Hilton added: That, in a nutshell, is the Deep State.

“And Blair's warning was prophetic, as I discovered even before Cameron took office as prime minister.”

The “deep state” is a theory that there is in fact a secret government — which exists in the shadows — and is the real source of power, not the visible, elected Government figures.



Philip Rutnam speaking before the Home Affairs Committee in Parliament last month. Credit...Parliamentary Recording Unit

Moreover, Mr. Johnson's aides are probably not wrong to suspect that on balance, most civil servants would have preferred that Britain never left the European Union. Many are weary after serving Mr. Johnson's predecessor, Theresa May, who promised to deliver Brexit but went about it in a chaotic and contradictory way that sowed confusion in the bureaucracy.

"Cummings is right to think it's a problem," said Jonathan Powell, who served as chief of staff to Prime Minister Tony Blair. "But if he was going to get rid of them, he would have to sack the entire civil service, because in their hearts, they believe that leaving the European Union was a bad idea." New prime ministers, Mr. Powell said, typically come into office determined to overhaul the civil service — and they typically fail.

In 1997, Mr. Blair and his aides were convinced that after 18 years of Conservative Party rule, the civil service would be implacably hostile to his Labour Party agenda. In 1999, he complained about the "scars on my back" from two years of battling with Britain's public sector, a broader category that includes teachers, doctors and other public employees.

But Mr. Powell said that to his surprise, the civil service showed an almost preternatural capacity to fall in behind its new masters.

"We thought they would be Tories," he said. "In fact, they bent over backward to carry out our manifesto."

Such a lack of partisanship is one of the defining characteristics of Britain's civil service, which encompasses roughly 450,000 people who work in the upper and middle levels of government agencies from the Treasury to the Ministry of Defense.

Chosen through a competitive exam process, civil servants pride themselves on their skill in pulling the levers of government and in offering unvarnished advice to a changing cast of politically appointed ministers.

That is a notable difference from the United States, where political appointees fill out the top ranks of most agencies. President Trump famously distrusted appointees who were held over from the Obama administration as well as high-level civil servants and moved to get rid of them.

The political agnosticism of British civil servants is so celebrated that in the popular comic TV series, "Yes, Minister," about a permanent secretary and his minister, the government's party affiliation is never even mentioned.

The show, which starred Nigel Hawthorne as the civil servant Sir Humphrey Appleby, mined comic gold out of his masterful handling of his boss, portraying him as wily, quick-witted and cheerfully Machiavellian as he blocked ill-conceived projects.

"Ministers," Sir Humphrey cracked at one point, "are like small children. They act on impulse."

But even advocates for the civil service acknowledge its shortcomings. Along with being nonpartisan, civil servants are, by tradition, not held accountable for the performance of their departments or agencies. That can complicate their relationship with hard-driving ministers like Ms. Patel.

Image



Ms. Patel at Downing Street last month. Credit...Toby Melville/Reuters

Defenders of Mr. Rutnam, the permanent secretary who clashed with her, said he was unflappable, honest and diligent. But others pointed to problems during his tenure at the Home Office, which became embroiled in a scandal over the wrongful deportation of Caribbean immigrants, and in his previous post in the Department for Transport, which has struggled to coordinate Britain's semiprivatized rail industry.

Educated at Cambridge and Harvard, but virtually invisible until he went before cameras last week to deliver his emotional resignation, Mr. Rutnam was a civil servant out of central casting.

To Mr. Cummings, that is the problem. In a blog post in January, he complained that the civil service had too many "Oxbridge English graduates who chat about Lacan at dinner parties with TV producers and spread fake news about fake news." (Never mind that Mr. Cummings studied ancient and modern history at Oxford.)

Emboldened after the Conservative Party's thumping victory in the general election last December, Mr. Cummings has said he wants a broader overhaul of the civil service. He posted a recruiting call for data analysts, software developers, economists, and the like, to work as political advisers and "maybe as officials."

Mr. Cummings also sought out "weirdos and misfits" — an invitation that boomeranged when one of his hires, Andrew Sabisky, was forced to resign after the disclosure that he said black people have a lower IQ than whites, and that enforced contraception could prevent "creating a permanent underclass."

Experts said there was merit to Mr. Cummings's drive for what he calls "genuine cognitive diversity." Martin Stanley, a former civil servant who has written extensively on the subject and started a website devoted to it, said that while it had greatly improved its gender and ethnic diversity, it remained "too much of a club," an institution where you could identify, from the first day, the people who would rise to the top.

Still, for all the furor over Ms. Patel's clash with Mr. Rutnam, Mr. Stanley said the bigger danger was the tendency of civil servants to function as "courtiers," appeasing their ministers rather than challenging them. That is a difficult characteristic to root out, he said, since ministers tend to like courtiers.

Critics of Mr. Cummings said his campaign was less about encouraging intellectual ferment than enforcing doctrinal orthodoxy. Mr. Johnson triggered the resignation of his top finance minister, Sajid Javid, last month after insisting that he get rid of advisers whom he and Mr. Cummings distrusted.

minister."

The "deep state" is a theory that there is in fact a secret government — which exists in the shadows — and is the real source of power, not the visible, elected Government figures.

His comments come after un-elected officials in the Treasury were accused by Tory MPs of trying to influence Brexit policy with last week's leaked impact assessments.

One of the subjects of their anger is also the former head of the civil service Gus O'Donnell — who Mr. Hilton also claimed in his blog that had tried to blunt Mr. Cameron's government transparency policy plans in 2010.

From <<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/5510905/david-cameras-ex-guru-steve-hilton-says-ony-blair-warned-him-of-a-deep-state-conspiracy-by-civil-servants-to-ignore-the-pm-and-secretly-run-the-country-themselves/>>

The Treasury, traditionally a power center in British government, is now being largely subjugated to Mr. Johnson's office. There are no members of Mr. Johnson's cabinet who are not dedicated Brexiteers.

"By U.K. standards," Mr. Stanley said, "we have an increasingly presidential setup bent on centralized command and control."

From <<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/03/07/world/europe/boris-johnson-dominic-cummings-civil-service.html>>

Propaganda Due

[EDIT](#)

Propaganda Due (Italian pronunciation: [*propaˈgandaˈduːe*]), or **P2**, was a Masonic lodge operating under the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient of Italy from 1945 to 1976 (when its charter was withdrawn), and a pseudo-Masonic, "black", or "covert" lodge operating illegally (in contravention of Article 18 of the Constitution of Italy banning secret associations) from 1976 to 1981. During the years that the lodge was headed by Licio Gelli, P2 was implicated in numerous Italian crimes and mysteries, including the collapse of the Vatican-affiliated Banco Ambrosiano, the murders of journalist Mino Pecorelli and banker Roberto Calvi, and corruption cases within the nationwide bribe scandal Tangentopoli. P2 came to light through the investigations into the collapse of Michele Sindona's financial empire.^[u]

P2 was sometimes referred to as a "state within a state"^[u] or a "shadow government"^[u]. The lodge had among its members prominent journalists, members of parliament, industrialists, and military leaders—including Silvio Berlusconi, who later became Prime Minister of Italy; the Savoy pretender to the Italian throne Victor Emmanuel; and the heads of all three Italian intelligence services (at the time [SISDE](#), [SISMI](#) and CESIS).^[u]

When searching Licio Gelli's villa, the police found a document called the "Plan for Democratic Rebirth", which called for a consolidation of the media, suppression of trade unions, and the rewriting of the Italian Constitution.^[u]

Outside Italy, P2 was also active in Uruguay, Brazil and in Argentina, with Raúl Alberto Lastiri, Argentina's interim president (between July 13, 1973 to October 12, 1973) during the height of the "Dirty War" among its members. Emilio Massera, who was part of the military junta led by [Jorge Rafael Videla](#) from 1976 to 1978, José López Rega, minister of Social Welfare in [Perón's](#) government and founder of the [Argentine Anticommunist Alliance](#) ("Triple A"), and General [Guillermo Suárez Mason](#) were also members.^[u]

From https://military.wikia.org/wiki/Propaganda_Due

P2 Lodge

Secret societies were outlawed in Italian society in 1981 after a Free Masons Lodge, the right-wing P2 [Propaganda Due], emerged onto the surface of Italian media. Reaching its zenith of influence in Italy during the second half of the 20th century, many observers saw it as an instrument for projecting American power into the turbulent politics of cold war Italy. P2 served a critical role as a liaison between prominent societal groups, assisting in their attempts to control Italian society while at the same time benefiting from its ties to the most powerful Italians.

Freemasonry was not a paramilitary organization and pursued purely cultural, humanitarian and philanthropic aims. Freemasonry was outlawed in Italy when Mussolini and the Fascists were in power. When World War II came to a close, the American and British liberators supported the re-establishment of these organizations. During the 1960s, Italian freemasonry was divided into two main groups - Grande Loggia d'Italia (national system) and Grande Oriente d'Italia (international system) - both of which had established headquarters in Rome. Many of the lodges that exist in Italy are unregistered and therefore exist as illegal secret societies.

The history of P2 dates back to the 1890s, During its early existence however, it ran into some difficulties when its grand master was implicated in the scandal of Banca Romana. The Banca Romana was relieved, first through the Government's interposition and the considerateness of the Banca Nazionale, then by laws and royal decree, of the obligation of redeeming its notes. This relief was the cause of its being able to violate the law anew more freely and more recklessly, until it reduced itself to a disastrous condition. After the failure of the Banca Romana in 1893, with the revelation of its very grave irregularities, bitter discussions aroused as to its relations with the Government.

In 1971 Roberto Gelli was appointed organizing secretary, and he eventually become its powerful grand master. The P2 lodge had a vast list of membership that ranged from politicians, mafia members, judges, business men, even Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi [who joined the lodge in 1978]. P2 contained several high-ranking government officials in the secret services, national police and wealthy members of society. In essence the P2 was saturated with Italy's most powerful men. The membership list contained 962 names, including top figures from business, politics, media, armed forces, secret services and the judiciary. The parliamentary P2 Commission concluded the list was a reliable guide to genuine membership, but a number of individuals with names on it succeeded in convincing the courts they did not belong. Many people joined the Masonic lodges, especially P2, because they were able to offer political protection.

There was an absence of horizontal relations, i.e. among brothers of the same grade, who did not know each other. Instead, all relations between the Grand Master, Gelli, and the members were vertical. Gelli was in a position of "dominus" in the secret service. This is because the position in the hierarchy that was relevant was not that which the subjects occupied in the visible government, but that of the invisible one.

