

2012 BILDERBERG MEETINGS SPECIAL REPORT



By William P. Litynski

Includes Participant List, Photos of Participants, Protest Photos, Hotel Photos & More

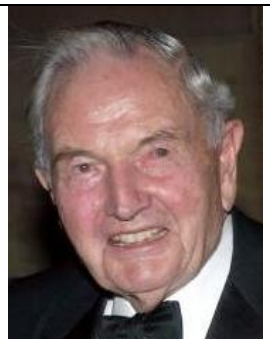
George W. Ball and David Rockefeller on the Bilderberg Meetings, in their own words



George W. Ball
Under Secretary of State
(1961-1966); Senior
Partner of Lehman
Brothers (1969-1982)

“As a result of this and later meetings, plans were made for our first session to be held at the Hotel Bilderberg at Oosterbeek, Holland. It was an old-fashioned summer hotel in a wooded park, and, concerned for the security of so many famous guests, the government had established a plainclothes guard behind every tree. Amused by such highly visible precautions, I told the Prince on the second day that I was going stir crazy; we then speculated on the chances of my getting out of the hotel and to the main road without getting shot. Thereafter, for twenty-seven years, our group met at least once a year at a quiet retreat (usually a tourist hotel off season) for two and a half days of serious discussion. In addition, there were small meetings of the Steering Committee, held until recently at Soestdijk Palace, Prince Bernard’s country home. Except during my years in the government, I was a member of the Steering Committee from the formation of the group until 1979. Then the Bilderberg founders turned it over to a younger group, although I remain an adviser. I have attended every Bilderberg meeting with one exception. **The Bilderberg meetings primarily concentrate on a single objective: to try to clear up abrasive problems and attitudes that could poison effective relations between America and Europe.** The meetings are attended by the members of a permanent steering committee of Europeans and Americans and by other men and women of achievement and competence specially invited on each occasion. Attendance is limited to roughly eighty persons. **Candor is assured by ground rules that forbid anyone to discuss the meetings except in the most general way or, in outside conversation, to attribute expressed views to any individual. At each meeting, there is a political and an economic problem to which the discussion is addressed.** All views are taken as individual expressions; no one speaks for his government, his political party, or any other organization. The real distinction of Bilderberg is not, however, its ground rules but the extraordinary quality of those who attend the meetings. There is hardly a major political figure from Europe or the United States who has not been invited at least once. Of the present or recent heads of government, Helmut Schmidt, the German Chancellor, has attended several times, and among others who have come one or more times have been Valery Giscard d’Estaing, Harold Wilson, James Callaghan, Edward Heath, Margaret Thatcher, Rene Plevin, Guy Mollet, Pierre Mendes-France, as well as Prince Philip, Denis Healey, Dean Rusk, Dean Acheson, Henry Kissinger, and Cyrus Vance...Bilderberg’s most valuable achievement has been to provide for the development of easy relations between individuals of disparate backgrounds, eating, drinking, walking – and constantly talking – together in isolated settings. When I joined the State Department in 1961, I was already well acquainted with most Western leaders. Some I knew particularly well, since we had been together at Bilderberg on more than one occasion.”

– George W. Ball, from his autobiography *The Past Has Another Pattern: Memoirs* (p. 105-106; published in 1982)



David Rockefeller
Chairman and CEO of
Chase Manhattan Bank
(1969-1981)

“If the Council on Foreign Relations raises the hackles of conspiracy theorists, **the Bilderberg meetings must induce apocalyptic visions of omnipotent international bankers plotting with unscrupulous government officials to impose cunning schemes on an ignorant and unsuspecting world.** At the risk of disappointing these conspiracy mongers, the truth is that Bilderberg is really an intensely interesting annual discussion group that debates issues of significance to both Europeans and North Americans – without reaching consensus. **Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands convened the first conference in May 1954 at the urging of Joseph Retinger,** a Pole of aristocratic origins who had served with British intelligence during World War II. Retinger, a dynamic and energetic man who spoke with a heavy accent and walked with a pronounced limp, was concerned about the tense relations within the Atlantic community. He persuaded Bernhard to convene a group of prominent individuals to discuss these matters. I was one of eleven Americans invited, and we joined fifty delegates from eleven Western European countries – a lively mosaic of politicians, businessmen, journalists, and trade unionists. I was surprised to have been invited in the first place and been more taken aback when Retinger asked me to prepare a background paper on prospects for the world economy from the American perspective...The conference had served a useful purpose, and the consensus was that we should meet again the following year under the continuing chairmanship of Prince Bernhard. We also decided to call the gathering “Bilderberg” after the hotel in Oosterbeek where we had first assembled.”

– David Rockefeller, from his autobiography *Memoirs* (p. 410-411, Chapter 27: Proud Internationalist; published in 2002)

2012 Bilderberg Meetings

Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A.; Thursday, May 31, 2012 – Sunday, June 3, 2012



The Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. is under tight security in anticipation of the beginning of the 2012 Bilderberg conference on Thursday, May 31, 2012. Police cars guard the main entrance, and security guards and police informed the media that anyone coming onto hotel property would be escorted off or arrested if they did not comply. The 2012 Bilderberg Meetings was held at the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A., located near Washington-Dulles International Airport & Manassas National Battlefield Park from Thursday, May 31, 2012 to Sunday, June 3, 2012. (Photo: Barbara L. Salisbury/[The Washington Times](#))



Two Fairfax County police officers stand in front of the main entrance road near the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. on Saturday, June 2, 2012 during the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings. (Photo: Brian D. Hill/ [USWGO Alternative News](#))

Security tighter than ever at Bilderberg conference

Secretive meeting only invites curiosity

By Ben Wolfgang, *The Washington Times*

Wednesday, May 30, 2012

[Chantilly's Westfields Marriott hotel](#) is the site of an “unprecedented” security crackdown as the world’s richest and most powerful arrive for the annual Bilderberg conference. Hundreds of demonstrators are expected to protest the highly secretive gathering, which kicks off Thursday and lasts through the weekend. The off-the-record meeting, well known in conspiracy lore but typically given little to no media attention each year, once again will bring together heads of state, billionaire bankers, leading businessmen and other international movers and shakers.

A perimeter of about a half-mile has been set up around the [Northern Virginia hotel](#), and all non-Bilderberg guests reportedly were kicked out of their rooms. A photographer for The Washington Times was told by law enforcement Wednesday that any attempt to get close to the building would result in arrest. Tight security is nothing new at the infamous meeting, but more press coverage in recent years - driven largely by social media and radio host [Alex Jones](#), among others - has led organizers to thicken the protective shell around the conference to new heights. And thus further feeding the rumor mill. “This year, it’s the biggest ever. The security is leveraged up big time. It’s unprecedented,” [Mr. Jones](#), one of the loudest Bilderberg critics, said in an interview Wednesday after he and his staff were told to remove themselves from the hotel or risk arrest.

But [Fairfax County police](#) say that some reports - including rumors on [Twitter](#) and elsewhere that law enforcement personnel have threatened would-be trespassers with machine guns - are being blown out of proportion. “Obviously, police officers carry guns. That’s part of the deal,” Officer Shelley Broderick, county police spokeswoman, told The Times. “Obviously, we’re aware of this [meeting]. We do have officers working with the hotel and the [Bilderberg] organization, just to make sure everything goes fine. We’re working to make sure everything goes OK.”

The official Bilderberg guest list is kept under wraps, as are the specific topics for discussion. Rumored to be at the top of the agenda this year is the European financial crisis.

Frequent attendees, including Henry A. Kissinger and David Rockefeller, are expected again. A copy of last year’s guest list, leaked to a journalist covering the conference, offers a window into just how much influence Bilderberg guests wield. Google Chairman Eric Schmidt, World Bank President Robert B. Zoellick, European Central Bank President Jean-Claude Trichet, Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands and Greek Minister of Finance George Papaconstantinou were reportedly among those in attendance at the 2011 meeting in Switzerland. Global business titans, government officials and political figures rounded out the guest list of more than 100, though skeptics suspect dozens of names, especially of high-profile individuals, are kept off of it.

The Bilderberg organization releases virtually no information about the meeting. Its website, [bilderbergmeetings.org](#), states that the yearly conference “is a small, flexible, informal and off-the-record international forum in which different viewpoints can be expressed and mutual understanding enhanced.” It goes on to explain that “at the meetings, no resolutions are proposed, no votes taken and no policy statements issued.” The conference gets its name from the first meeting in 1954 at the Bilderberg hotel in the Netherlands.

Critics say the organization’s benign description doesn’t come close to reality. It is at the Bilderberg’s annual meeting, they argue, that the world’s real rulers make major decisions with global implications, such as choosing future political leaders surreptitiously. Some say the group also is laying the groundwork for an eventual one-world government, for plans to impose worldwide population control, and for using such global issues as climate change to repeal democracy or free speech.

What is discussed behind closed doors this year likely will remain secret, but the sheer level of security and precautions taken to keep the conference below the radar has piqued public curiosity and concern, [Mr. Jones](#) said. “It’s all of this meeting in secret business. ... People know this stuff isn’t good,” he said.

Source: [The Washington Times](#)

Is Bilderberg a conference on world affairs or a powerful global cabal? Depends on who you ask.

By [Annie Gowen](#)

June 1, 2012, *The Washington Post*

A dull office park near Dulles International Airport took on the sheen of a Hollywood thriller this week, when an invitation-only cadre of global leaders gathered for a secretive meeting known as the Bilderberg conference. Henry Kissinger and Bill Gates were chauffeured in. Fairfax County police established a security perimeter around the Westfields Marriott and prohibited a Washington Post photographer from snapping pictures from a public street.

Outside the Jersey barriers, dozens of protesters and conspiracy theorists — convinced that Bilderberg is a global cabal that runs the world — waved signs and shouted into bullhorns. “Honk if you hate the new world order!” they blared, hooting at drivers passing by. Fairfax police have made three arrests for a variety of misdemeanor offenses, including obstruction of justice and disorderly conduct, a police spokesman said. “This is the true power structure, the shadow government,” said Shawn Flinchbaugh, 29. The machinist from York County, Pa., stood outside the conference center, clutching a handmade sign that read, “Bilderberg Scum.” “They say they don’t exist, but they do.”

According to its [Web site](#), the Bilderberg meeting was organized by leaders from Western Europe and North America in the early days of the Cold War, and it is named for the Dutch hotel where the first conclave was held in 1954. The current chairman of its steering committee is a French count. Participants include the neoconservative scholar Richard Perle, billionaire Peter Thiel, and financiers such as Roger Altman and Kenneth M. Jacobs, chairman and chief executive of Lazard.

About 120 people participate in “nearly three days of informal, off-the-record discussion about topics of current concern” in economics and foreign affairs, with the crisis in Syria, the euro zone and the U.S. presidential election probably taking center stage this time. Attendees are encouraged not to discuss the proceedings, which fuels the secrecy concerns. Many adopt a “Fight Club” approach to answering questions afterward. In other words, the first rule is, you do not talk about Bilderberg.

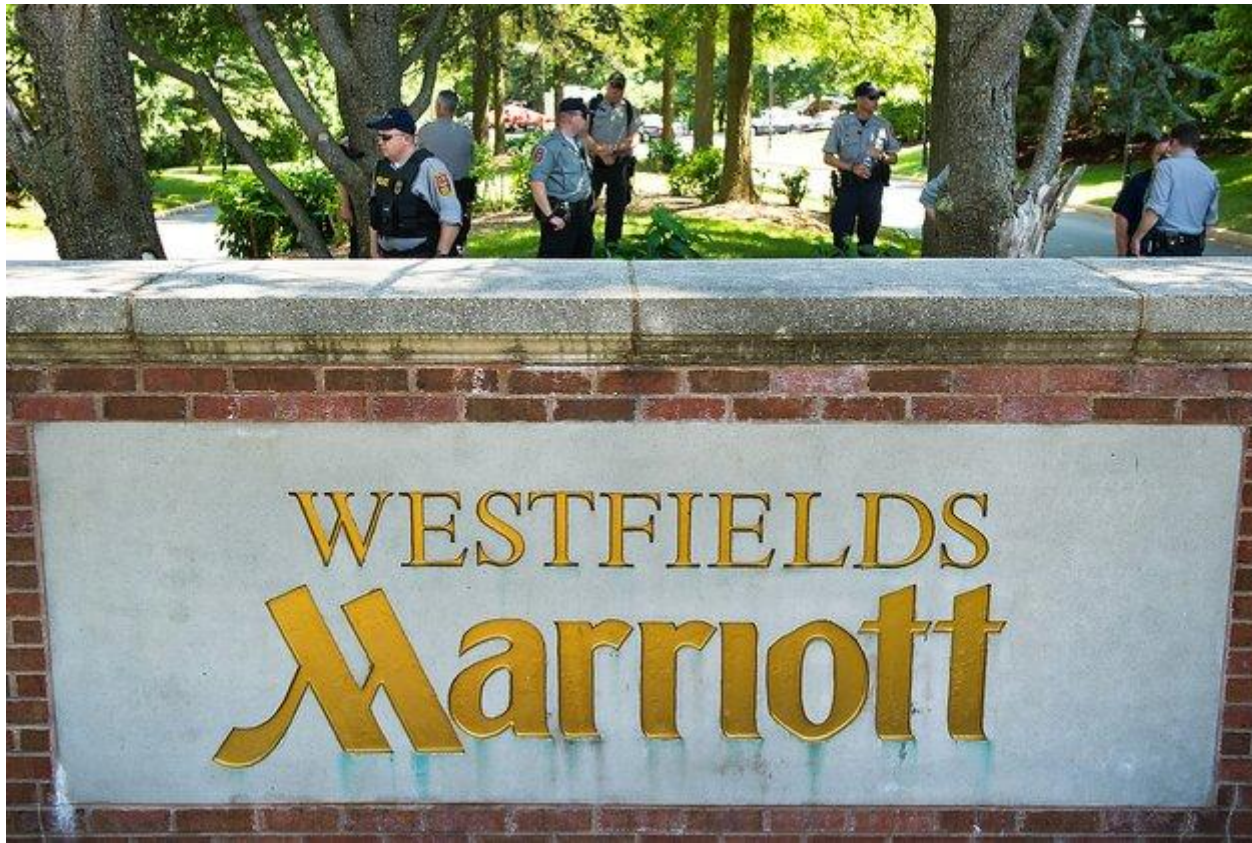
Over the years, conspiracy buffs have embraced notions such as the group is behind the creation of the euro and meets to select the winners and losers in the U.S. presidential election — or at least endorse the candidate’s vice presidential pick. A [speech by then-Sen. John Edwards \(D-N.C.\) during Bilderberg in 2004](#) helped cement his vice presidential bid.