The founding document of the Montecarlo Lodge Masonic Executive Committee - connected with the P2 and led by the P2 Grandmaster, Gelli - reads: "Freemasonry is the association most qualified to govern. If it does not govern, therefore, it misses its very raison d'être". It then states that, in order to reach Freemasonry's ultimate goal, "it is obviously necessary to obtain the most suitable instrument: power . "

The "notorious" P2 lodge planned to take control of public authorities and subvert democratic institutions. The P2 lodge had colluded with the Mafia and organized crime. It would not be surprising were a government to fear judicial participation in Mafia controlled organizations. In the event of an electoral victory by the PCI, it would have become impossible to reconcile the legitimate government of the country - a Communist government - with the international political bloc to which Italy has belonged since the end of the Second World War, i.e. NATO.

P2's plans were outlined in a 1975 work by Licio Gelli [the head of the secret P2 masonic lodge]

Five top officials of Italy's armed forces and secret services implicated in a scandal involving a covert Masonic lodge have gone on leave pending an investigation of the case by a government commission.

The latest repercussion from the scandal that on Tuesday caused the collapse of the government led by Christian Democrat Arnaldo Forlani came last night when Adm. Giovanni Torrisi, head of the joint chiefs of staff, announced he was voluntarily going on leave "to facilitate the steps in progress to unequivocally clear up the situation."

The statement by the admiral, who was appointed in January 1980, was followed by an announcement that the same decision had been made by Gen. Giuseppe Santovito, head of the military secret service; Gen. Giulio Grassini, head of the domestic secret service; Gen Orazio Giannini, commander of the customs police, and Walter Pelosi, director of the secret service coordinating body. All denied any wrongdoing.

The names of Torrisi, the highest officer in the Italian armed forces, and those of the four other officials had been included in a list of 962 names of alleged members of a renegade Masonic lodge, known as P2, or Propaganda Two. The lodge's fugitive grand master, Lico Gelli, left Italy in March and is wanted on charges of political espionage.

The list's release last week provoked a government crisis that is expected to prove difficult to resolve and that could lead to early elections even though President Sandro Pertini opposes dissolution of parliament before its due date in 1984.

Pertini today asked Arnaldo Forlani, who has stayed on as caretaker premier, to try to form another government.

Forlani, who will begin political negotiations on Monday, may find it difficult to overcome sharp differences with his former Socialist partners, the second largest group in the outgoing four-party coalition.

Along with a political crisis, the publication of the list also appears likely to cause tremors among civil servants and other public officials, politicians and possibly journalists.

Today, magistrates here decided that a related investigation regarding kickbacks deriving from a 1979 oil deal with Saudi Arabia would be turned over to a parliamentary commission because papers found among Gelli's documents intimated that some former Cabinet ministers might be implicated.

But a top Rome magistrate involved in the Gelli investigation repeated that so far charges had been made only against Gelli and a former secret service officer, Col. Antonio Viezzer. For now, he said, only three aides to a former Christian Democratic foreign trade official had been told, for their own protection, that they were under investigation. Membership alone in the P2 lodge, he added, was not a crime and therefore was "of no interest to the Italian state."

Nevertheless, the taint of possible involvement with the lodge, or with Gelli, has led many Italians to call for a purge.

In the case of the top military and secret service officials, forbidden by law from belonging to any secret organization, the initial attitude of Socialist Defense Minister Lelio Lagorio was that of confidence in the word of a senior officer until concrete evidence of involvement with Gelli was provided.

A Defense Ministry spokesman pointed out that the officers' decision to go on temporary leave was voluntary and that "no punitive sanctions have been adopted in their regards."

But the officers are certain to have come under sharp pressure. Italian newspapers reported today and yesterday that the government was considering suspending the security clearance for those officers who might participate in NATO meetings and this is thought to have persuaded them to make a voluntary exit.

The shakeup in the high military and secret service echelons was not expected to have any significant effect on Italy's defense capability.

A Western diplomat who deals with military matters yesterday pointed out that no other Italian chiefs of staff nor the military's top policy-planning officers have been implicated.

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the event of an electoral victory by the PCI, it would have become impossible to reconcile the legitimate government of the country - a Communist government - with the international political bloc to which Italy has belonged since the end of the Second World War, i.e. NATO.

P2's plans were outlined in a 1975 work by Licio Gelli [the head of the secret P2 masonic lodge] "Scheme for a General Recovery of the Country." This involved attempts to control the government by buying the three main tools of democratic control, which included the political parties, the press and the trade unions. Corruption was the key to success. The P2 lodge had colluded with the Mafia and scandal-linked financiers such as Michele Sindona and Roberto Calvi [known as "God's Banker"] became lodge members [Both met premature deaths].

In 1986 Libero Gualtieri, chairman of the parliamentary committee on the secret services ""We accept as an established fact that within SISMI [Service for Intelligence and Military Security] there is an offshoot structure called SuperSISMI.... We of the parliamentary committee confirm our political evaluation as to the existence of the SuperSISMI. There have been deviations, and profound ones. Deviations that have impeded the establishment of many facts and identification of the authors of a massacre, the one in Bologna station, in short, we are not dealing with persons who are dishonest for private reasons. We committee members confirm that at the top of SISMI there had been established a "parallel structure," which was born in part from the plans of the heads of Lodge P2, free of formal commitments and effective controls, and thus deviate and very dangerous."

A law enacted in 1982 provided that membership by government employees in a secret society was a criminal offense and that disciplinary measures could be taken against civil servants and judges. In *Maestri v. Italy*, [2004] ECHR 39748/98 (17 February 2004) the court held that inflicting disciplinary measures on an Italian judge because of his membership in the Order of Masons, violated his freedom of association rights under the European Convention on Human Rights, Article 11.

In November 1993 disciplinary proceedings were brought against him, under Article 18 of the Royal Legislative Decree of 31 May 1946, for having been a member of a Masonic lodge affiliated to the Grande Oriente d'Italia di Palazzo Giustiniani from 1981 until March 1993. In a decision of 10 October 1995 the disciplinary section of the National Council of the Judiciary found that the applicant had committed the offence of which he was accused and gave him a reprimand (*censura*). The disciplinary section stated that it was contrary to disciplinary rules for a judge to be a Freemason, on account of the incompatibility between the Masonic and judicial oaths, the hierarchical relationship between Freemasons, the rejection of State justice in favour of Masonic justice and the indissoluble nature of the bond between Freemasons.

The European Court of Human Rights determined that during the period of membership it could not have been foreseeable to the judge that membership in a non secret order of Freemasons could give rise to disciplinary action. The lodge judge Maestri belonged to was not secret; indeed, it made its membership list public.

From <<https://www.globalsecurity.org/military/world/europe/it-p2.htm>>

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Both the Defense Ministry and the presidential palace are said to have already quietly demoted several top civil servants whose names were on the list and the same is expected to happen at the Interior Ministry and elsewhere. There have been calls for the removal of all state television officials whose names were listed and one has already resigned.

Many journalists at the Milan daily *Corriere della Sera* are angry because the editor, the publisher and the general manager of the paper are all on the list. The Christian Democratic Party, declaring Masonic and party membership to be incompatible, has temporarily suspended all 15 Christian Democratic members of parliament included on the list.

"Since it is impossible to prove one's nonmembership, this is terribly unfair," said Christian Democratic Deputy Massimo de Carolis, who says although he met Gelli three times he was never even asked to become a P2 member.

He asked why so much credibility was being given to a list made up by a man who had been charged with criminal activities. "This is a dangerous precedent," he said. "It means that if a top bank robber issued a list of corrupt policemen everyone would simply believe it."

In contrast, the Superior Council of the Magistrature, Italy's highest judicial body, has said no action will be taken against the 19 judges on Gelli's list until after an investigation.

From <<https://www.washingtonpost.com/archive/politics/1981/05/29/5-go-on-leave-in-italys-lodge-scandal/60cc5c6c-3826-44e7-b56c-3b858a43ef5f/>>

Operation: Gladio

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1990: The “Gladio” Secret Exposed

Created and developed entirely out of the public view, the Stay Behind program was for more than forty years perhaps the best kept secret of the Cold War. The first official acknowledgment that a Stay Behind network of paramilitary and intelligence organizations had existed in Western Europe during the Cold War came in August 1990 when Italian Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti revealed the program during a parliamentary debate on terrorism in Italy, causing a media sensation. With the vaguely threatening codename “Gladio”—sword—the network was supposed to facilitate preparations to combat a Soviet-bloc invasion of Western Europe. Andreotti’s statement gave few details, and a subsequent commission of inquiry and the release of previously secret documents left more questions than answers. In the following months and years Andreotti’s revelation gave rise to a series of published books and articles, with the result that the subject became overlaid with unverifiable stories told by individuals claiming to have inside knowledge. The name “Gladio” soon came to signify dark conspiracy theories involving most countries of Western Europe and pointing at the secret intelligence services of the member-states of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), above all the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), which was supposedly out to destroy any slightly leftist political group or movement. In the words of the French historian G rard Arboit,

Those publications, as it always happens when the topic is intelligence, profited from the sulphurous revelations propagated by the media *a propos* of deviations produced by the existence of those networks in Italy. To some extent the Italian model has even become that of a global conspiracy remote-controlled by the Atlantic Alliance.⁸

From <<https://direct.mit.edu/jcws/article/16/4/35/13485/Stay-Behind-A-Clandestine-Cold-War-Phenomenon>>

Operation Gladio is probably one of the most widely known and largest orchestrated Stay Behind Operation in history. Gladio, is the informal designation for many organized operations planned by NATO forces and the CIA to thwart a possible European invasion by the Warsaw Pact. At the end of WW2, Special Operation Executive (SOE) operatives who were instrumental in organizing resistance groups in occupied France and surrounding countries were used to help create paramilitary organizations, staged caches of arms, prepare escape routes and recruit indigenous forces to help the clandestine effort for localized resistance to the soviets. Each cell would be fully prepared to enact acts of sabotage, guerrilla warfare, and even assassinations. Gladio is well known today because elements anti-communists members used their given resources to target leftists in Italy with a series of terror attacks, there is some speculation that the CIA was involved in some or all these attacks. As a result, the European parliament urged for any member countries involvement to be investigated essentially outing the secret program.

From <<https://blackswanoutdoors.blogspot.com/2021/01/tradecraft-tuesdays-stay-behind.html>>

Operation Gladio is the codename for clandestine "[stay-behind](#)" operations of armed resistance that were organized by the [Western Union](#) (WU), and subsequently by [NATO](#) and the [CIA](#) ^{[1][2]} in collaboration with several [European intelligence agencies](#).^[4] The operation was designed for a potential [Warsaw Pact](#) invasion and conquest of Europe. Although Gladio specifically refers to the Italian branch of the NATO [stay-behind](#) organizations, "Operation Gladio" is used as an informal name for all of them. Stay-behind operations were prepared in many NATO member countries, and some neutral countries. ^[4]

During the [Cold War](#), some [anti-communist](#) armed groups engaged in the harassment of [left-wing](#) parties, [torture](#), [terrorist attacks](#), and [massacres](#) in countries such as [Italy](#).^{[4][5][6][7]} The role of the [CIA](#) and other intelligence organisations in Gladio—the extent of its activities during the Cold War era and any responsibility for [terrorist attacks](#) perpetrated in Italy during the "[Years of Lead](#)" (late 1960s to early 1980s)—are the subject of debate. Researcher Francesco Cacciatore, in an article based on recently de-classified documents, writes that a "note from March 1972 specified that the possibility of using 'Gladio' in the event of internal subversions, not provided for by the organization's statute and not supported by NATO directives or plans, was outside the scope of the original stay-behind and, therefore, 'never to be considered among the purposes of the operation'. The pressure put forward by the Americans during the 1960s to use 'Gladio' for purposes other than those of a stay-behind network would appear to have failed in the long term." ^[4]

In 1990 the [European Parliament](#) adopted a resolution alleging that military secret services in certain member states were involved in serious terrorism and crime, whether or not their superiors were aware.^{[4][8]} The resolution also urged investigations by the judiciaries of the countries in which those armies operated, so that their modus operandi and actual extension would be revealed. ^{[4][9]}

To date, only [Italy](#), [Switzerland](#) and [Belgium](#) have had parliamentary inquiries into the matter. ^{[4][10]} [Guido Salvini](#), a judge who worked in the Italian Massacres Commission, concluded that some right-wing terrorist organizations of the [Years of Lead](#): [La Fenice](#), [National Vanguard](#) and [Ordine Nuovo](#) were the trench troops of a secret army, remotely controlled by exponents of the Italian state apparatus and linked to the CIA. ^{[4][11]} Salvini said that the CIA encouraged them to commit atrocities. ^{[4][12]} The Swiss inquiry found that British intelligence secretly cooperated with their army in an operation named [P-26](#) and provided training in combat, communications, and sabotage. ^{[4][13]} It also discovered that P-26 not only would organize resistance in case of a Soviet invasion, but would also become active should the left succeed in a chieving a parliamentary majority. ^{[4][14]} The Belgian inquiry could find no conclusive information on their army. No links between them and terrorist attacks were found, and the inquiry noted that the [Belgian secret services](#) refused to provide the identity of agents, which could have eliminated all doubts. ^{[4][15]} A 2000 Italian parliamentary report from the left wing coalition "[Gruppo Democratici di Sinistra l'Ulivo](#)" reported that terrorist massacres and bombings had been organised or promoted or supported by men inside Italian state institutions who were linked to American intelligence. The report also said the United States was guilty of promoting the [strategy of tension](#).^{[4][16]} Operation Gladio is also suspected to have been activated to counter existing left-wing parliamentary majorities in Europe. ^{[4][17]}

The [US State Department](#) published a communiqué in January 2006 dismissing claims that United States ordered, supported, or authorized terrorism by stay-behind units. It stated that the accusations of US-sponsored "[false flag](#)" operations are rehashed former Soviet [disinformation](#) based on documents that the Soviets [forged](#).^{[4][18]}

The word *gladio* is the [Italian](#) form of *gladius*, a type of [Roman shortsword](#).

From <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Gladio>

Operation Gladio	
	
Abbreviation	Gladio
Motto	Silendo Libertatem Servo (In silence, we serve freedom.)
Formation	1948
Founder	Antonio Segni
Headquarters	Rome, Italy
Type	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">military"terrorist"</div>
Interest of	Sven Aspling , Daniele Ganser , Thierry Meyssan , Netherlands/Deep state , The Bombers Affair (Luxembourg) , Paul Williams
Exposed by	Felice Casson , Francesco Cossiga , Vincenzo Vinciguerra , Peter R. de Vries
Subpage	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">Operation Gladio/8Operation Gladio/Exposure</div>
Secret for over 40 years, Gladio is a NATO-backed network of armed soldiers inside the nations of Europe outside effective control of national governments. Ostensibly intended for use only in case of a Soviet invasion, Gladio carried out a string of false flag terror attacks. In 1990, the European parliament asked all member states to launch investigations, but only 5 national governments did so.	

From <https://wikispooks.com/wiki/Operation_Gladio>

Events carried out		
Event	Location	Description
Bologna bombing	Italy Bologna Central Station	A murderous attack on the Italian public, carried out by the MI6/CIA led Operation Gladio, blamed on communists, as part of a wider program to prevent their electoral success in Italy.
Brabant Massacres	Belgium Brabant Massacres	A set of murders between 1982 and 1985, in which 28 people died and 40 were injured. It became Belgium 's most notorious unpunished crime spree.
Peteano bombing	Italy Peteano bombing	A suicide bomb attack which lured 3 carabinieri to their deaths with a booby trapped car bomb. The cover up of this murder - and its later uncovering by Italian judge Felice Casson was a major event in the exposure of Operation Gladio .
Piazza Fontana bombing	Italy Milan Piazza Fontana	An act of terrorism carried out by NATO backed groups to try prevent the electoral success of the Italian communist party.

From <https://wikispooks.com/wiki/Operation_Gladio>

The "Deep State" Theory, Explained



Headquarters of the NSA at Fort Meade, Maryland. Wikimedia Commons
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The seed for many tantalizing conspiracy theories, the term "deep state" in the United States implies the existence of a premeditated effort by certain federal government employees or other persons to secretly manipulate or control the government without regard for the policies of [Congress](#) or the [President of the United States](#).

Origin and History of the Deep State

The concept of a deep state — also called a "state within a state" or a "shadow government" — was first used in reference to political conditions in countries like Turkey and [post-Soviet Russia](#).

Profile of Deep Throat

During the 1950s, an influential anti-democratic coalition within the Turkish political system called the "*derin devlet*" — literally the "deep state" — allegedly dedicated itself to ousting communists from the new Turkish Republic founded by [Mustafa Atatürk](#) after [World War I](#). Made up of elements within the Turkish military, security, and judiciary branches, the *derin devlet* worked to turn the Turkish people against its enemies by staging "false flag" attacks and planned riots. Ultimately, the *derin devlet* was blamed for the deaths of thousands of people.

In the 1970s, former high-ranking officials of the Soviet Union, after defecting to the West, publically stated that the Soviet political police — the [KGB](#) — had operated as a deep state secretly attempting to control the Communist Party and ultimately, the Soviet government.

In a [2006 symposium](#), Ion Mihai Pacepa, a former general in the Communist Romania secret police who defected to the United States in 1978, stated, "In the Soviet Union, the KGB was a state within a state." Pacepa went on to claim, "Now former KGB officers are running the state. They have custody of the country's 6,000 nuclear weapons, entrusted to the KGB in the 1950s, and they now also manage the strategic oil industry renationalized by [Putin](#)."

The Deep State Theory in the United States

In 2014, former congressional aide Mike Lofgren alleged the existence of a different type of deep state operating within the United States government in his essay titled "[Anatomy of the Deep State](#)."

Instead of a group comprised exclusively of government entities, Lofgren calls the deep state in the United States "a hybrid association of [elements of government and parts of top-level finance and industry](#) that is effectively able to govern the United States without reference to the consent of the governed as expressed through the formal political process." The Deep State, wrote Lofgren, is not "a secret, conspiratorial cabal; the state within a state is hiding mostly in plain sight, and its operators mainly act in the light of day. It is not a tight-knit group and has no clear objective. Rather, it is a sprawling network, stretching across the government and into the private sector."

In some ways, Lofgren's description of a deep state in the United States echoes parts of [President Dwight Eisenhower's](#) 1961 [farewell address](#), in which he warned future presidents to "guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex."

President Trump Alleges a Deep State Opposes Him

Following the tumultuous 2016 presidential election, [President Donald Trump](#) and his supporters suggested that certain unnamed [executive branch](#) officials and intelligence officers were secretly operating as a deep state to block his policies and legislative agenda by leaking information considered critical of him.

President Trump, White House Chief Strategist Steve Bannon, along with ultra-conservative news outlets like Breitbart News claimed that Former President Obama was orchestrating a deep state attack against the Trump administration. The allegation apparently grew out of Trump's unsubstantiated claim that Obama had ordered the wiretapping of his telephone during the 2016 election campaign.

Current and former intelligence officials remain divided on the question of the existence of a deep state secretly working to derail the Trump administration.

In a [June 5, 2017 article](#) published in The Hill Magazine, retired veteran CIA field operations agent Gene Coyle stated that while he doubted the existence of "hordes of government officials" operating as an anti-Trump deep state, he did believe the Trump administration was justified in complaining about the number of leaks being reported by news organizations.

"If you are that appalled at the actions of an administration, you should quit, hold a press conference and publicly state your objections," said Coyle. "You can't run an executive branch if more and more people think, 'I don't like the policies of this president, therefore I will leak information to make him look bad.'"

Other intelligence experts argued that individuals or small groups of individuals leaking information critical of a presidential administration lack the organizational coordination and depth of deep states such as those that existed in Turkey or the former Soviet Union.

The Arrest of Reality Winner

On June 3, 2017, a third-party contractor working for the National Security Agency (NSA) was [arrested on charges of violating the Espionage Act](#) by leaking a top-secret document related to the possible involvement of

Eric Trump Identifies the Three Main Members of the "Deep State": Hillary Clinton, Barack Obama, and Ellen DeGeneres

You may think that Twitter has basically turned into Donald Trump's personal vehicle for imposing a state of psychological terror on his subjects, but our president's failson, Eric Trump, has different ideas. Here's his tweet from last night unearthing what may be the biggest (and dumbest) conspiracy in social media history:

Who to follow

 **Hillary Clinton** [@HillaryClinton](#) [Follow](#)
Wife, mom, grandma, women+kids advocate, FLOTUS, Senator, SecState, hair icon, pantsuit aficionado, 2016 presidential candidate.

 **Barack Obama** [@BarackObama](#) [Follow](#)
Dad, husband, President, citizen.

 **Ellen DeGeneres** [@TheEllenShow](#) [Follow](#)
Comedian, talk show host and ice road trucker. My tweets are real, and they're spectacular.

 **Eric Trump** [@EricTrump](#)
Shocking... once again, here are the @Twitter "suggestions" of who I should follow. #DeepState
9:18 PM · Jan 2, 2018
6,265 retweets 2,592 likes 10,584 replies

First off, before we even get to the really funny part, here's the definition of "Deep State" from a former Republican congressional aide, as laid out in Wikipedia:

"a hybrid association of elements of government and parts of top-level finance and industry that is effectively able to govern the United States without reference to the consent of the governed as expressed through the formal political process."

Essentially, it refers to a secretive group of elites in government and military positions. Not the two most famous Democratic politicians in the country.