Vin Weber, a Washington lobbyist and former Minnesota congressman who has been a presenter at Bilderberg twice, laughs at such talk. He recalled a vigorous disagreement over presidential politics at a Bilderberg meeting, with Barack Obama supporter James A. Johnson advocating for his guy and former Bill Clinton adviser Vernon Jordan speaking up for Hillary Clinton. “Everybody talks about this great conspiracy, but it’s really not. It’s fun to be able to talk about it,” said Weber, who is a Romney adviser.

So as the motorcades come and go, are they talking of [Marco Rubio](#)? “Yesterday I saw three billionaires. These are the kingmakers. Whoever we see here is likely to be the vice presidential candidate,” said Mike Peachman, 24, a linguist from New York. He was keeping an eye out for Indiana Gov. [Mitch Daniels](#) (R), a scheduled presenter sometimes mentioned as a Romney vice presidential pick. (Also on the invitation list was Donald E. Graham, chairman of the board and chief executive of The Washington Post Co.)

Every once in a while a van with tinted windows would drive through the gate, and the crowd of protesters would chant, “Scum, scum, scum!” as it sailed by. But then the sky darkened, and severe thunderstorms came sweeping through, ruining everything. The timing couldn’t have been more perfect if the Lords of Bilderberg had arranged it themselves.

Source: [The Washington Post](#)



Police officers stand guard at the entrance to the Westfields Marriott where the annual Bilderberg Conference is being held, Chantilly, Va., Thursday, May 31, 2012. The Bilderberg Conference is an annual meeting of highly influential people in private industry and public office from North America and Western Europe. (Andrew Harnik/[The Washington Times](#))

Queen Beatrix and Friends



Jorma Ollila
[Finland]
Chairman of Royal Dutch
Shell



Robert Dudley
[Great Britain]
Group Chief Executive, BP
plc (2010-present)



**Queen Beatrix of The
Netherlands**
(1980-present)



Robert B. Zoellick
President of The World Bank
(2007-2012)



Marcus Agius
Chairman, Barclays Bank
PLC [London]
(2007-present)

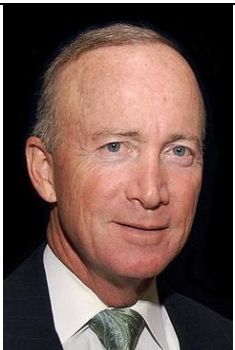


Kenneth M. Jacobs
Chairman and CEO of
Lazard [New York City]
(2009-present)



A protester walks past rows of temporary chain-link fence surrounding the property of the Westfields Marriott where the annual Bilderberg Conference is being held, Chantilly, Va., Thursday, May 31, 2012. The Bilderberg Conference is an annual meeting of highly influential people in private industry and public office from North America and Western Europe. (Andrew Harnik/[The Washington Times](#))

Henry Kissinger and Friends



Mitchell E. Daniels Jr.
Governor of Indiana
(2005-present)



John F. Kerry
U.S. Senator
(D-Mass., 1985-present)



Thomas E. Donilon
National Security Advisor
(2010-present)



Henry A. Kissinger
National Security Advisor
(1969-1975); U.S. Secretary
of State (1973-1977)



Pascal Lamy
Director-General of the
World Trade Organization
(2005-present)



Kenneth Clarke
Lord High Chancellor of
Great Britain (2010-present)



A man holds a sign as he and other protesters gather at the entrance to the Westfields Marriott where the annual Bilderberg Conference is being held, Chantilly, Virginia on Thursday, May 31, 2012. The Bilderberg Conference is an annual meeting of highly influential people in private industry and public office from North America and Western Europe.

(Andrew Harnik/[The Washington Times](#))

Donald Graham and Friends



John Micklethwait
[Great Britain]
Editor-in-Chief, *The Economist*



Peggy Noonan
Columnist for the *Wall Street Journal*



Donald E. Graham
[America]
Chairman and CEO of The Washington Post Co. (1993-present); Director of Facebook Inc.



Eric Schmidt
[America]
Chairman and CEO of Google Inc. (2001-present)



Risto Siilasmaa
[Finland]
Chairman of the Board, Nokia Corporation



Matthias Nass
[Germany]
Chief International Correspondent, *Die Zeit* [German newspaper]

Prominent 2012 Bilderberg Meetings Participants

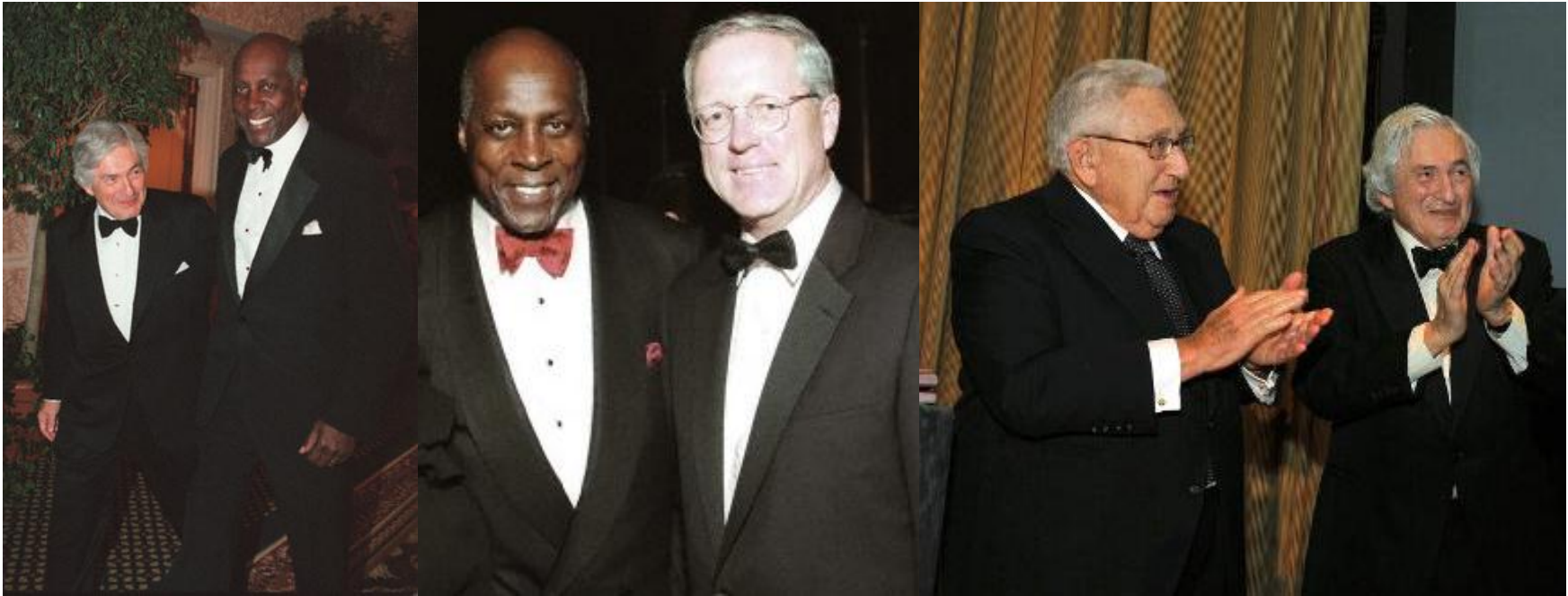


Left photo: Robert Dudley (left), CEO of British Petroleum (BP), and Jorma Ollila (right), Chairman of Royal Dutch Shell
Right photo: Pascal Lamy (left), Director-General of the World Trade Organization, and Robert Zoellick (right), President of the World Bank



Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., (r) senior managing director of Lazard Frères (the man who brought Clinton into the Bilderberg Group in 1991) with Jaco Elkann (l), vice chairman of Fiat.

Fiat Chairman John Elkann with former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger (left) and Vernon E. Jordan (right)



Left and center photos: Vernon E. Jordan with former World Bank president James Wolfensohn (left) and James A. Johnson (right)
Right photo: Henry Kissinger (left) and James Wolfensohn



Marie-Josée Kravis with Henry Kissinger (right, left photo) and her husband Henry Kravis (right, right photo)



European Commissioner Neelie Kroes (left) with European Commissioner Joaquin Almunia



Left photo: Henry Kissinger (left) and Robert Rubin



Right photo: Kenneth Clarke (left) and (Lord) Peter Mandelson



Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands (left) and Lord Chancellor Kenneth Clarke of Great Britain (right)



French businessman Henri de Castries (left), Chairman and CEO of AXA, and German banker Josef Ackermann (right), Chairman of Deutsche Bank AG



Police officers set up orange barriers as protesters gather at the entrance to the Westfields Marriott where the annual Bilderberg Conference is being held, Chantilly, Virginia on Thursday, May 31, 2012. The Bilderberg Conference is an annual meeting of highly influential people in private industry and public office from North America and Western Europe. (Andrew Harnik/[The Washington Times](#))

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Protesters scream at a car as it turns into the entrance to the Marriott Westfields where the annual Bilderberg Conference is being held, Chantilly, Virginia on Thursday, May 31, 2012. The Bilderberg Conference is an annual meeting of highly influential people in private industry and public office from North America and Western Europe. (Andrew Harnik/[The Washington Times](#))

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Protesters demonstrate at the entrance to the Westfields Marriott where the annual Bilderberg Conference is being held, Chantilly, Virginia on Thursday, May 31, 2012. The Bilderberg Conference is an annual meeting of highly influential people in private industry and public office from North America and Western Europe. (Andrew Harnik/[The Washington Times](#))

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NOVARTIS



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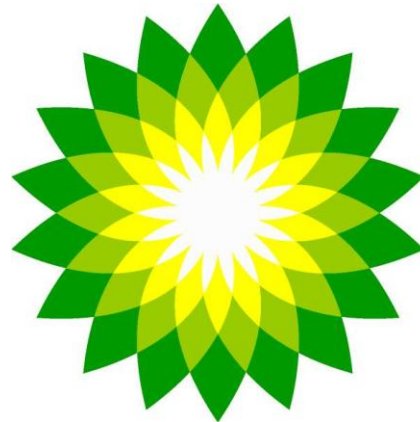
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SIEMENS



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Protesters, including radio talk show host Alex Jones (right, carrying a bullhorn), greet incoming Bilderberg Meetings participants in front of the entrance of the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia on Thursday, May 31, 2012. (Photo: [Flickr](#))

Demonstrators heckle Bilderberg attendees

Threaten jail, allege plans for re-education camps

By [Ben Wolfgang](#)

The Washington Times

Thursday, May 31, 2012

CHANTILLY — International power brokers arriving for the 2012 Bilderberg conference were treated to a rude welcoming by a raucous crowd of about 200 demonstrators Thursday afternoon. As black limousines and SUVs pulled into the secluded [Westfields Marriott Hotel](#), the site of this year's annual meeting of the world's richest and most influential, the protesters, many of whom wielded megaphones, shouted them down. Even hotel employees weren't immune. "Don't serve these criminals," one man shouted as members of the wait staff drove onto the hotel grounds.

The Bilderberg gathering, given its name after the first meeting at the [Netherlands' Bilderberg hotel](#) in 1954, is viewed in conspiracy lore as the central planning session for an eventual one-world government. The European debt crisis is rumored to be at the top of this year's Bilderberg agenda, but, among members of the crowd, opinions differed about what was being discussed inside.

"They're talking about Mitt Romney's running mate – and they're talking about setting up re-education camps for all of us," said [Ross Mullaney](#), 21, who drove to Northern Virginia from his home in New Hampshire. Like most of the other demonstrators, [Mr. Mullaney](#) said he was inspired to make the trek by the work of [Alex Jones](#), radio host and leading voice in American alternative media. An iconic figure among his listeners, [Mr. Jones](#) is also one of the loudest critics of the Bilderberg group. He led the tongue-lashing as [Henry Kissinger](#), [Google](#) Chairman [Eric Schmidt](#), [Goldman Sachs International](#) Chairman [Peter Sutherland](#), [World Trade Organization](#) Director-General [Pascal Lamy](#) and about 150 other Bilderberg attendees showed up for the meeting, which officially began Thursday afternoon and continues through the weekend. "You're going to prison, scumbags," he shouted at a dark limo with tinted windows as it slowly turned into the hotel, the entrances to which were closely guarded by dozens of [Fairfax County police](#) officers.

Demonstrators were kept confined to grassy areas outside the facility's main gate. While law enforcement was strict in keeping everyone away from the vehicles and off the hotel grounds, no one was arrested and there were no serious incidents, officers told *The Washington Times*. But police have also warned members of the press that anyone attempting to get into the hotel would be arrested. Guests, including [Mr. Jones](#) and his crew, were kicked out of the hotel before the conference began. Rumors were circulating among the crowd that federal law enforcement had set up machine-gun nests atop the hotel, though those reports couldn't be confirmed. Often mocked by the mainstream media, [Mr. Jones](#) and his listeners think that, inside the Westfields hotel, world leaders, bankers and business titans are plotting the death of democracy and the replacement of the U.S. government and those of other nations with a centralized global power structure. And they're willing to take extreme measures to combat it.

[Zac Bergholtz](#), a 21-year-old college student from Nashville, Tenn., said that after he began listening to [Mr. Jones](#) show, he grew concerned that medical vaccines given to his young son weren't designed to protect him at all. Like others in the crowd, he fears the medicines are meant to squelch brain power and make ordinary people easier to control by authorities. He's stopped giving his son, now almost 2 years old, any doctor-recommended vaccines. [Mr. Bergholtz](#) also said that the increased use of police and military drones is the first step in "taking the humanity out of the humans."

Bilderberg attendees appear to pay virtually no attention to [Mr. Jones](#), [Mr. Bergholtz](#) or the other protesters who show up like clockwork at the meeting each year, even when it's held in remote locations, such as last year's gathering in the Swiss Alps. The mysterious group releases little information about the conference, though it did on Thursday afternoon put out a list of this year's participants. Critics believe the list is by no means complete, and many high-profile persons — such as Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton — are present but intentionally left off the official roster. The full list is posted at [bilderbergmeetings.org](#).

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2012 Bilderberg Meetings: The Limousine Photos



Her Royal Majesty Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands is seen leaving the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings in a limousine in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. on Sunday, June 3, 2012. (Photo: Hannah Borno/[The Guardian](#))

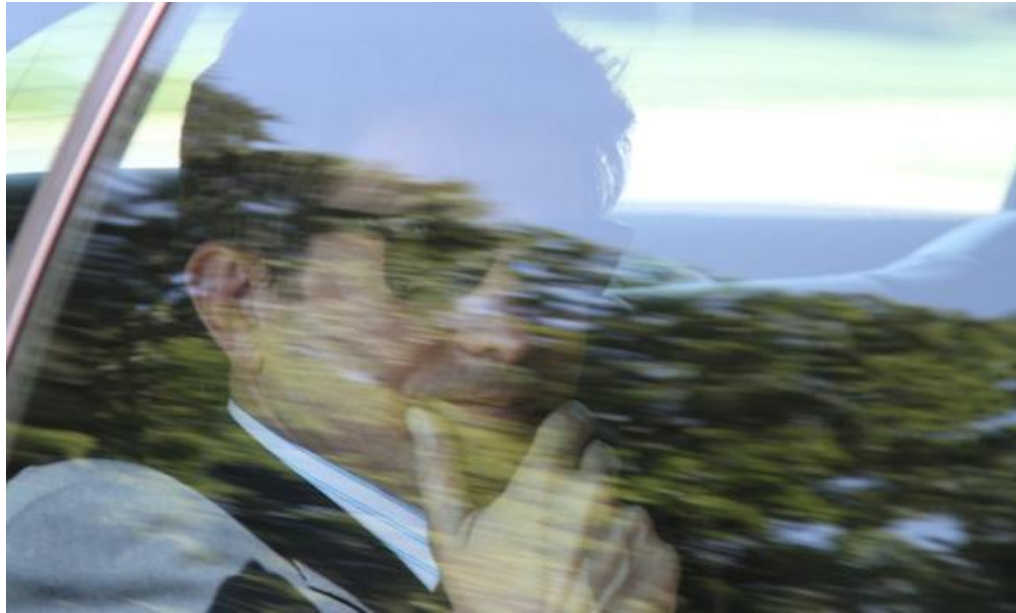




Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger is seen leaving the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings in a limousine in Chantilly, Virginia on Sunday, June 3, 2012.
(Photo: <http://www.prisonplanet.com/war-criminal-kissinger-pictured-leaving-bilderberg.html>)



British Lord Chancellor Kenneth Clarke is seen leaving the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings in a limousine in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. on Sunday, June 3, 2012.
(Photo: Charlie Skelton/[The Guardian](#))



Henri de Castries, Chairman and CEO of AXA (France), arrives at the Westfield Marriott in Chantilly, Virginia on Thursday, May 31, 2012 as he prepares to attend the exclusive Bilderberg Meetings. (Photo: Shepard Ambellas, © theintelhub.com/<http://theintelhub.com/2012/06/01/exclusive-photos-bilderberg-attendees-revealed/>)



Swedish investor Jacob Wallenberg and his wife arrive at the Westfield Marriott in Chantilly, Virginia on Thursday, May 31, 2012 as he prepares to attend the exclusive Bilderberg Meetings. (Photo: Shepard Ambellas, © theintelhub.com/<http://theintelhub.com/2012/06/01/exclusive-photos-bilderberg-attendees-revealed/>)



Josette Sheeran, the Vice Chairman of the World Economic Forum, arrives at the Westfield Marriott in Chantilly, Virginia on Thursday, May 31, 2012 as she prepares to attend the exclusive Bilderberg Meetings. (Photo: Shepard Ambellas, © theintelhub.com/<http://theintelhub.com/2012/06/01/exclusive-photos-bilderberg-attendees-revealed/>)



Alison Redford, the Premier of Alberta, Canada, arrives at the Westfield Marriott in Chantilly, Virginia on Thursday, May 31, 2012 as she prepares to attend the exclusive Bilderberg Meetings. (Photo: Shepard Ambellas, © theintelhub.com/<http://theintelhub.com/2012/06/01/exclusive-photos-bilderberg-attendees-revealed/>)



Kevin Warsh, visiting fellow at Stanford University's Hoover Institution and former Member of the Federal Reserve Board, arrives at the Westfield Marriott in Chantilly, Virginia on Thursday, May 31, 2012 as he prepares to attend the exclusive Bilderberg Meetings.

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Austan Goolsbee, former Chairman of Council of Economic Advisers under President Obama, arrives at the Westfield Marriott in Chantilly, Virginia on Thursday, May 31, 2012 as he prepares to attend the exclusive Bilderberg Meetings.

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Heather Reisman, founder and chief executive of Canadian retail chain Indigo Books and Music, arrives at the Westfield Marriott in Chantilly, Virginia on Thursday, May 31, 2012 as she prepares to attend the exclusive Bilderberg Meetings.

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Ying Fu, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Communist China, arrives at the Westfield Marriott in Chantilly, Virginia on Thursday, May 31, 2012 as she prepares to attend the exclusive Bilderberg Meetings.

(Photo: Hannah Borno/<http://theintelhub.com/2012/06/01/exclusive-photos-bilderberg-attendees-revealed/>)



Itamar Rabinovich, former Israeli Ambassador to the United States of America, arrives at the Westfield Marriott in Chantilly, Virginia on Thursday, May 31, 2012 as he prepares to attend the exclusive Bilderberg Meetings.

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Soraya Sáenz de Santamaría (seated in the rear passenger seat), the Vice President of Spain, arrives at the Westfield Marriott in Chantilly, Virginia on Thursday, May 31, 2012 as she prepares to attend the exclusive Bilderberg Meetings. (Photo: Hannah Borno/[The Guardian](#))



British Lord Chancellor Kenneth Clarke is seen leaving the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings in a limousine in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. on Sunday, June 3, 2012. (Photo: Charlie Skelton/The Guardian via Prisonplanet.com)



Wall Street financier Henry Kravis is seen riding in a limousine as he departs the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. on Sunday, June 3, 2012 following the conclusion of the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings. (Photo: Hannah Borno/The Guardian via Prisonplanet.com)



Harvard University history professor Niall Ferguson is seen riding in the back of a limousine during the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings held in Chantilly, Virginia. (Photo: We Are Change San Antonio via Prisonplanet.com)



Finns can only get better. Matti Apunen, the Director of Finnish Business and Policy Forum EVA, is seen riding in a limousine as he departs the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia on Sunday, June 3, 2012 following the conclusion of the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings. (Photo: Charlie Skelton/The Guardian via Prisonplanet.com)



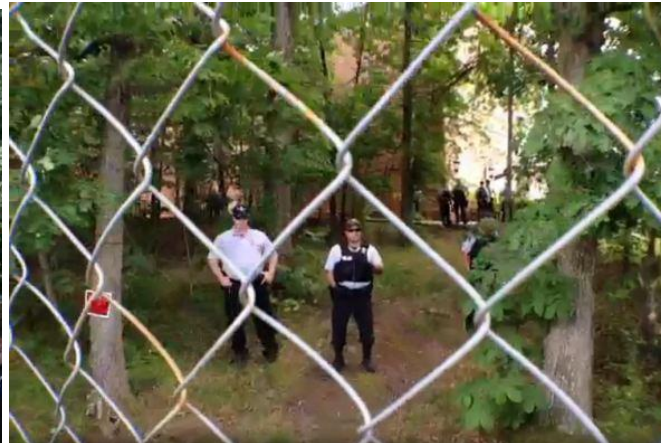
Irish businessman Peter Sutherland (left), chairman of Goldman Sachs International, chats with Paul Gallagher (right, wearing a hat), former Attorney General of Ireland, outside the Westfields Marriott Hotel during a break between sessions at the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings. (Photo: Hannah Borno via Prisonplanet.com)



Russian chess master and anti-Putin political activist Gary Kasparov is seen riding in a limousine in Chantilly, Virginia during the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings. (Photo: Hannah Borno/The Guardian via Prisonplanet.com)



Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger is seen leaving the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings in a limousine in Chantilly, Virginia on Sunday, June 3, 2012. (Photo: <http://www.prisonplanet.com/war-criminal-kissinger-pictured-leaving-bilderberg.html>)



(Left photo: Hannah Borno/The Guardian)

Bilderberg 2012: Ken Clarke's drive of shame

Britain's lord chancellor Ken Clarke looks a little weary as he makes a late appearance at a pleasantly chaotic Bilderberg



Red Ken: looking his best at Bilderberg 2012. (Photograph: Charlie Skelton)

Ken Clarke was the last man out. I'm not surprised he was late up. Britain's lord chancellor had the beery sheen and aspirin eyes of a man who'd found the closing banquet of [Bilderberg](#) 2012 more than usually chillaxing. He looks like he's been pulled through a hedge fund backwards. I'm not even sure he's wearing trousers. Poor Ken. It can't be easy for him, trying to reconcile being an MP, the minister for justice and a member of Bilderberg's steering committee. Imagine having interests so conflicted. No wonder if he's got a sweat on. Plus, he's trying his best to champion transparency, trumpeting it as "the most effective public inoculation against corruption that any country can have", while refusing to talk about the Bilderberg conference or any of the steering committee meetings. Back in 1994, Clarke thundered in parliament about "the desirability of greater transparency of decisions on monetary policy", but these days he's having to thrash it out in private with the heads of the major banks. What a nightmare.

Another tired face belonged to Bassma Kodmani, the head of foreign affairs for the Turkey-based Syrian National Council. She looks a sad little puppet. I'd have thought she'd look happier, having had the hawks of Bilderberg cluck around her for the weekend, planning her new country. It's no wonder they've taken Bassma under their wing. After all, she spent seven years at the Ford Foundation. She's "one of them".



Being handed power by a cartel of banks can be a tiring business. (Photograph: Carter Osmar)

Happier than Bassma is Karen Field, a satisfied protester from Baltimore. She befriended an insider from the venue and came away with the hot gossip from the conference. **A great deal of heavy flirting and some awkward lip dodging earned her this admission: “We had a load of the hotel staff gathered round a computer in the back office, watching [Alex Jones](#) – and they're all rooting for him.”** Grinning through gritted teeth at the banksters. It makes you wonder what ended up in the soup. No wonder Ken looks queasy.

As for the conference: “He told me that they don’t just all sit together in a big room – which is what I always thought – but they have tons of separate rooms and they split up for the meetings. The first ones are after 4.30 on Thursday.” Between meetings, says Karen's source, all the delegates talk about is “money, just money”. The source told her: “They don't tip, although four years ago he got \$20 from Henry Kissinger’s aide. This year, no one got anything.” Fair enough, there's a recession on. **Four years ago, Bilderberg was here at this same hotel. And according to Karen's leak: “In 2008 Queen Beatrix got the penthouse suite. This year, Kissinger got it.”** What better reward for a distinguished old man accused by some of war crimes?

Karen's flirty staffer is the biggest Bilderberg leak in a long while. **I picked up a couple of smaller tidbits myself. I was helping a cop move a security cordon near some trees, when he lowered his voice and casually let slip: “We don't support Bilderberg, trust me.”** And there’s what a hotel employee told me as he drove through the gates of the hotel. He lowered his window and beckoned me over. **“I want you to know that they call you people ‘cockroaches’. I work in the hotel and they asked me if those cockroaches were still out there. They meant you.”** That’s nice. A nearby live-streamer, Sky Adams, laughed when I told him, and said: **“Well, at least cockroaches are indestructible. They keep coming back.”** I'm sure the organisers of Bilderberg will be delighted to know that. As the last limousines purred off to their private jets, the admin team were lining up for a souvenir snapshot, when up strolled three fearless citizen journalists, cameras whirring, live streams streaming. Mayhem ensued:



Left photo: Poor old Queen of the Netherlands had to make do with a junior suite. (Photograph: Hannah Borno)

Right photo: Smile please for the cameras: the Bilderberg conference team enjoy the invigorating breeze of publicity. (Photograph: wearechange.org)

Shrieks, hands to the lens, various escortings from the premises. A lovely moment ruined. I almost feel sorry for them. No, wait ... I don't.