That said, we're burying the lede: Eric Trump thinks Ellen DeGeneres is part of the deep state. Again:

Eric trump thinks Ellen DeGeneres is part of the deep state.

From <https://www.pastemagazine.com/politics/deep-state/eric-trump-identifies-the-three-main-members-of-the/>

The **deep state in the United States** is—according to a discredited [conspiracy theory](#)—a clandestine network of actors in the [federal government](#), high-level [finance](#) and high-level [industry](#) that operates as a hidden government that exercises power alongside or within the legitimate, elected US government. [Claims](#) that such a "deep state" exists are [conspiracy theories](#).

The claim that a deep state might exist has been dismissed by multiple scholars and authors. [Political scientist Joseph Uscinski](#) points out that "the concept has always been very popular among conspiracy theorists." [Opinion polling](#) from 2017 and 2018 suggests that approximately half of all Americans believe in the deep state. [Whilst](#) in office, now-former US President [Donald Trump](#) and various officials in [his administration](#) repeatedly referenced a so-called deep state and claimed it was working against Trump and his agenda.

Polls

According to a poll of Americans in April 2017, [about half \(48%\)](#) thought there was a "deep state", defined as "military, intelligence and government officials who try to secretly manipulate government", while about a third (35%) of all participants thought it was a conspiracy theory and the remainder (17%) had no opinion. Of those who believe a "deep state" exists, [more than half \(58%\)](#) said it was a major problem, a net of 28% of those surveyed.

A March 2018 poll found most respondents (63%) were unfamiliar with the term "deep state", but a majority believe that a deep state likely exists in the United States [when described as "a group of unelected government and military officials who secretly manipulate or direct national policy"](#). Three-fourths (74%) of the respondents say that they believe this type of group probably (47%) or definitely (27%) exists in the federal government.

An October 2019 [The Economist/YouGov](#) poll found that, without giving a definition of "deep state" to respondents, 70% of Republicans, 38% of independents, and 13% of Democrats agreed that a "deep state" was "trying to overthrow Trump."

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the Russian government in the 2016 U.S. presidential election to an unnamed news organization. When questioned by the FBI on June 10, 2017, the woman, 25-year-old Reality Leigh Winner, “admitted intentionally identifying and printing the classified intelligence reporting at issue despite not having a ‘need to know,’ and with the knowledge that the intelligence report was classified,” according to the FBI affidavit. According to the Justice Department, Winner “further acknowledged that she was aware of the contents of the intelligence reporting and that she knew the contents of the reporting could be used to the injury of the United States and to the advantage of a foreign nation.”

The arrest of Winner represented the first confirmed case of an attempt by a current government employee to discredit the Trump administration. As a result, many conservatives have been quick to use the case to bolster their arguments of a so-called “deep state” within the United States government. While it’s true that Winner had publicly expressed anti-Trump sentiments both to co-workers and on social media, her actions in no way prove the existence of an organized deep state effort to discredit the Trump administration.

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Deep State: Follow the Rothschild, Soros, and Rockefeller Money



It may sound cliché, but there is a great deal of wisdom in the old saying about catching criminals: **"Follow the money."** That advice applies as much to catching small-time petty thieves as it does to big-time global crime syndicates. And it is especially relevant when trying to understand the [bureaucratic and intelligence community components of the "Deep State,"](#) and more importantly, the ["Deep State Behind the Deep State,"](#) This shadowy network, which is barely concealed at this point, includes secret societies such as Skull and Bones and the Bohemian Grove, as well as less-secretive organizations such as the [Council on Foreign Relations, the Trilateral Commission, and the Bilderberg](#) meetings. Money is key.

Of course, much of what has been referred to amid the Trump era as the "Deep State" is merely part of the government — the [legions of entrenched Big Government bureaucrats](#) and especially the [Central Intelligence Agency \(CIA\), the National Security Agency \(NSA\), and other secretive agencies.](#) Other analysts have pointed — quite properly — to elements of the Big Business community and Wall Street in particular. Former congressional staffer Mike Lofgren, a top-secret security clearance holder and one of the early voices to develop the idea of a "Deep State" in America, refers to it as "a hybrid entity of public and private institutions ruling the country." He is right, in a sense, to point at Wall Street. But there is more to the story.

Wall Street and the Deep State

"Washington is the most important node of the Deep State that has taken over America, but it is not the only one," argued Lofgren, who wrote a book on the subject before Donald Trump became president.

"Invisible threads of money and ambition connect the town to other nodes. One is Wall Street, which supplies the cash that keeps the political machine quiescent and operating as a diversionary marionette theater. Should the politicians forget their lines and threaten the status quo, Wall Street floods the town with cash and lawyers to help the hired hands remember their own best interests."

Wall Street, and especially outfits such as Goldman Sachs, are crucial to this. But the reality is even worse than Lofgren seems to realize. An explosive 2011 [Swiss study published in the PLOS ONE journal on the "network of global corporate control,"](#) for instance, highlights the fact that a tiny group of entities — mostly financial institutions and especially central banks — exert a massive amount of influence over the international economy from behind the scenes. According to the peer-reviewed paper, which presented the first global investigation of ownership architecture in the international economy, transnational corporations form a "giant bow-tie structure." A large portion of control "flows to a small tightly-knit core of financial institutions," investigators found, describing the core as an "economic super-entity."

Lofgren was not the first observer to realize or point out that the elected officials ostensibly in charge of governing America are not really in charge. Even close friends and associates of the "Deep State behind the Deep State" have commented on the issue. The late Georgetown University Professor Carroll Quigley, a mentor to President Bill Clinton, was close to the core of the Deep State all of his life, and, while he disagreed with the secrecy, he admitted to agreeing with most of its aims. He was even allowed to examine their records for a period of time. And then, spilling the proverbial beans, Quigley put some of his explosive findings in his massive 1966 book *Tragedy and Hope*.

Quigley offered extremely important insight into the agenda, especially the monetary machinations, of the real Deep State. "The powers of financial capitalism had another 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," he explained on page 324. "This system was to be controlled in a feudalist fashion by the central banks of the world acting in concert, by secret agreements arrived at in frequent private meetings and conferences. The apex of the system was to be the Bank for International Settlements in Basel, Switzerland, a private bank owned and controlled by the world's central banks which were themselves private corporations."

Indeed, just as Quigley explained, the world now exists under what could fairly be described as a neofeudalist-type system, and international entities such as the Bank of International Settlements, the International Monetary Fund, and the World Bank play key roles in it all. Another crucial component of that involves control of the economy and even the political systems of nations by a tiny clique, which exercises its power quietly through well-connected mega-banks that literally own the central banks. The Federal Reserve, for instance, is essentially a banking cartel, with each regional Federal Reserve bank owned and controlled by its member banks. In court filings, the banks have [even boldly declared that laws applicable to government agencies such as transparency requirements do not apply to Fed banks,](#) because they are private corporations.

That the Federal Reserve System dominates the U.S. economy today is impossible to dispute — simply observe the news coverage and endless media speculation ahead of the Fed meetings about what the central planners may or may not decide to do about interest rates. Consider, also, that amid the last economic crisis, the U.S. Special Inspector General for the Troubled Asset Relief Program (SIGTARP) estimated the potential total cost of the combined crisis bailouts at \$23.7 trillion, or more than \$75,000 per person in the United States — money created out of thin air by unelected, unaccountable central bankers. For perspective, U.S. GDP is around \$18 trillion. Those bailed out were [largely the mega-banks and cronies of Federal Reserve bosses.](#) Consider, too, that studies [such as one released in 2014 by the Official Monetary and Financial Institutions Forum \(OMFIF\)](#) show that central banks, including the Fed, [now dominate even stock markets.](#) They also rig prices for all sorts of assets, [as The New American and many other sources have documented.](#)

And according to top officials, many of these mega-bankers, beyond being "too big to fail" so that they supposedly must be bailed out by unwitting American savers and taxpayers, are also "too big to jail," giving them free rein to perpetrate crimes at will. On March 6, 2013, testifying before a Senate committee, disgraced former Attorney General Eric Holder even said it explicitly. "I am concerned that the size of some of these institutions becomes so large that it does become difficult for us to prosecute them when we are hit with indications that if you do prosecute, if you do bring a criminal charge, it will have a negative impact on the national economy, perhaps even the world economy," said Holder, who was held in contempt of Congress.

Deep State Money Men and Communism

Senior leaders of the Deep State behind the Deep State, which uses central banks and political institutions to advance its objectives, have boasted of their agenda and their power. The late David Rockefeller, formerly CEO of Chase Manhattan mega-bank and a lead Deep State boss, revealed his true colors — in writing — in his 2002 autobiography *Memoirs*. "Some even believe we [the Rockefellers] are part of a secret cabal working against the best interests of the United States, characterizing my family and me as internationalists and of conspiring with others around the world to build a more integrated global political and economic structure — one world, if you will," Rockefeller explains on page 405. "If that's the charge, I stand guilty, and I am proud of it." In short, the powerful globalist boasted of being a conspirator working against America in favor of a one-world system.

The Deep State's supposedly "capitalist" money men have no aversion to communism, either. Decades before the startling admission in his memoirs, Rockefeller showered praises on the most murderous communist dictatorship to plague humanity in all of recorded history. "Whatever the price of the Chinese Revolution, it has obviously succeeded, not only in producing more efficient and dedicated administration, but also in fostering a high morale and community purpose," Rockefeller claimed in a 1973 *New York Times* piece about psychopath Mao Tse-tung's "communist revolution" that murdered tens of millions of people in cold blood. "The social experiment in China under Chairman Mao's leadership is one of the most important and successful in human history." For Deep State luminaries such as Rockefeller, then, mass murder and total subjugation of a people is a tremendous "success."

More recently, fellow Deep State bigwig George Soros, another key money man, and [a protégé of the even more powerful and wealthy Rothschild dynasty,](#) echoed those remarks about China. In 2009, for instance, Soros called for the communist regime ruling mainland China to "own" what he referred to as the "New World Order." Speaking to the *Financial Times*, the self-styled philanthropist declared that the United States and the U.S. dollar were on their way down, and that the Communist Party regime must step up to the plate. "I think you really need to bring China into the creation of a new world order," Soros said, without noting that the regime has murdered more people than any other in human history. "I think you need a new world order, that China has to be part of the process of creating it and they have to buy in, they have to own it in the same way as the United States owns ... the current order."

It was hardly a slip up. The next year, while receiving the Globalist of the Year award from the Canadian International Council, Soros again called for China to play a lead role in the emerging global-governance regime. "They have now got to accept responsibility for world order and the interests of other people as well," declared Soros, a self-styled atheist who has said publicly that he feels like a "god" sometimes. "Today, China has not only a more vigorous economy, but actually a better functioning government than the United States." From Beijing to Moscow and Washington, D.C., to London, globalist Deep State operatives are all openly and covertly pushing for this new world order, which is being built through regional orders such as the European Union, the African Union, the Eurasian Union, the Union of South American States, and more.