Source: [The Guardian](#)



Alex Jones, a radio talk show host from Austin, Texas, is seen yelling on a bullhorn while standing outside the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia during the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings on Saturday, June 2, 2012. (The black fabric attached to the chain-link fence was installed to conceal the view of the hotel. There are no windows in the meeting areas and ballrooms of the hotel.) (Photo: [Flickr](#))

2012 Bilderberg Meetings: Fairfax County (Virginia) Police Legacy Photos



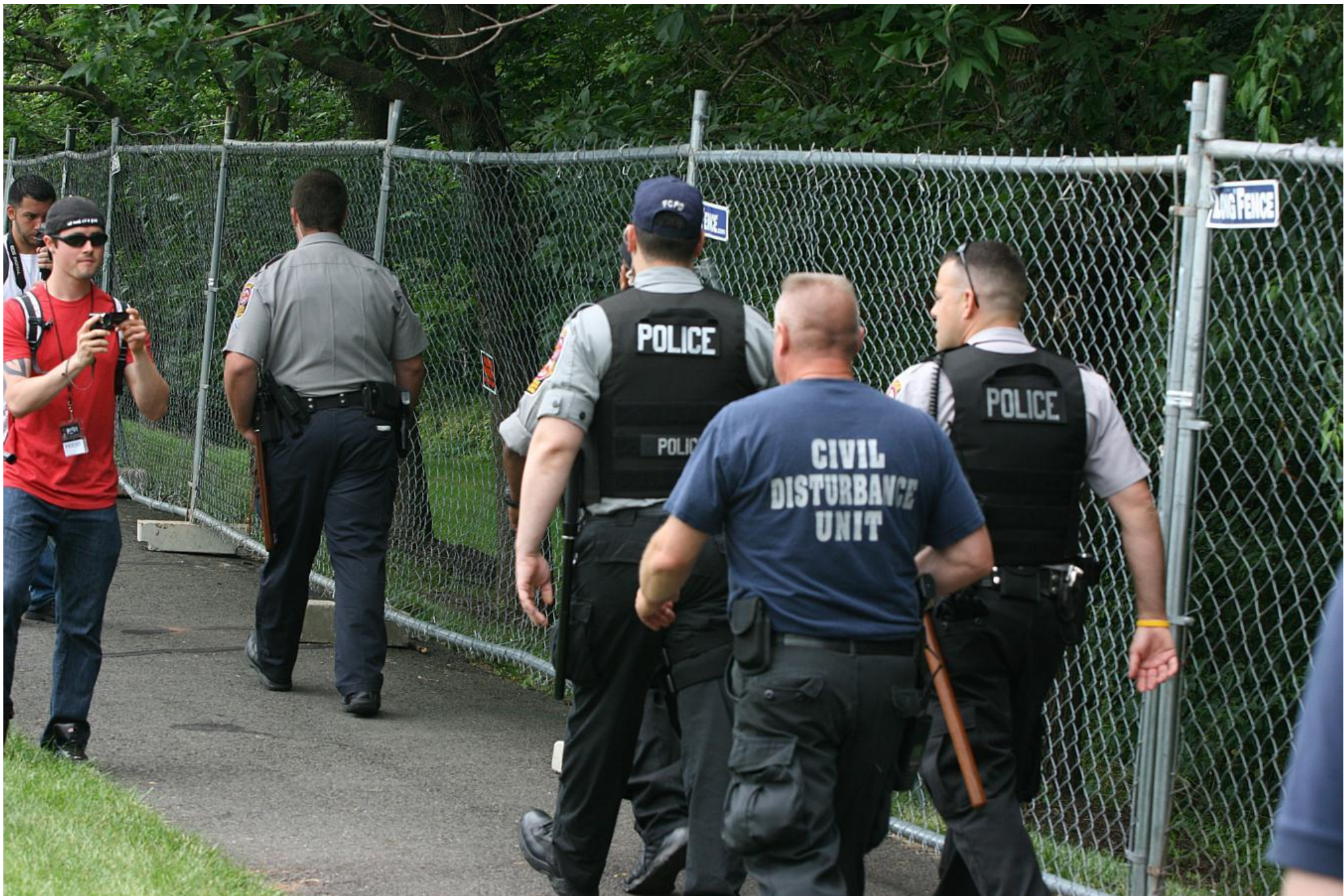
Map of Westfields Marriott Hotel and the surrounding area in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A.



Fairfax County police officers guard the entrance of the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia on May 31, 2012.
(Photo: <http://www.fairfaxunderground.com/forum/read/2/919088/922151.html>)



Hundreds of protesters appear on the sidewalk outside the premises of the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. on Friday, June 1, 2012 during the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings. (Photo: <http://cryptome.org/2012-info/bilderberg-2012/bilderberg-2012.htm>)



Fairfax County police officers appear on the sidewalk outside the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. on Friday, June 1, 2012 during the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings. (Photo: <http://cryptome.org/2012-info/bilderberg-2012/bilderberg-2012.htm>)



Fairfax County police officers walk toward a pizza delivery car that is parked on the side of a road outside the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. on Friday, June 1, 2012 during the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings. A protester was arrested seconds after the pizza delivery driver drove away.

(Photo: <http://cryptome.org/2012-info/bilderberg-2012/bilderberg-2012.htm>)



Fairfax County police officers warn a pizza delivery driver (carrying a black bag) to depart immediately as his pizza delivery car is parked on the road outside the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. on Friday, June 1, 2012 during the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings. A protester was arrested seconds after the pizza delivery driver drove away. (Photo: <http://cryptome.org/2012-info/bilderberg-2012/bilderberg-2012.htm>)

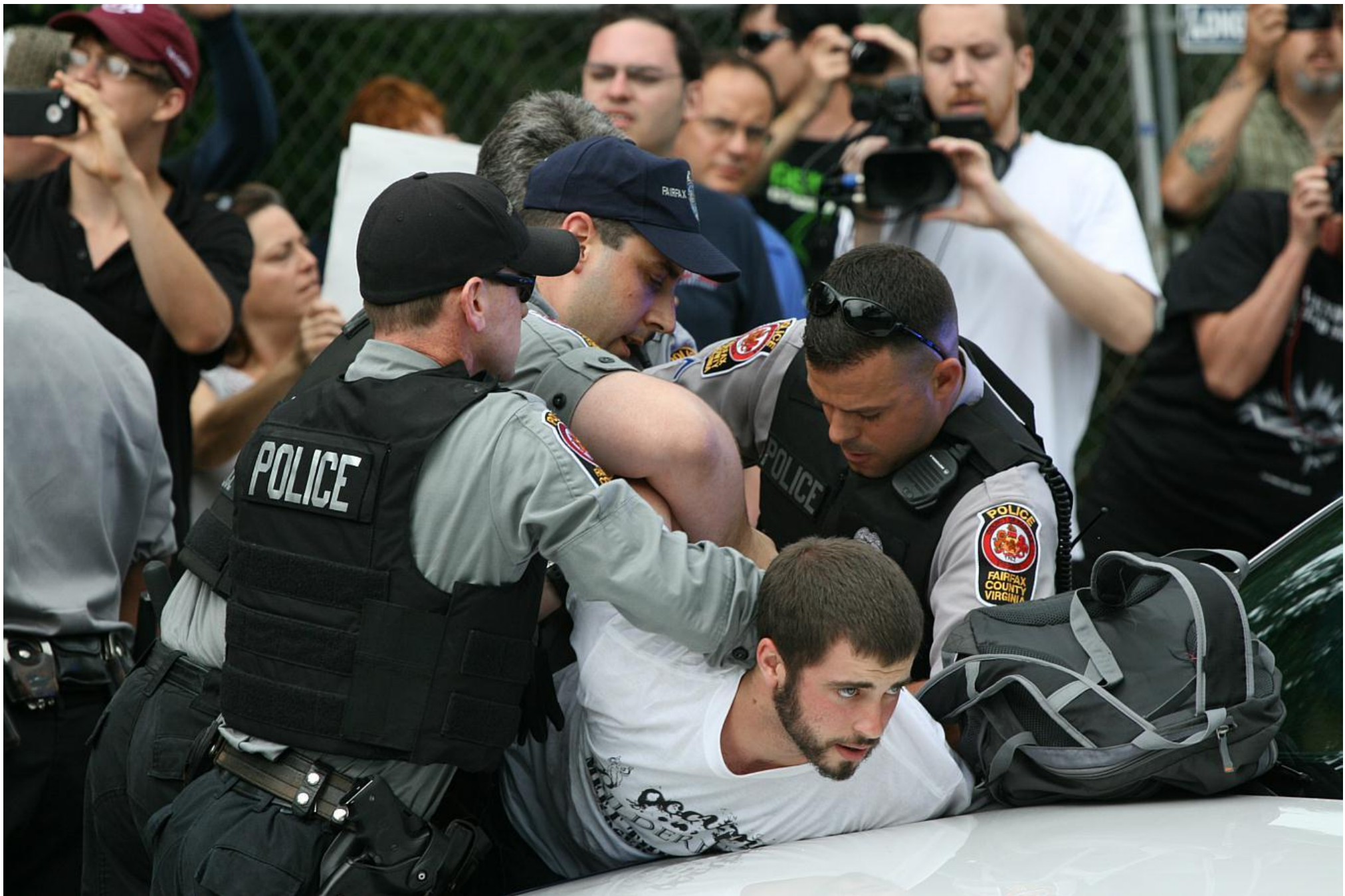


Fairfax County police officers kidnap an American citizen on a street outside the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. on Friday, June 1, 2012 during the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings. The young man wearing a white shirt was walking along the curb of the road and attempted to return to the sidewalk when police officers kidnapped him and escorted him to a nearby police car. Alex Jones (wearing sunglasses), a radio talk show host from Austin, Texas, is seen standing in the crowd, just behind a dark-skinned police officer. (Photo: <http://cryptome.org/2012-info/bilderberg-2012/bilderberg-2012.htm>)



Fairfax County police officers kidnap and assault an American citizen on a street outside the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. on Friday, June 1, 2012 during the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings. The protesters loudly condemned the kidnapping and arrest and denounced and ridiculed the police officers.

(Photo: <http://cryptome.org/2012-info/bilderberg-2012/bilderberg-2012.htm>)



Fairfax County police officers arrest an American citizen on a street outside the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. on Friday, June 1, 2012 during the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings. (Photo: <http://cryptome.org/2012-info/bilderberg-2012/bilderberg-2012.htm>)



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A group of Fairfax County police officers monitor the protesters who are protesting outside the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. on Friday, June 1, 2012 during the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings. Protesters were condemning police officers for kidnapping and arresting a protester who was attempting to reach the sidewalk after he was walking along the curb. (Photo: <http://cryptome.org/2012-info/bilderberg-2012/bilderberg-2012.htm>)



A group of Fairfax County police officers stand on the road outside the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. on Friday, June 1, 2012 during the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings. A protester who had just been arrested earlier is seated in the back of a police car.

(Photo: <http://cryptome.org/2012-info/bilderberg-2012/bilderberg-2012.htm>)



Fairfax County police officers kidnap an American citizen outside the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. on Friday, June 1, 2012 during the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings. (Photo: <http://cryptome.org/2012-info/bilderberg-2012/bilderberg-2012.htm>)



A police spy camera appears on the opposite side of the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. on Friday, June 1, 2012 during the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings. (Photo: <http://cryptome.org/2012-info/bilderberg-2012/bilderberg-2012.htm>)



A group of Fairfax County police officers guard the entrance of the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. on Friday, June 1, 2012 during the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings. (Photo: <http://cryptome.org/2012-info/bilderberg-2012/bilderberg-2012.htm>)



Fairfax County police officers guard the perimeter of Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia on Saturday June 2, 2012 during the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings. (Photo: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/n3tel/7332522190/in/photostream>)



Fairfax County police officers and security guards engage in a conversation at the main entrance of the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia on Saturday June 2, 2012 during the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings. (Photo: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/n3tel/7332518080/in/photostream>)



Fairfax County police officers and security guards stand at the main entrance of the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia on Saturday June 2, 2012 during the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings. (Photo: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/n3tel/7332499282/in/photostream>)



Fairfax County police officers and security guards stand at the main entrance of the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia on Saturday June 2, 2012 during the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings. (Photo: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/n3tel/7332494820/in/photostream/>)



A security guard appears in front of the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia on Saturday June 2, 2012 during the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings.
(Photo: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/n3tel/7332406744/in/photostream>)



A Fairfax County police officer monitors a group of protesters with a video camera while two other Fairfax County police officers monitor the protesters standing outside the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia on Saturday June 2, 2012 during the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings held at the Westfields Marriott Hotel. (Photo: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/n3tel/7332408558/in/photostream>)



A Fairfax County police officer monitors a group of protesters with a video camera while other Fairfax County police officers monitor the protesters standing outside the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia on Saturday June 2, 2012 during the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings held at the Westfields Marriott Hotel. (Photo: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/n3tel/7332422922/in/photostream>)



A protester wearing blue jeans and dark green shirt is seen walking on the curb while Fairfax County police officers are seen having a discussion outside the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia on Saturday June 2, 2012 during the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings held at the Westfields Marriott Hotel. The protester walking on the curb, who is a military veteran, was [arrested by the Fairfax County police on May 31, 2012](http://www.flickr.com/photos/n3tel/7332413252/in/photostream) for “jaywalking” with a video camera after he stepped in front of one of the Bilderberg limousines outside the hotel entrance in an attempt to videotape limousines entering the hotel; he was the first protester to be arrested that day. The protester was detained at the county jail, where he was given vaccination before being released from jail. (Photo: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/n3tel/7332413252/in/photostream>)



A Fairfax County police officer holds a baton while keeping an eye on the protesters standing outside the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia on Saturday June 2, 2012 during the third day of the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings. (Photo: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/n3tel/7332446278/in/photostream>)



Fairfax County police officers guard the main entrance of the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia on Sunday June 3, 2012 during the final day of the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings held at the Westfields Marriott Hotel. (Photo: [Flickr](#))

Photos of the Westfields Marriott [Washington Dulles] Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A.