While rarely in the spotlight, the Rothschild banking dynasty — the ultimate Deep State characters — brags of being at the center of the rigged global financial system. And it is true, the Rothschilds are wealthy and powerful beyond comprehension. On its website, Rothschild & Co styles itself "one of the world's largest independent financial advisory groups," providing services and solutions to "large institutions, families, individuals and governments, worldwide." "Having been at the centre of the world's financial markets for more than 200 years we can rely on an unrivalled global network of more than 2,800 talented employees and a track-record of outstanding execution with 50 offices around the world," the website boasts in what might even be an understatement, adding that Rothschild & Co "can be closer to current issues than any other global financial institution in our core markets." They are not kidding. Estimates of the ultra-secretive dynasty's wealth reach into the trillions of dollars.

The power of this dynasty is well known to historians and insiders, and it stretches back centuries. "The Rothschilds had decided the outcome of the Napoleonic Wars by putting their financial weight behind Britain," noted historian and establishment apologist Niall Ferguson in his book *The World's Banker: The History of the House of Rothschild*. In other words, even more than two centuries ago, this dynasty, which is deeply involved in the global central-banking regime described by Quigley, was able to decide the outcome of wars between two of the most powerful governments then existing on the planet. Since then, their power and wealth appear to have grown even further, despite efforts to stay out of the limelight. But recently, a leading member of the Rothschild dynasty [publicly came out to help push the candidacy of Bulgarian Communist Party operative Irina Bokova to lead the United Nations.](#)

Deep State Foundations Finance Evil

Many of the globalist bigwigs such as the Rockefellers, Soros, the Rothschild dynasty, and dozens more like them operate through tax-exempt foundations, which, aside from helping shelter the Deep State money men from the same onerous taxation they promote, make up another key component of the Deep State's financial architecture. The Rockefeller dynasty, for instance, operates a massive network of foundations with many billions of dollars that includes the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, the Rockefeller Foundation, the Rockefeller Family Fund, and more. These, in turn, finance other tax-exempt foundations. Soros, meanwhile, [just transferred \\$18 billion into his Open Society Foundations, which in turn finance hundreds of organizations, foundations, and causes around the world.](#) Other mega-foundations controlled by the

Deep State Behind the Deep State include the Carnegie Foundation, the Ford Foundation, the Tides Foundation, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and many more. To understand how crucial these tax-exempt foundations are to advancing the real Deep State's agenda, a simple overview of their actions provides some idea. The Soros network of foundations, for instance, promotes everything from globalism and statism to racial hatred and abortion. Leaks in recent years have revealed that the Open Society Foundations even fund a wide range of pseudo-Christian groups that aim to corrupt and hijack Christianity and churches. The Rockefellers have funded everything from pseudo-environmentalism and globalism to statism and feminism. In 2014, [a report by the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee](#) exposed the network of billionaires and their foundations that it referred to as the "Billionaires Club." This club, the report said, [was responsible for creating an AstroTurf "Green" movement that hijacked vast swaths of the policymaking apparatus](#). The Gates Foundation, meanwhile, finances everything from Planned Parenthood and population control to Common Core and efforts to globalize "education." And that is just the tip of the iceberg.

The abuse of these tax-exempt foundations by the Deep State behind the Deep State to subvert freedom in the United States and worldwide is hardly new. In fact, in 1952, Congress created the Select Committee to Investigate Tax-Exempt Foundations and Comparable Organizations, sometimes known as the Cox Committee and the Reece Committee after its two chairmen. Among other tasks, it was supposed to look into whether the foundations were supporting communism. It turns out that they were, but the reality was even worse. In [an explosive interview with G. Edward Griffin released in 1991](#), Norman Dodd, the staff director of the committee, explained just how serious the threat was — and presumably still is. He also said the United States was "the victim of a conspiracy."

According to Dodd, H. Rowan Gaither, who was the president of the Ford Foundation at the time, summoned Dodd to his office in New York. Dodd said that Gaither asked him, "off the record," why Congress was interested in investigating the activities of foundations such as the Ford Foundation. But before Dodd could even answer, Gaither noted, among other things, that many of those involved in policymaking at the foundation had been involved in the "intelligence" agencies, which were filled with communists in high places, and that policy directives for the foundations were coming out of the White House. Then, according to Dodd, Gaither dropped a bombshell: "Mr. Dodd, we are here to operate in response to similar directives, the substance of which is that we shall use our grant-making power to so alter life in the United States, that it can be comfortably merged with the Soviet Union."

The final report itself was revealing, too. "Some of the larger foundations have directly supported subversion in the true meaning of that term — namely, the process of undermining some of our vitally protective concepts and principles," the investigators found, adding that the foundations were promoting internationalism and moral relativism. "They have actively supported attacks upon our social and governmental system and financed the promotion of socialism and collectivist ideas," the report continued. Of course, this continues to this day. In his report, Dodd also argued that the mega-foundations were weaponizing the government "education" system to enable oligarchical collectivism. He noted, too, a "revolution" had occurred that would never have been possible "unless education in the United States had been prepared in advance to endorse it."

Others have documented Wall Street and Deep State support for communism going back even further. In his book [Wall Street and the Bolshevik Revolution](#), for instance, Stanford historian Antony Sutton exposes the key role played by certain Wall Street financiers in establishing communist tyranny in Russia, financing communism, profiting from communism, and more. The book shows also that these Wall Street forces worked hard to ensure that revolutionary Leon Trotsky could make it to Russia to help the process along. And they even helped the cause of global slavery by building up the Soviet economy and war machine. The results of this included the deaths of hundreds of millions of people and the enslavement of billions more.

Today, the Deep State and the forces behind it — secret and semi-secret organizations and networks, as well as their interlinked financial operations and "intelligence" agencies — are closer than ever before to their goal of global totalitarianism [frequently touted as the "New World Order"](#). However, they are also closer than ever before to being completely exposed, as millions of people around the world wake up. Humanity and the Deep State are in a race against time. If the Deep State wins, liberty and self-government die. The stakes are that high. But everyone can help. Start by reading the articles on the Deep State below and getting up to speed. Then, get involved. The future of freedom is on the line.

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Deep State Behind the Deep State: CFR, Trilaterals, Bilderberg

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Everything is not as it seems in politics. And in recent months, the American people have come closer than ever to figuring that out, with the notion of a shadowy "Deep State" secretly pulling the strings in Washington capturing the public imagination. There is indeed a "Deep State," or perhaps several, that includes elements of Wall Street, [career bureaucrats with views deeply at odds with those of mainstream America](#), as well as [the "intelligence community" that does the dirty work](#) and appears to accept no limits on its power. But little has been said about the Deep State behind the Deep State — or the real Deep State. Until now.

Parts of this shadowy network — the Council on Foreign Relations, the Trilateral Commission, Bilderberg, and more — are sometimes visible to the public, even if the establishment media rarely highlights the significance. Other powerful elements are practically invisible: Secret societies such as "Skull and Bones" and the Bohemian Grove, for example, which will be described in an upcoming article. But combined, it is clear that the Deep State behind the Deep State wields tremendous power over America and the world. The agenda is becoming clear, too. And if left unchecked, this powerful network of "Deep State" operatives fully intends to foist a draconian system on humanity that they often tout as the "New World Order." But the American people have the power to stop it.

Much of what has been referred to as the "Deep State" is merely part of the government — the [legions of entrenched Big Government bureaucrats](#) and [especially the Central Intelligence Agency \(CIA\), the National Security Agency \(NSA\), and other secretive agencies](#). Other analysts have pointed — quite properly — to elements of the Big Business community. Former congressional staffer Mike Lofgren, a top-secret security clearance holder and one of the early voices to develop the idea of a "Deep State" in America, refers to it as "a hybrid entity of public and private institutions ruling the country." And he's right. But it goes even deeper than he seems to realize.

Of course, Lofgren was hardly the first to notice that the elected officials who supposedly control the government are not really in charge. Even close friends and associates of the Deep State behind the Deep State have commented on the issue, as it relates to party politics and elections. The late Georgetown University Professor Carroll Quigley, a mentor to President Bill Clinton, was for many years close to the core of the Deep State, and, while he disagreed with the secrecy, he admitted to agreeing with most of its aims. He was even allowed to examine their records for a period of time. And then, spilling the proverbial beans, Quigley put some of his explosive findings in his massive 1966 book *Tragedy and Hope*. Referring to the Deep State as "international Anglophile network," the professor said he had "no aversion to it or to most of its aims," and added that he had been "close to it and many of its instruments" for much of his life.

On political parties and using elections to change course in government, Quigley ridiculed the idea. "The argument that the two parties should represent opposed ideals and policies, one, perhaps, of the Right and the other of the Left, is a foolish idea acceptable only to doctrinaire and academic thinkers," Quigley wrote in his book, which reportedly made the Deep State quite upset. "Instead, the two parties should be almost identical, so that the American people can 'throw the rascals out' at any election without leading to any profound or extensive shifts in policy."

Quigley also offered insight into the agenda and machinations of the real Deep State. "The powers of financial capitalism had another 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," he explained. "This system was to be controlled in a feudalist fashion by the central banks of the world acting in concert, by secret agreements arrived at in frequent private meetings and conferences." Some of those meetings, such as the G20, are well known. Others, while even more important, are almost never mentioned, and remained virtually unknown to most Americans.

There exists a shadowy network of organizations controlled by the Deep State behind the Deep State that serves to coordinate the operations and tentacles of the machine. While secretive, many of the outfits are not secret societies in the true sense of the term. In fact, they have websites, put out reports, and in many cases make their membership lists public. That these organizations wield incredible power in government, media, academia, military, banking, intelligence, business, and more is beyond dispute.

Council on Foreign Relations

What Professor Quigley revealed in *Tragedy and Hope* was huge. "There does exist, and has existed for a generation, what an international Anglophile network which operates, to some extent, in the way the radical Right believes the Communists act," Quigley wrote in his book. "In fact, this network, which we may identify as the Round Table Groups, has no aversion to cooperating with the Communists, or any other groups, and frequently does so." The leading Round Table Groups he identifies include the [Council on Foreign Relations \(CFR\)](#) in the United States and its sister organization in Britain known as the Royal Institute of International Affairs (RIIA, or the Chatham House).

In America, the CFR is among the most powerful organizations representing the public face of the Deep State behind the Deep State. To get some sense of how influential the outfit is, consider the words of then-Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, whose husband and daughter are members, in a 2009 speech at the CFR's new office in Washington. "I am delighted to be here in these new headquarters," she [said](#). "I have been often to, I guess, the mother ship in New York City, but it's good to have an outpost of the Council right here down the street from the State Department. We get a lot of advice from the Council, so this will mean I won't have as far to go to be told what we should be doing and how we should think about the future."

In other words, the [unelected CFR establishment sets policy, and the visible government implements it](#). The same applies to the establishment wing of the Republican Party, which is also dominated by CFR operatives. Knowing how toxic the CFR label has become politically among conservatives, though, leading CFR "Republicans" actually boast of their dishonesty in concealing their membership from the public. George W. Bush's Vice President Dick Cheney, for example, was [filmed on video bragging](#): "I've been a member [of the CFR] for a long time, and was actually a director for some period of time. I never mentioned that when I was campaigning for re-election back home in Wyoming." He cackled, and the audience laughed. But he is hardly alone.

Members include [virtually the entire establishment](#). Among others: vast swaths of the Republican and Democrat establishment; countless current and former members of Congress and senior bureaucrats; "journalists," columnists, editors, anchors, commentators, and media execs; CEOs, chairmen, and presidents of mega-banks; multiple cabinet secretaries in every administration going back generations; current Supreme Court justices; former presidents and vice-presidents; Federal Reserve bosses; celebrities; mega-church pastors; military brass; ambassadors, diplomats, and bureaucrats at international organizations; tax-exempt foundation chiefs and executives; leaders and professors at key universities across the country; and "intelligence community" bosses who do much of the dirty work. Even some pseudo-conservative "leaders," mostly neocons, are involved.

Corporate members include the world's largest bailed-out mega-banks, Big Oil, Big Pharma, crony capitalists, the military-industrial complex, publishing houses, along with much of the establishment media. Among the mega-banks and financial giants: Goldman Sachs, Bank of America, JPMorgan Chase, American Express, Citigroup, Credit Suisse, Deutsche Bank, Soros Fund Management, Bank of New York Mellon Corporation, Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Cr dit Agricole, Rothschild North America, Inc., and more. Military-industrial complex: DynCorp, Booz Allen Hamilton Inc., Raytheon Company, Boeing, Lockheed Martin, and more. Big Oil: ExxonMobil, Shell, Chevron, BP, Hess, and more. Media: News Corp (Fox News, *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Post*, *National Geographic*, and more), Time Warner (CNN, HBO), *The Economist*, Bloomberg, and more.

While not everyone involved supports the globalist Deep State agenda, most do, defectors have said. The late Admiral Chester Ward, a CFR member for almost 20 years before defecting and blowing the whistle, explained the danger of the CFR, its agenda, and the ideology of most of its members. "Once the ruling members of CFR have decided that the U.S. Government should adopt a particular policy, the very substantial research facilities of CFR are put to work to develop arguments, intellectual and emotional, to support the new policy, and to confound and discredit, intellectually and politically, any opposition," he explained.

"The most articulate theoreticians and ideologists prepare related articles, aided by the research, to sell the new policy and to make it appear inevitable and irresistible. By following the evolution of this propaganda in the most prestigious scholarly journal in the world, [CFR mouthpiece] *Foreign Affairs*, anyone can determine years in advance what the future defense and foreign policies of the United States will be," he added. "If a certain proposition is repeated often enough in that journal, then the U.S. Administration in power — be it Republican or Democratic — begins to act as if that proposition or assumption were an established fact."

The ultimate goal of the CFR, Ward warned, is global government. "The main purpose of the Council on Foreign Relations is promoting the disarmament of U.S. sovereignty and national independence, and submergence into an all-powerful one-world government," warned the admiral, who served as the "judge advocate of the U.S. Navy." "This lust to surrender the sovereignty and independence of the United States is pervasive throughout most of the membership." Ward also revealed why the CFR's members would be so violently hostile to Trump's campaign promises. "In the entire CFR lexicon, there is no term of revulsion carrying a meaning so deep as 'America First,'" he said. Trump, of course, campaigned on an America First platform to stop globalism.

The subversive agenda to betray the American people and subvert their independence, Constitution, and self-government has been made clear even in the CFR's own propaganda organs such as the CFR magazine *Foreign Affairs*. In April 1974, for example, Richard Gardner, former deputy assistant secretary of state, explained how the agenda for world government would be pursued. "In short, the 'house of world order' will have to be built from the bottom up rather than from the top down," he wrote. "An end run around national sovereignty, eroding it piece by piece, will accomplish much more than the old fashioned assault." Deception and a slow subversion process, then, are the tools of the CFR. The magazine also regularly promotes regional government, illegal war, and other extreme positions.

The Trilateral Commission

Another outfit like the CFR, only more "elite" and more international, is the [Trilateral Commission](#), founded in 1973 by the late globalist and self-described conspirator for a one world order David Rockefeller. Aside from Rockefeller, who in his memoirs boasted of "conspiring" with a "secret cabal" against the best interests of America to form a "one world" order, the other key figure behind the Trilateral Commission was Zbigniew Brzezinski, advisor to Rockefeller and the National Security Advisor to President Jimmy Carter. His writings greatly impressed Rockefeller. Among other bizarre ideas, the late globalist, in his 1970 book *Between Two Ages*, argued that America was "obsolete."

While he acknowledged some of the problems in the Soviet Union, Brzezinski also showered praise on Marxism. "Marxism represents a further vital and creative stage in the maturing of man's universal vision," he wrote. "Marxism is simultaneously a victory of the external, active man over the inner, passive man and a victory of reason over belief: it stresses man's capacity to shape his material destiny — finite and defined

as man's only reality — and it postulates the absolute capacity of man to truly understand his reality as a point of departure for his active endeavors to shape it. To a greater extent than any previous mode of political thinking, Marxism puts a premium on the systematic and rigorous examination of material reality and on guides to action derived from that examination." Following his attack on obsolete America and his praise for Marxism, Brzezinski, a member of the CFR before his death, goes on to advocate the creation of "a council for global cooperation" bringing together "the United States, Japan, and Western Europe." This body, he wrote, would "be concerned with political strategy" and "bringing together the political leaders of states sharing certain common aspirations and problems of modernity." But in the end of the book, as pointed out by *The New American's* C. Mitchell Shaw in [Brzezinski's obituary](#), Brzezinski reveals the real purpose of his proposed council: Another step on the road to world government.

"To sum up: Though the objective of shaping a community of the developed nations is less ambitious than the goal of world government, it is more attainable," he wrote. "It is more ambitious than the concept of an Atlantic community but historically more relevant to the new spatial revolution. Though cognizant of present divisions between communist and non-communist nations, it attempts to create a new framework for international affairs not by exploiting these divisions but rather by striving to preserve and create openings for eventual reconciliation. Finally, it recognizes that the world's developed nations have a certain affinity, and that only by nurturing a greater sense of communality among them can an effective response to the increasing threat of global fragmentation — which itself intensifies the growing world-wide impatience with human inequality — be mounted."

Much less has been written about the Trilateral Commission than, say, the CFR, but its influence is nevertheless enormous. And even well-respected conservatives have long recognized the threat this outfit poses to liberty and America. In his 1979 memoir *With No Apologies*, Senator Barry Goldwater exposed its agenda. "In my view the Trilateral Commission represents a skillful, coordinated effort to seize control and consolidate the four centers of power — political, monetary, intellectual, and ecclesiastical," he wrote. "What the Trilaterals truly intend is the creation of 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."

Around that time, a major expose of the Trilateral Commission was written by Stanford historian Antony Sutton and researcher Patrick Wood entitled [Trilaterals Over Washington](#). In a recent statement, Wood highlighted the significance. "The Trilateral Commission was international, founded to create a 'New International Economic Order,'" Wood explained. "Their members have been the architects and drivers of all modern globalization, including that which comes through the United Nations as Sustainable Development and Green Economy. Although the Trilateral Commission is international in scope, in the U.S. they are more than just being part of the so-called Deep State, they ARE the Deep State!"

The Bilderberg Meetings

In addition to the CFR and the Trilateral Commission is yet another shadowy outfit with Rockefeller and other establishment globalists at its core: Bilderberg. Until recent years, the network, which hosts annual meetings, was virtually unknown to the American public, despite the regular attendance of many of the world's most influential people and their useful idiots. Among the attendees is a collection of [powerful figures from Big Government, Big Green, Big Media, Big Oil, Big Espionage, Big Banks, Big War, Big Internet, Big Foundations, Big Communism, Big Data](#), and most of the other important "Bigs." Virtually all of the attendees [share at least one common element though: a devotion to globalism and secrecy](#).

In public, at least Bilderberg summit organizers work to downplay the confab as a mere off-the-record discussion forum. A [press release](#) from Bilderberg released ahead of this year's summit in Chantilly, Va., for example, claims the purpose is merely "to foster dialogue between Europe and North America." "There is no desired outcome, no minutes are taken and no report is written. Furthermore, no resolutions are proposed, no votes are taken, and no policy statements are issued," the statement claims. Numerous attendees, though, have suggested and even openly admitted in public statements over the years that much more than a mere "private talk" is in fact going on at the controversial summit.

In fact, attendees have admitted that policy is set behind closed doors. For example, in 2010, former NATO boss and two-time Bilderberg attendee Willy Claes said in a radio interview that reports of speeches given at the summit are compiled. "The participants are then obviously considered to use this report in setting their policies in the environments in which they affect," Claes added, which analysts said was essentially an admission that Bilderberg attendees are secretly plotting your future behind closed doors.

The year before Claes' admission, then-Bilderberg chairman Etienne Davignon — a former European Union commissar and current Belgian minister of state — told the online EUobserver that the summits "helped create" the controversial euro currency imposed on 17 formerly sovereign European nations. Much evidence also suggests that the summits played a major role in foisting the EU super-state on the peoples of Europe against their will — a process that continues despite the lack of public support. Speaking to the BBC in 2005, Davignon also admitted that at the summit, "automatically around the table you have internationalists."

More recently, despite protestations to the contrary, a Bilderberg attendee and the leader of the Socialist International-aligned Dutch Labor Party admitted on camera this year that he was at the summit in his official capacity as parliamentary leader. Asked if he was there in an informal capacity, he responded: "Well, I'm formal, because being a politician, you're 24/7, so there's no way of exiting my role." The Bilderberg website says, "Participants take part in the conference as individuals in their own right," but the comments by the Dutch lawmaker and "sustainability" zealot Diederik Samsom suggest otherwise.

More than 15 years ago, meanwhile, far-left Bilderberg attendee Will Hutton — a former British newspaper editor, rabid pro-EU extremist, and vehement opponent of American conservatism — also hinted at the influence of the gathering. "[Bilderberg] is one of the key meetings of the year," he wrote in 1998. "The consensus established is the backdrop against which policy is made worldwide." The admission could not get much clearer than that.