An aerial photo of the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A., the site of the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings.

Notes:

The highway on the right is Stoncroft Boulevard; the highway near the top of the photo is Conference Center Drive.

The main entrance road is located on the **left** side of the photo; the service entrance road is located on the **right** side of the photo.

The Bilderberg Meetings in 2002 and 2008 were held at the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A.



An aerial photo of the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A., the site of the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings.

<http://cryptome.org/2012-info/bilderberg-2012/bilderberg-2012.htm>



The entrance of the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia (Photo: [Flickr](#))



Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A., the site of the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings (Photo: [Flickr](#))



Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A., the site of the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings



A view of the lobby inside the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A, where Bilderberg Meetings participants meet to discuss current events (Photo: [Flickr](#))



A luxury suite inside the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A., where Bilderberg Meetings participants stay during the meeting (Photo: [Flickr](#))

2012 Bilderberg Meetings – Final List of Participants



Henry A. Kissinger
U.S. Secretary of State
(1973-1977)



Queen Beatrix of The
Netherlands
(1980-present)



Peter D. Sutherland
[Ireland]
Chairman of British
Petroleum (1997-2009)



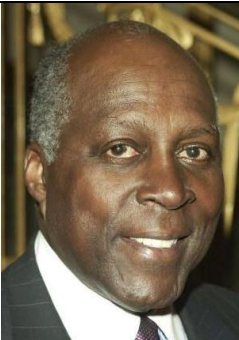
Victor Halberstadt
[Netherlands]
Professor of Economics at
Leiden University



Francisco Pinto Balsemao
Prime Minister of Portugal
(1981-1983)



Thierry de Montbrial
[France]
President, French Institute
for International Relations



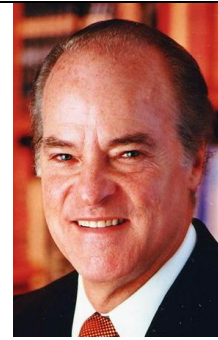
Vernon E. Jordan Jr.
Senior Managing Director,
Lazard



James D. Wolfensohn
President of the World Bank
(1995-2005)



Marie-Josée Kravis
Senior Fellow of Hudson
Institute, Inc.



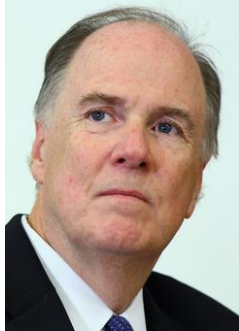
Henry R. Kravis
Founding Partner of
Kohlberg Kravis Roberts &
Co. [New York City]



James A. Johnson
Chairman and CEO of
Fannie Mae (1991-1998)



Jessica T. Mathews
President of Carnegie
Endowment for International
Peace (1997-present)



Thomas E. Donilon
National Security Advisor
(2010-present); General
Counsel of Fannie Mae
(1999-2005)



Richard N. Perle
Chairman of the Defense
Policy Board (2001-2003)



J. Martin Taylor
[Great Britain]
Chairman, Syngenta
International AG; Former
Chief Exec., Barclays PLC



Jorma Ollila
[Finland]
Chairman of Royal Dutch
Shell



Daniel L. Vasella
[Switzerland]
Chairman of the Board of
Novartis AG (1999-present);
**Director of PepsiCo (2002-
present)**



Jacob Wallenberg
[Sweden]
Chairman of Investor AB
(2005-present); **Director of
The Coca-Cola Co. (2008-
present)**

Bankers, Businessmen, and European Union Officials:



Robert B. Zoellick
President of The World Bank
(2007-2012)



Marcus Agius
[Great Britain]
Chairman, Barclays Bank
PLC (2007-present)



Douglas J. Flint
[Great Britain]
Group Chairman, HSBC
Holdings plc



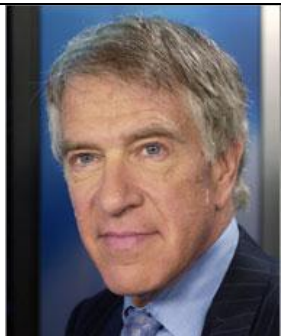
Kenneth M. Jacobs
[America]
Chairman and CEO of
Lazard
[bank in New York City]
(2009-present)



Rudolf Scholten
[Austria]
Member of the Board of
Executive Directors,
Oesterreichische
Kontrollbank AG



Josef Ackermann
[Germany]
Chairman, Deutsche Bank
AG



Roger C. Altman
Chairman of Evercore
Partners Inc.



Timothy C. Collins
Senior Managing Director
and CEO of Ripplewood
Holdings, LLC



Peter A. Thiel
President of Clarium Capital
Management; Co-Founder of
PayPal; Director of
Facebook Inc.



Steven Rattner
Managing Principal of
Quadrangle Group LLC



Eric Schmidt
Chairman and CEO of
Google Inc. (2001-present)



Donald E. Graham
Chairman and CEO of The
Washington Post Co.
(1993-present); Director of
Facebook Inc.



Pascal Lamy
Director-General of the
World Trade Organization
(2005-present)



Joaquin Almunia [Amann]
European Commissioner for
Competition (2010-present)



Neelie Kroes
European Commissioner for
Digital Agenda (2010-
present); European
Commissioner for
Competition (2004-2010)



Karel De Gucht
European Commissioner for
Trade (2010-present)



Josette Sheeran
Vice Chairman of the World
Economic Forum
(2012-present)



Robert E. Rubin
Co-Chairman of the Council
on Foreign Relations;
Secretary of the Treasury
(1995-1999)

European Powerbrokers:



Juan Luis Cebrian
[Spain]
CEO of PRISA



Franco Bernabe
[Italy]
Former Vice Chairman of
Rothschild Europe



Henri de Castries
[France]
Chairman and CEO, AXA
[French investment firm]



Peter Voser
[Switzerland]
CEO of Royal Dutch Shell
plc (2009-present)



Peter Loscher
[Germany]
Chairman of the Board of
Management, Siemens AG



John Elkann
[Italy]
Chairman, Fiat S.p.A.
[Italian auto company]



Klaus Kleinfeld
[Germany]
Chairman and CEO, Alcoa;
former President and CEO,
Siemens AG



Thomas Enders
[Germany]
CEO, Airbus SAS



Matthias Nass
[Germany]
Chief International
Correspondent, *Die Zeit*
[German newspaper]



Oscar Bronner
[Austria]
Publisher, *Der Standard*
Medienwelt [Austrian
newspaper]



Ulrik Federspiel
[Denmark]
Executive Vice President,
Haldor Topsøe A/S



Loukas Tsoukalis
[Greece]
President, Hellenic
Foundation for European
and Foreign Policy
(ELIAMEP)



Prince Philippe of Belgium



Kenneth Clarke
[Great Britain]
Lord High Chancellor of
Great Britain (2010-present);
Chancellor of the Exchequer
(1993-1997)



John Kerr
[Great Britain]
Member of the House of
Lords; Deputy Chairman,
Royal Dutch Shell plc



Peter Mandelson
[Great Britain]
Member, House of Lords;
European Commissioner for
Trade (2004-2008)



Paul Gallagher
[Ireland]
Attorney General of Ireland
(2007-2011)



Nicolas Baverez
[France]
Partner, Gibson, Dunn &
Crutcher LLP [Paris office]

Other American Participants:



Austan Goolsbee
Member (2009-2011) and
Chairman (2010-2011) of the
Council of Economic
Advisers



Peter R. Orszag
Director of the Office of
Management and Budget
(2009-2010); Vice Chairman
of Citigroup



Jon M. Huntsman, Jr.
U.S. Ambassador to
Communist China
(2009-2011)



William J. Lynn
Chairman and CEO, DRS
Technologies, Inc.; Deputy
U.S. Secretary of Defense
(2009-2011)



John P. Lipsky
First Deputy Managing
Director of International
Monetary Fund (2006-2011)



Kevin M. Warsh
Member, Federal Reserve
Board (2006-2011)



John F. Kerry
U.S. Senator
(D-Mass., 1985-present)



Mitchell E. Daniels Jr.
Governor of Indiana
(2005-present)



Gen. Keith B. Alexander
Director of National Security
Agency (2005-present)



Jerry I. Speyer
Chairman and Co-CEO,
Tishman Speyer



Andrew N. Liveris
Chairman and Chief
Executive Officer, The Dow
Chemical Company



Craig J. Mundie
Chief Research and Strategy
Officer for Microsoft Corp.
(2006-present)



Richard A. "Dick" Gephardt
U.S. Congressman
(D-Missouri, 1977-2005)



Dennis B. Ross
Counselor, Washington
Institute for Near East Policy



Cheng Li
[United States]
Director of Research and
Senior Fellow, John L.
Thornton China Center,
Brookings Institution



Daniel H. Yergin
Chairman, IHS Cambridge
Energy Research Associates



Charlie Rose
Journalist



Peggy Noonan
Columnist for the *Wall Street
Journal*

Other American and Canadian Participants:



Alison Redford
Premier of Alberta, Canada
(2011-present)



Frank McKenna
[Canada]
Former Canadian
Ambassador to the U.S.



Heather Reisman
[Canada]
President and CEO, Indigo
Books and Music Inc.



Mark J. Carney
[Canada]
Governor of the Bank of
Canada (2008-present)



W. Edmund Clark
[Canada]
President and CEO, TD
[Toronto-Dominion]
Bank Group (2002-present)



J. Robert S. Prichard
[Canada]
Chairman of the Board of
Bank of Montreal
(March 20, 2012-present)



Christopher DeMuth
Distinguished Fellow,
Hudson Institute; President
of American Enterprise
Institute (1986-2008)



J. Michael Evans
Vice Chairman, Global Head
of Growth Markets, Goldman
Sachs & Co. (2011-pres.)



Niall Ferguson
Laurence A. Tisch Professor
of History at Harvard
University



Alexander Karp
CEO, Palantir Technologies



Reid Hoffman
Co-founder and Executive
Chairman, LinkedIn



Fred Krupp
President of Environmental
Defense Fund



Kenneth B. Mehlman
Chairman of the Republican
National Committee
(2005-2007)



Alexander Karsner
Assistant U.S. Secretary of
Energy for Energy Efficiency
and Renewable Energy
(2006- 2008)



David Shambaugh
Director, China Policy
Program, George
Washington University



Britt Harris
CIO, Teacher Retirement
System of Texas



Fouad Ajami
Senior Fellow of The Hoover
Institution, Stanford
University



Kenneth S. Rogoff
Professor of Economics at
Harvard University

Other European Participants:



Mark Rutte
Prime Minister of the
Netherlands (2010-present)



Werner Faymann
Chancellor of Austria
(2008-present)



Jutta Urpilainen
Finance Minister of Finland
(2011-present)



Michael Noonan
Finance Minister of Ireland
(2011-present)



Jacek Rostowski
Finance Minister of Poland
(2007-present)



Ali Babacan
Deputy Prime Minister of
Turkey for Economic and
Financial Affairs
(2009-present)



Robert Dudley
[Great Britain]
Group Chief Executive, BP
plc (2010-present)



Jean-Dominique Senard
[France]
CEO, Michelin Group
(2011-present)



Risto Siilasmaa
[Finland]
Chairman of the Board,
Nokia Corporation



Paul Polman
[Netherlands]
CEO, Unilever PLC
(2009-present)



Willibald Cernko
[Austria]
CEO, UniCredit Bank Austria
AG



Fulvio Conti
[Italy]
CEO and General Manager,
Enel S.p.A.



Gideon Rachman
[Great Britain]
Chief Foreign Affairs
Commentator, *The Financial
Times*



Martin H. Wolf
[Great Britain]
Chief Economics
Commentator, *The Financial
Times*



John Micklethwait
[Great Britain]
Editor-in-Chief, *The
Economist*



Nicholas E.C. "Nick" Boles
[Great Britain]
Member of Parliament
(2010-present)



Pierre Vimont
Executive Secretary
General, European External
Action Service; French
Ambassador to the United
States (2007-2010)



Wolfgang Ischinger
Chairman, Munich Security
Conference; German
Ambassador to the United
States (2001-2006)

Other European Participants:



Erik Izraelewicz
[France]
CEO, Le Monde
[French newspaper]



Jeppe Christiansen
[Denmark]
CEO, Maj Invest
(2004-present)



Pietro Supino
[Switzerland]
Chairman and Publisher,
Tamedia AG (2007-present)



Wolfgang Reitzle
[Germany]
President & CEO, Linde AG



Luís Amado
Minister of Foreign Affairs of
Portugal (2006-2011);
Chairman, Banco
Internacional do Funchal
(BANIF)



Soraya Sáenz de
Santamaría Antón
[Spain]
Vice President and Minister
for the Presidency
(2011-present)



Enrico Letta
[Italy]
Deputy Leader, Democratic
Party (PD)



Christophe Béchu
[France]
Senator, and Chairman,
General Council of Maine-et-
Loire



Jürgen Trittin
[Germany]
Parliamentary Leader,
Alliance 90/The Greens



Alexander Pechtold
[Netherlands]
Parliamentary Leader,
Democrats '66 (D66)



Gunilla Carlsson
[Sweden]
Minister for International
Development Cooperation
(2006-present)



Anastasios Giannitsis
[Greece]
Former Minister of Interior



Roland Koch
[Germany]
CEO, Bilfinger Berger SE;
Minister-President of Hesse
(1999-2010)



Svein Richard Brandtzæg
[Norway]
President and CEO, Norsk
Hydro ASA [aluminum
company] (2009-present)



Johan H. Andresen
[Norway]
Owner and CEO, FERD



Dimitri Papalexopoulos
[Greece]
Managing Director, Titan
Cement Co.