Aside from guiding policy, a great deal of anecdotal evidence suggests Bilderberg plays a major role in selecting the policymakers who will foist the schemes on an unsuspecting public. In 1991, for example, a virtually unknown governor from Arkansas attended. Shortly after that, he became President Clinton. Obama, too, went to Bilderberg before becoming president. It is not just American politicians whose careers seem to get a major boost from attending the summits, either. Tony Blair, for example, attended Bilderberg as an opposition member of Parliament. He then became prime minister shortly afterwards. Numerous other British prime ministers have also attended. Other countries in Europe have faced similar occurrences, such as Bilderberg bigwig and Goldman Sachs operative Mario Monti being installed as the unelected prime minister of Italy in 2011.

At the European level — where voters and the peoples of Europe have virtually no say — the same phenomenon has been observed. In 2005, the state-funded BBC noted, "All the recent presidents of the European Commission attended Bilderberg meetings before they were appointed." EU overlords, of course, are not elected. In 2009, meanwhile, former Belgian Prime Minister Herman Van Rompuy — a virtual nobody unknown throughout the bloc — was mysteriously installed as EU "president" days after attending the confab. He promptly announced that "global governance" was advancing.

Indeed, what unites the seemingly disparate globalists appears to be mainly their fanatical devotion to globalism — the transfer of political power away from nations and people to unaccountable supranational regimes. Based on their public statements, it appears that virtually every attendee at Bilderberg is and has been a proponent of global and regional governance rather than national independence. In 2001, former British chancellor of the exchequer and Bilderberg bigwig Denis Healey even told the U.K. *Guardian* that it was a little "exaggerated, but not wholly unfair" to say that the outfit's overall goal was to impose a global government on humanity. "Those of us in Bilderberg felt we couldn't go on forever fighting one another for nothing and killing people and rendering millions homeless," he claimed. "So we felt that a single community throughout the world would be a good thing." By "community," globalists really mean government — after all, the European Union was a "community" before the full-blown super-state was openly announced.

Beyond the Bilderberg, CFR, the Trilaterals, and such establishment organs are secret societies including Skull and Bones, Bohemian Grove, and others. There are also key leaders of the Deep State behind the Deep State: Families such as the Rockefeller, Soros, and Rothschild, among them. Aside from their organizations and meetings, along with government, they operate through tax-exempt foundations. All of those topics will be explored in upcoming articles in *The New American* as part of this series on the Deep State. And beyond all those that are known are, undoubtedly, others that are not even known publicly. And for Christians and God-fearing people, there is certainly a spiritual component to it all. But Americans do not need to be helpless victims of these shadowy forces.

Unfortunately, Trump has [many operatives for the real Deep State serving at the highest levels of his administration](#). More than a few of his cabinet secretaries, for example, are members of the CFR and/or attendees of Bilderberg. But, it is also becoming obvious that the Deep State behind the Deep State does not trust Trump — at best — and actively despises him at worst. That is a good sign, though it is no guarantee that anything will change.

Not just exposure but organization and concerted action are needed to effect positive change, according to Art Thompson, the chief executive officer of [The John Birch Society](#), which has maintained since its founding that there is design behind America's long slide from constitutional government. "The John Birch Society has been the most consistent organization exposing the so-called Deep State for over 50 years and doing so in a responsible manner," Thompson told *The New American*, which is an affiliate of the JBS. "There have been times when the exposure has hurt them greatly and usually exposure is all that needs to be done. But there may come a time when exposure will not be enough or perhaps impossible if enough people do not get involved to do something responsible about it now. The solution is to do what Jefferson said — bind the politicians down with the chains of the Constitution — force them to adhere to the Constitution. That is our job at hand and individual action is not enough. Organizational, concerted action is what is needed."

Americans who wish to see a return to self-government under the Constitution must get involved. There is an incredible opportunity, now, to set the Deep State's globalist agenda back by decades or even generations. The American people, acting through Congress, will be the key. But to seize the opportunity, Americans must get educated, activated, and organized.

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The CIA, the FBI and the myth of America's Deep State

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Donald Trump, accompanied by US attorney-general William Barr, who has authorised the declassification of details of how the intelligence services investigated Trump's electoral campaign © New York Times / Redux / eyevine

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The conviction that pointy-headed intellectuals in the US national security establishment are covertly imposing their worldview on American foreign policy hardly originated with the Trump White House. Joseph McCarthy's anti-Communist crusade in the 1950s was largely premised on the same paranoia about some establishment "deep state". Similar views were voiced — with lesser degrees of conspiratorial conviction — by the Reagan and Nixon administrations.

And as national security correspondent David Rohde notes in his new book on presidential battles with the US security services, such fears are not the exclusive province of the political right. The idea of a military-industrial complex secretly running US foreign policy outside the prying eyes of right-thinking Americans was a standard trope of the left for much of the Vietnam war era, one that hasn't altogether disappeared from parts of the Democratic party.

But the accusation that a "deep state" within the permanent government is plotting to oust Donald Trump, as the president and some of his supporters in the partisan media occasionally claim, takes such internecine clashes to a level that has shocked even veterans of Washington's occasionally brutal bureaucratic warfare.

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Although he does not make the connection, Rohde's portrayal of Trump in *In Deep* is far more McCarthy than Reagan or Nixon, complete with a protagonist convinced that subversives lurk under every rock in Langley and Foggy Bottom, homes to the CIA and the state department. Rohde views the president's hostility to the FBI and CIA as a dangerous escalation even from the conflicts between the national security bureaucracy and America's political leadership that produced Washington's most notorious scandals of the past half century, from Iran-Contra to Edward Snowden. "The long history of abuse by the FBI and CIA should not be ignored," he writes. "But there is no evidence of a widespread, politically motivated 'coup'. President Trump, as he often does, is exaggerating."

The reason Rohde skips the Red Scare comparisons is that he chooses to start his account with a far less examined event: the 1976 Senate investigation into historic CIA abuses led by Idaho Democrat Frank Church. As Henry Kissinger, Richard Nixon's chief foreign policy adviser, once noted, even the paranoid can have real enemies. McCarthy's fears led to horrible excesses, but state department official Alger Hiss was in all likelihood a Soviet spy. The left's paranoia may have been overwrought, but there had been decades of excesses by an unchecked CIA — abuses which were first exposed by Church's inquiry.



Former CIA director Richard Helms (right) talks with Senator Frank Church, who chaired the 1975 congressional committee on intelligence activities © Bettmann Archive

To Rohde, the importance of the Church committee is not so much what it uncovered — unauthorised wiretapping of high-ranking US politicians, infiltration of peaceful domestic political groups, "black bag jobs" that broke into private homes to plant incriminating evidence — as the reforms it spawned. Many of the norms Trump now flouts, Rohde argues, flowed from Church: justice department independence, congressional oversight, independent counsels, inspectors-general.

It is an interesting and salient point. It is not, as Rohde promises in his subtitle, the "truth about America's 'deep state'." Although he insists at the start that "the institutional government is real", the author sheepishly admits in his concluding chapter that the truth about America's "deep state" is that it does not exist, or at least not in the sense that the phrase was first coined, describing the Turkish military's long-running hold on the state. The federal bureaucracy guards turf, connives for funding, and fights for political relevance, Rohde argues. It does not plot coups — at least not at home — or systematically work to undermine presidential policies.

In Deep is more a tour of the decades-long effort to square that most unsquareable of democratic challenges: how to run clandestine intelligence and security agencies in a system that is ostensibly accountable to the people. But even here, the author provides little clarity.

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Bombshell Lawsuit: CIA Covered Up 'Deep State Pedophile Ring'

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The CIA covered up evidence of a Deep State pedophile ring operating within its own agency, according to newly released documents.

The bombshell revelation was reported, surprisingly, by [BuzzFeed News](#), which obtained hundreds of internal CIA reports through Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) lawsuits. According to the documents, one of the 10 CIA staffers raped a two-year-old girl and admitted to raping a six-year-old on two occasions. The employee was fired but never criminally charged.

A second CIA agent purchased child rape videos which were recorded by the victims' mothers — an incident that led to his resignation, but no criminal charges. Another CIA officer was caught attempting to arrange sex with a child, who was actually an undercover FBI agent. His contact was revoked, but no criminal charges were filed.

[Rt.com](#) reports: The only CIA employee who was actually charged for child sex crimes was also under investigation for mishandling classified material, according to BuzzFeed. One unnamed former official told BuzzFeed that the CIA prefers to deal with incidents internally because employees who get charged with a crime "may inadvertently be forced to disclose sources and methods."

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Deep State: Did Justice, CIA And FBI Commit Crimes To Get Rid Of Trump?

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Deep State: It's now beyond any reasonable doubt that Obama administration minions launched an all-out effort to destroy, first, President Trump's presidential campaign and, when that failed, his presidency. The only question is, knowing the truth, will the Justice Department charge these people with crimes?

The whole concern over "Russian interference" with the 2016 election was little more than a smokescreen for a much wider effort to go after Donald Trump. And that's not us talking, but the New York Times. A Times report titled "F.B.I. Opened Inquiry into Whether Trump was Secretly Working on Behalf of Russia" shows that [the investigation into Donald Trump](#) for the non-crime of "collusion" with Russia's government began before the election. The inquiry aimed at stopping Trump — and not, really, at determining whether Russians interfered in our presidential election.

The actual investigation by the Justice Department and FBI began during the election campaign. Using half-baked and "unverifiable" intelligence about Trump's purported links to Russia, officials used the so-called Steele Dossier four separate times for FISA court approval to spy on the Trump campaign.

The Bogus Steele Dossier

The only problem is, the Steele Dossier didn't come from the FBI or Justice Department. It came from Fusion GPS, an opposition research group linked to the Democrats. And Hillary Clinton's campaign paid for it. "Obviously, the surveillance application targeted Carter Page," wrote Andrew McCarthy, a senior fellow at the National Review Institute and himself a former federal prosecutor. "But Page was just a side issue. The [dossier was principally about Trump](#) — not Page, not Paul Manafort, Michael Cohen, or other Trump associates referred to by Steele. The dossier's main allegation was that Trump was in an espionage conspiracy with Russia to swing the election to Trump, after which Trump would do Putin's bidding from the White House." So for all intents and purposes, the Deep State holdovers from the Obama administration were serving as an adjunct to Hillary Clinton's campaign. Early on in the investigation, CIA chief John Brennan [convened multi-agency meetings](#) about Trump. They included Peter Strzok, the head of the FBI's counter-intelligence, and James Clapper, national intelligence director under Obama, among others.

The premise of the meetings, again, was that Trump possibly colluded with the Russians to hack our election and might even be an agent of Russia.