Pierre André de Chalendar
[France]
Chairman and CEO, Saint-
Gobain [construction
materials] (2010-present)



Matti Apunen
[Finland]
Director, Finnish Business
and Policy Forum EVA

Other Participants:



Fu Ying
Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Communist China (2009-present); Communist Chinese Ambassador to Great Britain (2006-2009)



Huang Yiping
[Communist China]
Professor of Economics at Peking University



Bassma Kodmani
[Syria]
Member of the Executive Bureau and Head of Foreign Affairs, Syrian National Council



Itamar Rabinovich
Global Distinguished Professor at New York University; Israel Ambassador to the United States (1993-1996)



Ariel E. Levite
[Israel]
Nonresident Senior Associate, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace



Serpil Timuray
[Turkey]
CEO of Vodafone Turkey (2009-present)



Anatoly B. Chubais
CEO, OJSC RUSNANO; First Deputy Prime Minister of Russia (1997-1998)



Igor S. Ivanov
President, Russian International Affairs Council; Foreign Minister of Russia (1998-2004)



Garry Kasparov
Chairman, United Civil Front (of Russia); Russian chess grandmaster



Anousheh Karvar
[France]
Inspector, Inter-ministerial Audit and Evaluation Office for Social, Health, Employment and Labor Policies



E. Fuat Keyman
[Turkey]
Director, Istanbul Policy Center and Professor of International Relations, Sabanci University



Enis Berberoğlu
[Turkey]
Editor-in-Chief, Hürriyet Newspaper



Paul Scheffer
[Netherlands]
Professor of European Studies, Tilburg University



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[Spain]
Deputy Chairman and CEO, Caixabank



Jorge Moreira da Silva
[Portugal]
First Vice-President, Partido Social Democrata (PSD)



Jonas Bonnier
[Sweden]
President and CEO, Bonnier AB



Jacob Mchangama
[Denmark]
Director of Legal Affairs, Center for Political Studies (CEPOS)



Mustafa V. Koc
[Turkey]
Chairman, Koc Holdings A.S.

Other Participants:



Lilli Gruber
[Italy]
Journalist - Anchorwoman,
La 7 TV



Vendeline von Bredow
Rapporteur
[Great Britain]
Business Correspondent,
The Economist



Adrian D. Wooldridge
Rapporteurs
[Great Britain]
Foreign Correspondent,
The Economist

Bilderberg Truants: Prominent Bilderberg Meetings Participants who were Absent at the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings



David Rockefeller
Chairman and CEO of
Chase Manhattan Bank
(1969-1981)



Etienne Davignon
[Belgium]
Vice Chairman of Suez-
Tractebel



Queen Sofia of Spain
(1975-present)



Mario Monti
Prime Minister of Italy
(2011-present)



Carl Bildt
Foreign Minister of Sweden
(2006-present)



Jean-Claude Trichet
[France]
President of European
Central Bank (2003-2011)



Paul D. Wolfowitz
President of The World Bank
(2005-2007); Deputy Sec. of
Defense (2001-2005)



Martin S. Feldstein
President and CEO of
National Bureau of
Economic Research
(1977-1982, 1984-present)



Lawrence H. Summers
Secretary of the Treasury
(1999-2001); President of
Harvard Univ. (2001-2006)



George Osborne
[Great Britain]
Chancellor of the Exchequer
(2010-present)



James B. Steinberg
Deputy U.S. Secretary of
State (2009-2011)



Timothy F. Geithner
Secretary of the Treasury
(2009-present)

Bilderberg Meetings
Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A.; 31 May-3 June 2012
Final List of Participants

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FRA	Castries, Henri de	Chairman and CEO, AXA Group
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USA	Ajami, Fouad	Senior Fellow, The Hoover Institution, Stanford University
USA	Alexander, Keith B.	Commander, US Cyber Command; Director, National Security Agency
INT	Almunia, Joaquín	Vice-President - Commissioner for Competition, European Commission
USA	Altman, Roger C.	Chairman, Evercore Partners
PRT	Amado, Luís	Chairman, Banco Internacional do Funchal (BANIF)
NOR	Andresen, Johan H.	Owner and CEO, FERD
FIN	Apunen, Matti	Director, Finnish Business and Policy Forum EVA
TUR	Babacan, Ali	Deputy Prime Minister for Economic and Financial Affairs
PRT	Balsemão, Francisco Pinto	President and CEO, Impresa; Former Prime Minister
FRA	Baverez, Nicolas	Partner, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP
FRA	Béchu, Christophe	Senator, and Chairman, General Council of Maine-et-Loire
BEL	Belgium, H.R.H. Prince Philippe of	
TUR	Berberoğlu, Enis	Editor-in-Chief, Hürriyet Newspaper
ITA	Bernabè, Franco	Chairman and CEO, Telecom Italia
GBR	Boles, Nick	Member of Parliament
SWE	Bonnier, Jonas	President and CEO, Bonnier AB
NOR	Brandtzæg, Svein Richard	President and CEO, Norsk Hydro ASA
AUT	Bronner, Oscar	Publisher, Der Standard Medienwelt
SWE	Carlsson, Gunilla	Minister for International Development Cooperation
CAN	Carney, Mark J.	Governor, Bank of Canada
ESP	Cebrián, Juan Luis	CEO, PRISA; Chairman, El País
AUT	Cernko, Willibald	CEO, UniCredit Bank Austria AG
FRA	Chalendar, Pierre André de	Chairman and CEO, Saint-Gobain
DNK	Christiansen, Jeppe	CEO, Maj Invest
RUS	Chubais, Anatoly B.	CEO, OJSC RUSNANO
CAN	Clark, W. Edmund	Group President and CEO, TD Bank Group
GBR	Clarke, Kenneth	Member of Parliament, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of Justice
USA	Collins, Timothy C.	CEO and Senior Managing Director, Ripplewood Holdings, LLC
ITA	Conti, Fulvio	CEO and General Manager, Enel S.p.A.
USA	Daniels, Jr., Mitchell E.	Governor of Indiana
USA	DeMuth, Christopher	Distinguished Fellow, Hudson Institute

USA	Donilon, Thomas E.	National Security Advisor, The White House
GBR	Dudley, Robert	Group Chief Executive, BP plc
ITA	Elkann, John	Chairman, Fiat S.p.A.
DEU	Enders, Thomas	CEO, Airbus
USA	Evans, J. Michael	Vice Chairman, Global Head of Growth Markets, Goldman Sachs & Co.
AUT	Faymann, Werner	Federal Chancellor
DNK	Federspiel, Ulrik	Executive Vice President, Haldor Topsøe A/S
USA	Ferguson, Niall	Laurence A. Tisch Professor of History, Harvard University
GBR	Flint, Douglas J.	Group Chairman, HSBC Holdings plc
CHN	Fu, Ying	Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs
IRL	Gallagher, Paul	Former Attorney General; Senior Counsel
USA	Gephardt, Richard A.	President and CEO, Gephardt Group
GRC	Giannitsis, Anastasios	Former Minister of Interior; Professor of Development and International Economics, University of Athens
USA	Goolsbee, Austan D.	Professor of Economics, University of Chicago Booth School of Business
USA	Graham, Donald E.	Chairman and CEO, The Washington Post Company
ITA	Gruber, Lilli	Journalist - Anchorwoman, La 7 TV
INT	Gucht, Karel de	Commissioner for Trade, European Commission
NLD	Halberstadt, Victor	Professor of Economics, Leiden University; Former Honorary Secretary General of Bilderberg Meetings
USA	Harris, Britt	CIO, Teacher Retirement System of Texas
USA	Hoffman, Reid	Co-founder and Executive Chairman, LinkedIn
CHN	Huang, Yiping	Professor of Economics, China Center for Economic Research, Peking University
USA	Huntsman, Jr., Jon M.	Chairman, Huntsman Cancer Foundation
DEU	Ischinger, Wolfgang	Chairman, Munich Security Conference; Global Head Government Relations, Allianz SE
RUS	Ivanov, Igor S.	Associate member, Russian Academy of Science; President, Russian International Affairs Council
FRA	Izraelewicz, Erik	CEO, Le Monde
USA	Jacobs, Kenneth M.	Chairman and CEO, Lazard
USA	Johnson, James A.	Vice Chairman, Perseus, LLC
USA	Jordan, Jr., Vernon E.	Senior Managing Director, Lazard
USA	Karp, Alexander	CEO, Palantir Technologies
USA	Karsner, Alexander	Executive Chairman, Manifest Energy, Inc
FRA	Karvar, Anousheh	Inspector, Inter-ministerial Audit and Evaluation Office for Social, Health, Employment and Labor Policies
RUS	Kasparov, Garry	Chairman, United Civil Front (of Russia)
GBR	Kerr, John	Independent Member, House of Lords
USA	Kerry, John	Senator for Massachusetts
TUR	Keyman, E. Fuat	Director, Istanbul Policy Center and Professor of International Relations, Sabanci University
USA	Kissinger, Henry A.	Chairman, Kissinger Associates, Inc.
USA	Kleinfeld, Klaus	Chairman and CEO, Alcoa
TUR	Koç, Mustafa	Chairman, Koç Holding A.Ş.
DEU	Koch, Roland	CEO, Bilfinger Berger SE

INT	Kodmani, Bassma	Member of the Executive Bureau and Head of Foreign Affairs, Syrian National Council
USA	Kravis, Henry R.	Co-Chairman and Co-CEO, Kohlberg Kravis Roberts & Co.
USA	Kravis, Marie-Josée	Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute
INT	Kroes, Neelie	Vice President, European Commission; Commissioner for Digital Agenda
USA	Krupp, Fred	President, Environmental Defense Fund
INT	Lamy, Pascal	Director-General, World Trade Organization
ITA	Letta, Enrico	Deputy Leader, Democratic Party (PD)
ISR	Levite, Ariel E.	Nonresident Senior Associate, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
USA	Li, Cheng	Director of Research and Senior Fellow, John L. Thornton China Center, Brookings Institution
USA	Lipsky, John	Distinguished Visiting Scholar, Johns Hopkins University
USA	Liveris, Andrew N.	President, Chairman and CEO, The Dow Chemical Company
DEU	Löscher, Peter	President and CEO, Siemens AG
USA	Lynn, William J.	Chairman and CEO, DRS Technologies, Inc.
GBR	Mandelson, Peter	Member, House of Lords; Chairman, Global Counsel
USA	Mathews, Jessica T.	President, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
DEN	Mchangama, Jacob	Director of Legal Affairs, Center for Political Studies (CEPOS)
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PRT	Moreira da Silva, Jorge	First Vice-President, Partido Social Democrata (PSD)
USA	Mundie, Craig J.	Chief Research and Strategy Officer, Microsoft Corporation
DEU	Nass, Matthias	Chief International Correspondent, Die Zeit
NLD	Netherlands, H.M. the Queen of the	
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IRL	Noonan, Michael	Minister for Finance
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FIN	Ollila, Jorma	Chairman, Royal Dutch Shell, plc
USA	Orszag, Peter R.	Vice Chairman, Citigroup
GRC	Papalexopoulos, Dimitri	Managing Director, Titan Cement Co.
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NLD	Polman, Paul	CEO, Unilever PLC
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CAN	Reisman, Heather M.	CEO, Indigo Books & Music Inc.

DEU	Reitzle, Wolfgang	CEO & President, Linde AG
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USA	Rose, Charlie	Executive Editor and Anchor, Charlie Rose
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POL	Rostowski, Jacek	Minister of Finance
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NLD	Rutte, Mark	Prime Minister
ESP	Sáenz de Santamaría Antón, Soraya	Vice President and Minister for the Presidency
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DEU	Trittin, Jürgen	Parliamentary Leader, Alliance 90/The Greens
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INT	Vimont, Pierre	Executive Secretary General, European External Action Service
GBR	Voser, Peter	CEO, Royal Dutch Shell plc
SWE	Wallenberg, Jacob	Chairman, Investor AB
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GBR	Wolf, Martin H.	Chief Economics Commentator, The Financial Times
USA	Wolfensohn, James D.	Chairman and CEO, Wolfensohn and Company
CAN	Wright, Nigel S.	Chief of Staff, Office of the Prime Minister
USA	Yergin, Daniel	Chairman, IHS Cambridge Energy Research Associates
INT	Zoellick, Robert B.	President, The World Bank Group

Rapporteurs

GBR	Bredow, Vendeline von	Business Correspondent, The Economist
GBR	Wooldridge, Adrian D.	Foreign Correspondent, The Economist

Bilderberg Meetings [Press Release]

The 60th Bilderberg Meeting will be held in Chantilly, Virginia, USA from 31 May - 3 June 2012. The Conference will deal mainly with political, economic and societal issues like Transatlantic Relations, Evolution of the Political Landscape in Europe and the US, Austerity and Growth in Developed Economies, Cyber Security, Energy Challenges, the Future of Democracy, Russia, China and the Middle East. Approximately 145 participants will attend of whom about two-thirds come from Europe and the balance from North America and other countries. About one-third is from government and politics, and two-thirds are from finance, industry, labor, education, and communications. The meeting is private in order to encourage frank and open discussion. Bilderberg takes its name from the hotel in Holland, where the first meeting took place in May 1954. That pioneering meeting grew out of the concern expressed by leading citizens on both sides of the Atlantic that Western Europe and North America were not working together as closely as they should on common problems of critical importance. It was felt that regular, off-the-record discussions would help create a better understanding of the complex forces and major trends affecting Western nations in the difficult post-war period. The Cold War has now ended. But in practically all respects there are more, not fewer, common problems - from trade to jobs, from monetary policy to investment, from ecological challenges to the task of promoting international security. It is hard to think of any major issue in either Europe or North America whose unilateral solution would not have repercussions for the other. Thus the concept of a European-American forum has not been overtaken by time. The dialogue between these two regions is still – even increasingly – critical. What is unique about Bilderberg as a forum is the broad cross-section of leading citizens that are assembled for nearly three days of informal and off-the-record discussion about topics of current concern especially in the fields of foreign affairs and the international economy; the strong feeling among participants that in view of the differing attitudes and experiences of the Western nations, there remains a clear need to further develop an understanding in which these concerns can be accommodated; the privacy of the meetings, which has no purpose other than to allow participants to speak their minds openly and freely. In short, Bilderberg is a small, flexible, informal and off-the-record international forum in which different viewpoints can be expressed and mutual understanding enhanced. Bilderberg's only activity is its annual Conference. At the meetings, no resolutions are proposed, no votes taken, and no policy statements issued. Since 1954, fifty-nine conferences have been held. The names of the participants are made available to the press. Participants are chosen for their experience, their knowledge, and their standing; all participants attend Bilderberg in a private and not an official capacity. For further information refer to www.bilderbergmeetings.org. A list of participants is attached.

31 May 2012

Source: http://www.bilderbergmeetings.org/meeting_2012.html

2012 Bilderberg Meetings Agenda

The State of Trans-Atlantic Relations
Is Vigorous Economic Growth Attainable?
The Future of Democracy in the Developed World
The US Political Landscape
The European Political Landscape
A Conversation on US Foreign Policy
The Politics and Geo-Politics of Energy
Stability and Instability in the Middle East
Imbalances, Austerity and Growth
Sustainability of the Euro and its Consequences
What Does Putin 2.0 Mean?
What Can the West Do about Iran?
How Do Sovereign States Collaborate in Cyber Space
China's Economic and Political Outlook

Source: <http://www.bilderbergmeetings.org/conferences-10s.html>

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PRT	Balsemão, Francisco Pinto	President and CEO, IMPRESA; Former Prime Minister
FRA	Baverez, Nicolas	Partner, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP
ITA	Bernabè, Franco	Chairman and CEO, Telecom Italia
ESP	Cebrián, Juan Luis	CEO, PRISA; Chairman, El País
CAN	Clark, W. Edmund	President and CEO, TD Bank Group
GBR	Clarke, Kenneth	Member of Parliament, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of Justice
BEL	Davignon, Etienne	Minister of State
DEU	Enders, Thomas	CEO, Airbus
DNK	Federspiel, Ulrik	Executive Vice President, Haldor Topsøe A/S
NLD	Halberstadt, Victor	Professor of Public Economics, Leiden University
USA	Jacobs, Kenneth M.	Chairman and CEO, Lazard
USA	Johnson, James A.	Vice Chairman, Perseus, LLC
GBR	Kerr, John	Independent Member, House of Lords
USA	Kleinfeld, Klaus	Chairman and CEO, Alcoa
TUR	Koç, Mustafa V.	Chairman, Koç Holding A.S.
USA	Kravis, Marie-Josée	Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute
USA	Mathews, Jessica T.	President, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
ITA	Monti, Mario	Prime Minister and Minister of Economy and Finance
USA	Mundie, Craig J.	Chief Research and Strategy Officer, Microsoft Corporation
NOR	Myklebust, Egil	Former Chairman of the Board of Directors SAS, Norsk Hydro ASA
DEU	Nass, Matthias	Chief International Correspondent, Die Zeit
FIN	Ollila, Jorma	Chairman, Royal Dutch Shell plc
USA	Perle, Richard N.	Resident Fellow, American Enterprise Institute
CAN	Reisman, Heather	CEO, Indigo Books & Music Inc.
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USA	Thiel, Peter A.	President, Clarium Capital / Thiel Capital
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CHE	Vasella, Daniel L.	Chairman, Novartis AG
SWE	Wallenberg, Jacob	Chairman, Investor AB

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Governance

Bilderberg is governed by a Steering Committee which designates a Chairman; members are elected for a term of four years and can be re-elected. There are no other members of the Bilderberg conference. The Chair's main responsibilities are to chair the Steering Committee and to prepare with the Steering Committee the conference program, the selection of participants. He also makes suggestions to the Steering Committee regarding its composition. The Executive Secretary reports to the Chairman.

Source: <http://www.bilderbergmeetings.org/governance.html>

Travel Itinerary to the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings



Washington, D.C.-Dulles International Airport, located near Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A.

For individuals traveling by Greyhound Bus or Amtrak Train, upon arriving at the Greyhound Bus Terminal or Union Station (via Amtrak Train) in Washington, D.C., walk to the nearby Metro Center station, located at the Union Station (located near the U.S. Capitol).

How to reach Dulles Airport from the Metrorail system:

Board any Orange line train headed towards “Vienna/Fairfax/GMU.” Exit the train at the **West Falls Church station**, and follow the signs directing you to the Washington Flyer bus stop. Tickets can be purchased on the bus from the driver. All Washington Flyer buses departing this location go directly to the front door of the Main Terminal at Dulles Airport. (Source: <http://www.metwashairports.com/dulles/809.htm>)

How to connect to the Metrorail system from Dulles Airport:

Purchase a ticket (one-way or round-trip) at the Washington Flyer Coach ticket counter located at Arrivals Door #4 in the Main Terminal. Travelers will also board the Coach from this location. The buses depart approximately every 30 minutes but please listen for announcements for exact bus departure times. You may purchase a Metrorail fare card inside the train station at the West Falls Church Metro stop where you will board the train. Trains bound for “New Carrollton” will take you towards Downtown Washington, DC. (Source: <http://www.metwashairports.com/dulles/809.htm>)

Upon arriving at the Dulles International Airport, walk to the taxi lobby and request for a ride to Chantilly, Virginia.

- Legend**
- Red Line • Glenmont to Shady Grove
 - Orange Line • New Carrollton to Vienna/Fairfax-GMU
 - Blue Line • Franconia-Springfield to Largo Town Center
 - Green Line • Branch Avenue to Greenbelt
 - Yellow Line • Huntington to Fort Totten



Metro is accessible.

Washington, D.C. Metro System Map



A map of Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. (left), including the location (red marker) of Westfields Marriott Hotel.

The Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly is located west of Sully Road (Virginia State Route 28) and south of Mosby Highway (U.S. Highway 50) and nearby Dulles International Airport (located north of Mosby Highway and west of Sully Road). The Westfields Marriott Hotel [Washington Dulles] in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. is located 9 miles from Washington D.C.-Dulles International Airport and located 9.4 miles from Manassas National Battlefield Park, the site of the historical First (and Second) Battle of Bull Run (American Civil War battles).

Who: European and American Dignitaries led by H.R.M. Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands

What: 2012 Bilderberg Meetings

Where: Westfields Marriott [Washington Dulles] Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A.

When: May 31, 2012 (Thursday) – June 3, 2012 (Sunday)

Why: Private Discussion of Current Events

How: Arrival and departure by airplane and limousine via Washington-Dulles International Airport

Bilderberg Meetings: European Political Intrigue?

The Prince presides at the First Bilderberg Conference, Oosterbeek, 1954



Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands presides over the inaugural Bilderberg Meetings conference at Hotel de Bilderberg in Oosterbeek, Netherlands in May 1954. The inaugural Bilderberg Meetings were held from May 29-31, 1954, just three weeks after the Communist Vietnamese army defeated the French army at the **Battle of Dien Bien Phu**. The inaugural Bilderberg Meetings occurred during the ongoing Geneva Conference between France, America, and Communist (later North) Vietnam.



THE DUTCH ROYAL FAMILY ON THE BALCONY OF THEIR SUMMER CASTLE DURING BEN-GURION'S VISIT TO WEST EUROPE IN 1961.

David Ben-Gurion, the Prime Minister of Israel, visits Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands at a castle in the Netherlands in 1961. Prince Bernhard was the Chairman of the Bilderberg Meetings from 1954 to 1976. **When asked about his Nazi experience, Prince Bernhard replied: "We had a lot of fun." Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands was the co-founder of the Bilderberg Meetings, and he was a Nazi SS stormtrooper for a short time before World War II.** Nazi war criminal Adolf Eichmann was prosecuted in an Israeli court in 1961 for exterminating Jews in concentration camps during World War II. This photo was published in page 61 of the book *Days of David Ben Gurion*, a book edited by Ohad Zmora, Mordechai Barkai, Nahum Pundak, and Israel Stockmann (Grossman Publishers, New York, 1967).



Bilderberg Meetings participant George W. Ball (left) sits beside **Nazi German war criminal Albert Speer** during an interview at Duke of Holstein's castle [Schloss Glucksberg] in Germany in March 1971. George W. Ball attended the 1971 Bilderberg Meetings in Vermont [U.S.A.] in April 1971. This photo appears in page 254 of the book *The Past Has Another Pattern: Memoirs* by George W. Ball.

Debunking the Bilderberg Myth (A short message posted on Anti-Defamation League's website)

ADL has received inquiries about conspiracy theories regarding the Bilderberg group, a legitimate business entity with ties to Europe and America. The following information from the ADL's Civil Rights Information Center debunks a recurring myth, circulated via the Internet, that the group is part of a conspiracy to promote a "new world order" under their control. Deriving its name from the Dutch hotel where it first met in 1954, the Bilderberg group is an actual, legitimate entity whose members consist of approximately 100 influential European and American figures in politics, business and academia who meet annually to discuss and advocate political, diplomatic and economic policies. Various far-right extremists and conspiracy theorists, however, charge that the group is a shadowy force seeking to control world events, exerting allegedly dominating powers of international influence to promote a "new world order" under their control. The extremists claim that Presidential candidates of both major U.S. political parties are controlled by the Bilderberg group; among those often mentioned in such conspiracy-oriented propaganda are David Rockefeller, the Clintons and Henry Kissinger. Other Bilderberg leaders are said to be members of the Trilateral Commission and the Council on Foreign Relations -- groups which themselves are often central players in far-right conspiracy theories of secret efforts at domination of the world's political and financial institutions and the press. Such charges about the Bilderberg group were a regular feature in The Spotlight, the recently-defunct weekly tabloid of the far-right, anti-Semitic Liberty Lobby. (Source: [Anti-Defamation League](#))

“In the execution of such a plan nothing is more essential than that permanent, inveterate antipathies against particular Nations and passionate attachments for others should be excluded; and that in place of them just and amicable feelings towards all should be cultivated. **The Nation, which indulges towards another an habitual hatred, or an habitual fondness, is in some degree a slave. It is a slave to its animosity or to its affection, either of which is sufficient to lead it astray from its duty and its interest.** Antipathy in one Nation against another, disposes each more readily to offer insult and injury, to lay hold of slight causes of umbrage, and to be haughty and intractable, when accidental or trifling occasions of dispute occur. Hence frequent collisions, obstinate envenomed, and bloody contests. The Nation, prompted by ill will and resentment sometimes impels to War the Government, contrary to the best calculations of policy. The government sometimes participates in the national propensity, and adopts through passion what reason would reject; at other times, it makes the animosity of the Nation subservient to projects of hostility instigated by pride, ambition and other sinister and pernicious motives. The peace often, sometimes perhaps the Liberty, of Nations has been the victim. So, likewise, a passionate attachment of one Nation for another produces a variety of evils. **Sympathy for the favourite nation, facilitating the illusion of an imaginary common interest, in cases where no real common interest exists, and infusing into one the enmities of the other, betrays the former into a participation in the quarrels and Wars of the latter without adequate inducement or justification:** It leads also to concessions to the favourite Nation of privileges denied to others, which is apt doubly to injure the Nation making the concessions; by unnecessarily parting with what ought to have been retained; and by exciting jealousy, ill will, and a disposition to retaliate, in the parties from whom eq. privileges are withheld: **And it gives to ambitious, corrupted, or deluded citizens (who devote themselves to the favourite Nation) facility to betray, or sacrifice the interests of their own country, without odium, sometimes even with popularity;** gilding with the appearances of a virtuous sense of obligation a commendable deference for public opinion, or a laudable zeal for public good, the base or foolish compliances of ambition corruption or infatuation. As avenues to foreign influence in innumerable ways, such attachments are particularly alarming to the truly enlightened and independent Patriot. How many opportunities do they afford to tamper with domestic factions, to practice the arts of seduction, to mislead public opinion, to influence or awe the public Councils! Such an attachment of a small or weak, towards a great and powerful Nation, dooms the former to be the satellite of the latter. Against the insidious wiles of foreign influence (I conjure you to believe me fellow citizens) the jealousy of a free people ought to be *constantly* awake; since **history and experience prove that foreign influence is one of the most baneful foes of Republican Government.** But that jealousy to be useful must be impartial; else it becomes the instrument of the very influence to be avoided, instead of a defense against it. Excessive partiality for one foreign nation and excessive dislike of another, cause those whom they actuate to see danger only on one side, and serve to veil and even second the arts of influence on the other. Real Patriots, who may resist the intrigues of the favourite, are liable to become suspected and odious; while its tools and dupes usurp the applause and confidence of the people, to surrender their interests. **The Great rule of conduct for us, in regard to foreign Nations is in extending our commercial relations to have with them as little *political* connection as possible... Europe has a set of primary interests, which to us have none, or a very remote relation. Hence she must be engaged in frequent controversies, the causes of which are essentially foreign to our concerns. Hence therefore it must be unwise in us to implicate ourselves, by artificial ties, in the ordinary vicissitudes of her politics, or the ordinary combinations and collisions of her friendships, or enmities: Our detached and distant situation invites and enables us to pursue a different course. If we remain one People, under an efficient government, the period is not far off, when we may defy material injury from external annoyance; when we may take such an attitude as will cause the neutrality we may at any time resolve upon to be scrupulously respected; when belligerent nations, under the impossibility of making acquisitions upon us, will not lightly hazard the giving us provocation; when we may choose peace or war, as our interest guided by justice shall Counsel. Why forego the advantages of so peculiar a situation? **Why quit our own to stand upon foreign ground? Why, by interweaving our destiny with that of any part of Europe, entangle our peace and prosperity in the toils of European Ambition, Rivalship, Interest, Humour or Caprice? 'Tis our true policy to steer clear of permanent Alliances, with any portion of the foreign world.**”**

– George Washington, President of the United States of America, in his Farewell Address on September 19, 1796

Bilderberg: The Uberpowerful Global Elite Meet Behind Closed Doors in St. Moritz

By [Anne Fournier / Le Temps / Worldcrunch](#) Thursday, June 09, 2011



Hotel Suvretta in St. Moritz, the site of the Bilderberg annual meeting, according to local media, June 9, 2011 (Photo: Miro Kuzmanovic / Reuters)

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(ST. MORITZ) — Dominique Strauss-Kahn will not be stepping out of a limousine this year. That much is sure about this year's Bilderberg conference, which the former IMF chief, awaiting trial for his alleged sexual assault of a hotel maid in New York City, is said to have attended several times in the past. But little else is known about this secretly organized, unofficial meeting of some 100 powerful figures, slated to take place June 9 to 12 in a luxury hotel in the Grison station. Indeed, not even the dates of the gathering are confirmed.