Where's The Evidence?

Yet, as the Times itself admitted, virtually "no evidence" existed for such a charge. Such actions are illegal, an attempt by supposedly nonpartisan government employees to subvert the 2016 presidential election. Bureaucrats attempting to veto the legitimate will of the people. Ironically, these extra-legal machinations posed a far greater direct threat to our democracy than anything Trump allegedly did. And yet the perpetrators still walk free. They make hundreds of thousands of dollars on the lecture circuit and as talking heads on TV.

As the Times points out, even as he deepened his investigation into Trump on behalf of the Democratic Party, former FBI Director James Comey lied repeatedly to Trump about whether he was under investigation. He also leaked the contents of a private meeting with Trump in the White House to the media. The idea: Create doubts about Trump and sow the seeds of broader action by the Deep State against his presidency. For anyone still harboring any doubts: This was no vindictive political act. Trump had no real choice but to fire Comey.

Firing Comey

But as we know now, firing Comey didn't end Trump's problems. It multiplied them. Within days of Comey's firing in early May 2017, acting FBI Director Rod Rosenstein named Robert Mueller as special counsel to investigate the charges that Trump was, in essence, [a Russian agent](#). Still worse, they did it not because they had actual evidence — the [Clinton-financed Steele Dossier](#), remember, has never been verified — but because they didn't like Trump's foreign policy views, in particular on Russia and Vladimir Putin.

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At a time when Trump and his acolytes are at war with yet another group of government professionals — the federal health agencies — a deeply researched look at how the permanent bureaucracy operates in the age of an increasingly imperial presidency would be of great value. But this is not that book. Its biggest contribution to the debate over abuse of government authority are a handful of thumbnail biographies, most importantly that of William Barr, who first appears as a CIA recruit in the mid-1970s and reappears, Zelig-like, as a briefer for George HW Bush when he was nominated CIA director; as Bush's attorney-general in the 1990s; and again as attorney-general under Trump. Rather than the corporate lawyer and establishment Republican many once considered him, Barr emerges as a cultural warrior of the religious right and an early and vigorous advocate of unchecked presidential power. "What the two men have in common is a willingness to traffic in fear and aggrievement," Rohde says of the Barr-Trump axis. It is undoubtedly a potent combination. It is also one that could prove explosive for a nation headed to the polls in the midst of an economic and health catastrophe.

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Some of those taking part in this conspiracy actually discussed invoking the 25th Amendment. It allows for removal of a president who is "unable to discharge the powers and duties of the office." They had no basis for this, of course. But it was a weapon they could use. It begins to look like a silent coup, not an investigation.

We find ourselves in complete agreement with The Federalist's Senior Editor Mollie Hemingway. She wrote: "Using the completely lawful and constitutional firing of the bumbling Comey as pretext for opening a criminal investigation into the president is [a grand abuse of power by the FBI](#). Attempting to overtake the authority to determine U.S. foreign policy from the lawfully determined president of the United States is a violation of the U.S. Constitution."

Crimes Of The Deep State

Yes, these are crimes. And not minor ones. The real collusion, [it turns out, was by the FBI, the Justice Department, the CIA and the Hillary Clinton campaign](#). Not Trump and the Russians.

For many reasons, they all wanted Trump to lose the election. When he didn't oblige, they tried to remove him from office. It's still going on. The Democratic Party openly seeks to impeach Trump. Meanwhile, the Mueller investigation trundles on, with nothing so far to show for its efforts.

This was, as others have said before without exaggeration, a kind of silent coup. Top officials at the Justice Department, FBI and CIA, in cahoots with the Clinton campaign, used the extraordinary powers of the U.S. justice and intelligence agencies for purely political ends: to end the Trump presidency.

By the way, our own [IBD/TIPP Poll this month](#) shows Americans mostly believe that to be true. In the poll, 51% agreed the Mueller investigation is an attempt to delegitimize the 2016 election. And they're right about that.

With the House now in the hands of far-left Democrats, we can expect no calls for investigations of this egregious behavior. Justice should investigate these crimes and those who committed them. And start prosecuting.

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Introduction

Since the early 90s a group of military generals known as the Cartel de los Soles (Cartel of the Suns) has been involved in transporting and distributing inbound and outbound shipments of cocaine in Venezuela. The original Cartel de los Soles received its name in 1993 when two Anti-Drug National Guard generals were investigated for their involvement in the cocaine trade. As brigade commanders, each wore a single sun as insignia on their shoulder boards, and hence, were referred to as the "Cartel del Sol (singular)." The name was later changed to "Cartel de los Soles (plural)" as higher ranking generals with up to four sun insignias became involved in drug trafficking activities within Venezuela. [1] Today this group continues to play a key role in moving cocaine shipments both nationally and internationally, but fundamental differences in affiliation, rank structure and operational capacities set it apart from traditional cartels in the region and have led to speculation as why exactly the group is referred to as a "cartel" in its own right.

Affiliation

The Cartel de Los Soles is the only known drug organization in the region completely comprising military and government officials. In fact, Cartel de Los Soles leaders are involved in every realm of Venezuela's drug-trafficking structure, which makes them a criminal force to reckon with. Furthermore, their unique make-up of high-ranking officials offers them unique command and control posts at every major airport, checkpoint, and port where drugs shipments pass through. This is especially true in states including Apure, Zulia and Táchira, which all lie along Venezuela's shared border with Colombia. Cartel de Los Soles status within the Venezuelan military also affords it a heightened level of impunity and unrestricted use of government resources to run its business. [2] For example, military commanders have the authority to determine which shipments will be searched at checkpoints and are able to falsify documents such as IDs and paperwork so that shipments are able to pass through subsequent control points. All the while, subordinate soldiers are used to actually carry out the work needed to ensure that shipments arrive at their final destination. This was likely the case with a 1.3-ton shipment of cocaine that passed through 12 separate military checkpoints spanning 500 miles in Venezuela before being boarded onto an Air France flight bound for Paris in September 2013. Ten days later French authorities announced the record-breaking seizure, which quickly gained attention because of its size/value and the fact that the Venezuelan military was completely kept in the dark regarding the operation, given their alleged involvement with it. [3] Just as the Cartel de Los Soles, Mexican and Colombian drug cartels are known to work with corrupt military, police, and government officials at the highest levels, but the difference with the latter is that cartel leaders are not government-appointed officials. Instead, government employees at all levels are used by Mexican/Colombian cartel leaders to facilitate the movement of shipments and to ensure the organization is able to run its day-to-day operations without interference from authorities and other cartels. In many cities soldiers and police also serve as informants and provide cartel leadership with information regarding possible threats to the organization such as impending police/military operations or the arrival of adversaries.

Rank Structure

The rank structure of the Cartel de los Soles strictly comprises high-ranking military/government officials and is really a hybrid hierarchical organization when compared to other cartels in the region. For example, Mexican/Colombian cartels operate on a strict hierarchical structure, which is usually pyramid shaped with a clearly defined leader at the top, region plaza leaders directly underneath, lieutenants in the middle, and henchmen at the bottom. Orders come directly from top leaders, and while plaza leaders do have limited autonomy, they are not given free reign to run their section of the organization as they desire. Additionally, most, if not all high-ranking Mexican and Colombian cartel leaders are eventually identified by authorities and must use excessive financial resources and government connections to evade capture. In the case of the Cartel de Los Soles, government and military leaders run the actual organization and, at the same time, structure arrest warrants and create laws which directly benefit them. Diosdado Cabello, the National Assembly President of Venezuela, has been the leader of the organization since around 2006, and has been adept at changing the structure of the organization as it has evolved. [4] There is a hierarchy within the group, but it is not as strict as Mexican/Colombian organizations. Instead, it operates more like a horizontal hierarchy with multiple autonomous leaders. Power is also more evenly distributed as opposed to being nearly absolute, as in Mexican/Colombian organizations. This idea was confirmed by Leamsy Salazar, a protected witness in the US and the former Security Chief of Diosdado Cabello. Salazar stated that it was Cabello who had the last word on which government and military officials would receive appointments. Salazar further indicated that colonels and generals assigned to leadership positions were independently responsible for giving orders to their subordinates and that these orders were to be followed exactly and without questions. [5]

Operational Capacities

The Cartel de Los Soles is not responsible for producing drugs, setting prices, or restricting competition, as Mexican and Colombian cartels are. Hence, by referring to it as a cartel, one would assume that the group is responsible for setting the price of cocaine in the country, as, by definition, a cartel is an association of manufacturers or suppliers with the purpose of maintaining prices at a high level and restricting competition. However, this is not the case with the Cartel de los Soles. Instead, it is responsible for the transport of FARC (Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia) cocaine shipments through Venezuela to key hubs in Honduras, the Dominican Republic, and Suriname. This group also sends large-scale shipments from Africa into Europe. [6] In this sense, the Cartel de los Soles could be compared to transport groups hired to move drugs through Central America. Conversely, Colombian- and Mexican-based cartels are involved in virtually every step that is taken to produce, transport, ship, and set pricing of drugs.

When looking at the affiliation, rank structure and operational capacities of the Cartel de Los Soles, it becomes apparent that it operates differently than other organizations in the region. By definition alone, it does not meet the actual criteria for a cartel, but the reality is that it is actually much worse. One expects explicit criminality and corruption from drug cartels and there is the obvious assumption that drug trafficking cannot occur without the help of government officials in some capacity. In the case of the Cartel de Los Soles, high-ranking government officials run the drug-trafficking organization, which makes it nearly impossible to dismantle it. Only recently has international attention been brought to this organization, and it is difficult to determine what course of action it will take to lower its profile. What can be expected is that identified leaders will avoid international travel, given the arrests of alleged high-ranking Cartel de Los Soles officials in Aruba and the United States in 2014 (Hugo Carvajal, who was later sent back to Venezuela, and Benny Palmeri-Bacchi). However, it is not realistic to think that the Cartel de Los Soles will stop its trafficking activities any time soon, as there is simply too much to lose financially. International media are already hyper-critical of Venezuela, and one more government scandal is not likely to make officials step down. Instead, any further accusations will likely be dealt with by classifying identified parties as "rogue officials." Or, just maybe, the accused will be welcomed with open arms, as was the case with Carvajal, who has been praised by the Maduro government as a counterdrug hero responsible for the arrests of over 72 wanted drug lords.

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The group's name comes from the "sun" insignia of Venezuelan generals.	
Years active	1993–present
Territory	Venezuela
Leader(s)	Nicolás Maduro (alleged) Diosdado Cabello (alleged) Tareck El Aissami (suspected)
Activities	Drug trafficking, arms trafficking, money laundering
Allies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Venezuela FARC Sinaloa Cartel ELN Los Zetas Ex-Farc Mafia

Cartel de los Soles

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