The canton is to ensure the tranquility of its guests with the help of the federal security service. Two of its ministers will take part in some of the discussions. But the canton is not commenting on the measures in place or the cost of the operation. **(See pictures from Dominique Strauss-Kahn's legal battle.)**

The Bilderberg group is one of the world's most famous clubs. It gathers bankers, politicians, industrialists, media movers and shakers, scholars and billionaires in a different location each year, usually in Europe. All the attendees share one condition of membership: discretion.

Created in 1954 by Prince Bernhard of Holland in order to bring together European and American elites, this annual meeting is named after the hotel of the Dutch village Oosterbeek where it took place for the first time. Henry Kissinger, Helmut Schmidt, Gerhard Schröder, Daniek Vasella, the heads of Coca-Cola, Shell and Fiat and even the Queen of Holland are among the participants regularly mentioned. What do they do there? What do they want?

Decade after decade, the Bilderberg group has fueled all kinds of speculation. Multiplied on online forums, these hypotheses, sometimes denounced as conspiracy theories, spread the idea that a powerful minority is carrying out its plan for a new world order. The idea is that important political and economic decisions are being made behind closed doors, with no democratic control. With the Bilderberg conference bringing together important politicians from left and right, some rumors say the group recommends future heads of state. Bill Clinton, Lionel Jospin and even José Manuel Barroso were invited to join shortly before they came to power.

"The conspiracy theory is absurd," said the former federal counselor Pascal Couchepin, one of the Swiss politicians to have participated in these conferences. "We spend three days trying to better understand the world thanks to meetings that I would describe more as intellectual than political. We are away from any pressure." **(See pictures of world leaders on vacation.)**

Le Valaisan, invited "four or five times," mainly remembers fascinating discussions about French history or encounters with people like Olivier Roy, an expert on Islam. Another Swiss politician, Christoph Blocher, is usually skeptical about international collaboration but shares the same opinion. Invited to a meeting in Athens where he rubbed shoulders with the head of Coca-Cola, the King of Morocco's daughter and the Swedish Secretary of State Carl Bildt, he appreciated "the excellence of the orators and the frankness of the debate." A vestige of the Cold War, the only drawback of the meeting could be that the Chinese and the Russians are still missing.

But the St. Moritz conference does disturb certain representatives of the Swiss political party UDC. In March, the national counselor Dominique Baettig filed an interpellation cosigned by Oskar Freysinger and Yves Nidegger, among others, denouncing "sopra-national and non-transparent governance." The politician justifies his action: "This kind of gathering of powerful people of the globalized world goes against our principles of sovereignty."

Criticisms about circumventing democracy are especially sharp this year in the context of the Arab revolutions. Moreover, the cost to the Swiss taxpayer is being kept secret. The Federal Council answered that it was not part of its role "to pass judgment on information policy carried out in relation to private manifestations."

Much more exclusive than Davos

This exclusive version of the Davos World Economic Forum has already been held twice in Switzerland. It is organized by a steering committee of about 20 people, which now includes Josef Ackermann, CEO of Deutsche Bank, and Daniel Vasella, CEO of Novartis. Experts are invited along with the guests. Each participant has a limited speaking time, and the debates are graded to guarantee their quality. Another tacit condition is a command of the English language. **(See 50 remarkable years of Europe.)**

In the past few years, the mystery surrounding the Bilderberg group has faded slightly because of interest from journalists. Despite the confidentiality protecting it, the group publishes its discussion themes and the names of participants after the meeting online at www.bilderbergmeetings.org. But the defenders of the conspiracy theory who keep denouncing the "Illuminati" are still active.

"This conspiracy spirit is also due to an official authority crisis. It is no longer confined to the myth of the Jewish conspiracy, but it now touches all population categories", says Bruno Fay, journalist and author of a book on the "plot-crazy" who met the current Bilderberg director, the Belgian Etienne Davignon. Rather than making decisions, the Bilderberg meetings are a way to sound out opinions on current affairs, some say. "And the members are also asked to identify rising personalities in their country." **(See TIME's report on the World Economic Forum: Davos 2010.)**

Another custom evoked is the invitation of the President of the host country. The communication services of the president of the confederation say that "Micheline Calmy-Rey will not participate in the Bilderberg meeting which will take place next week in St. Moritz." For their part, the young socialists will be present behind the scenes of the meeting. For several weeks, they have called for a demonstration on June 11, in the main square of St. Moritz, to sign a manifesto in favor of greater democracy. Lukas Horrer, president of the Social Democratic Party's youth organization Grison Jusos, explains: "We don't agree with the conspiracy theory. We just want to remind people that democracy has to prevail in the economic world."

Source: [Time Magazine](#)

The Nation: Conspiracy Theorists Unite; A Secret Conference Thought to Rule the World

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SINCE its first meeting 50 years ago, the Bilderberg conference, a secretive gathering of global power brokers, has inspired layer upon layer of conspiracy theories, which it has done little to dispute. Over the years, the deeds laid at the conference's devious door have included the creation of the European Union, the invasion of Iraq and the bombing of Serbia -- all to service its most cherished goal: the creation of a world government. The conspiracy theories bubbled to the surface anew last week, after it was reported that a well-received speech by Senator John Edwards at the conference last month in Stresa, Italy, was one reason for his selection as John Kerry's vice-presidential running mate.

Is the Bilderberg confab now molding domestic American policy? Roughly 130 delegates attend the invitation-only annual gatherings, named for the Dutch hotel where the first Bilderberg conference was held in May 1954, to debate issues surrounding the cold war. The meetings are hardly a monument to transparency. The hotels involved are usually closed off to other guests. Unlike the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, journalists are not invited to cover it -- although a few attend as participants -- and all delegates promise to keep quiet about what they hear and say.

"They do not have to sign anything, but they understand that they do not talk," said Maja Banck-Polderman, the organization's executive secretary. In a telephone interview, she said she was the only employee at the Bilderberg administrative office in Leiden, the Netherlands. Secrecy understandings aside, prying details loose about Mr. Edwards's appearance was not difficult so long as the chattering chieftains were not identified.

Mr. Edwards, several said, joined Ralph Reed, the Republican strategist, in giving a presentation on the American election. After Mr. Reed spoke about how Mr. Kerry was vulnerable on "values," Mr. Edwards presented a characteristically positive case for Mr. Kerry's election, focusing on the insecurity of American workers that persists even when economic statistics turn north. Two Democrats in the room said Mr. Edwards sparked a rule-breaking round of applause when he finished, though a nonpartisan witness did not recall such an ovation. "He spoke with great passion, in a meeting that is usually rather dry," said the nonpartisan veteran attendee. "He was able to make it a cross between his stump speech and an intimate conversation in a small room."

The group's meetings, Ms. Banck-Polderman said, are financed by corporate sponsors in the host countries and are regularly attended by tycoons, politicians and diplomats in Europe and the United States, including Henry A. Kissinger, the former secretary of state, and Richard N. Perle, the former head of the Defense Policy Board. This year's list also included Richard C. Holbrooke, the former United States ambassador to the United Nations, and, of course, Senator Edwards. The guest list and membership would more or less overlap with the "Wanted" posters of anti-globalization protesters. Indeed, one former participant, Will Hutton, a British journalist and economist, has been widely quoted calling the Bilderberg set the "high priests of globalization."

Former participants have generally played down the conspiracy theories, saying the secrecy is merely designed to foster a climate of open debate, allowing participants to speak their minds freely. But critics of the Bilderberg conference argue that while it may not make formal decisions, it sets a consensus that spreads among business and political elites, molding the global agenda. Some argue, for instance, that the first intimations of American determination to wage war in Iraq came from a Bilderberg gathering in 2002.

"What I call for is more openness in what they do," said Tony Gosling, a British researcher and former journalist who has followed the Bilderberg meetings and believes they are designed to unite opinion around major, global ideas. "I don't think the participants should be sworn to secrecy," he said in a telephone interview from Bristol, England. "I think that a forum where so many rich and powerful people meet should be open to public scrutiny."

Whatever else, the selection of Mr. Edwards as Mr. Kerry's running mate seems to show that the Bilderberg delegates have an eye for a contender. But Democrats please note: they do not always back the winner. This year's delegates list showed that Giulio Tremonti attended as Italy's minister of economy and finance: four weeks later, he resigned in a political dispute -- perhaps not the best of omens for Senator Edwards.

Source: [The New York Times](#)

The Bilderberg "Blackout"

The press corps' noncoverage of that weekend conference in Chantilly, Va.

By Jack Shafer

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About this time each year, the Bilderberg group convenes a weekend conference in a hotel or resort somewhere in North America or Europe in which 120 or so billionaires, bankers, politicians, industrialists, scholars, government officials, influentials from labor and education, and journalists assemble to discuss world affairs in private.

This year, the 56th Bilderberg meeting took place over the weekend at the Westfields Marriott in Chantilly, Va., seven miles from Washington Dulles International Airport. As in previous years, Bilderberg critics are berating the mainstream press for observing a "[blackout](#)" of a group they believe directs a secret, shadow government.

The critics claim that Bilderberg grooms future American presidents and future British prime ministers, pointing to [Bill Clinton](#)'s attendance in 1991 and [Tony Blair](#)'s in 1993. *Time* magazine reported in 2004 that John Edwards impressed attendees at the Bilderberg session in Italy, after which John Kerry asked him to join his presidential ticket.

According to the 1980 [book](#) *Trilateralism: The Trilateral Commission and Elite Planning for World Management*, President Dwight D. Eisenhower was enthusiastic about sending staffers to Bilderberg, President John F. Kennedy drew heavily from Bilderberg alumni—Dean Rusk, George W. Ball, George McGhee, Walter Rostow, Arthur Dean, and Paul Nitze—to staff his administration, and many Carter administration officials had attended the retreat.

According to a [list](#) published by one critic, the attendees of Bilderberg 2008 include Henry Kissinger, Ben S. Bernanke, David Rockefeller, Vin Weber, Henry Kravis, Robert B. Zoellick, Donald Graham, Vernon Jordan, Charlie Rose, and their equals from Europe. [Protestors](#) staked out the elite at the hotel's entrance and recorded "surveillance" videos [inside](#) and [outside](#) the minimum-security facility before the event commenced.

About this much the Bilderberg critics are right: The mainstream media ignored Bilderberg 2008. According to Nexis, [Wonkette](#) and [Raw Story](#) noted the event and the critics' objections on the Web. A simple Web search produces Bilderberg detractors [Alex Jones](#) and [Jim Tucker](#) sounding their alarms.

And about this, too, the Bilderberg critics are right: The meeting of 120 prominent world figures probably constitutes some kind of news. Yet to be fair to the mainstream press, it's tough to report from a private gathering locked down tight by professional security.

Bilderberg organizers expect participants to keep the weekend's discussions off-the-record, stating in a [press release](#) this year that "the privacy of the meetings has no purpose other than to allow participants to speak their minds openly and freely." Bilderberg isn't the only international group that asks participants to zip their lips. The United Kingdom's Chatham House enshrined such a [rule](#) back in 1927, and similar requirements apply at some Council on Foreign Relations and Aspen Strategy Group meetings, just to name a few. Private groups meet in almost every town in the world for confidential chats. It's the way of the world. Bilderberger gab does occasionally leak, as with John Edwards' 2004 talk, but the poshes and powerful generally zip their lips.

What do you suppose would result if, say, the *Washington Post* had assigned a reporter to Chantilly's luminary jamboree? The Associated Press sent a reporter to cover the 1978 Bilderberger session in Princeton, N.J., but all he filed was a scene piece describing "men in gray suits and sunglasses" chasing him away from the "off limits" grounds of the Henry Chauncey Conference Center. From that dispatch (by Steve Hindy):

Kissinger casually strolled around a small manmade pond Saturday, coming within a few feet of the road leading into the complex.

He circled the pond twice, first with a gray-haired pipe-smoking man and then with a younger man. Kissinger appeared grave and attentive while the men talked of things like "range limitations."

Kissinger looked annoyed and declined comment when approached by a reporter.

One of two Secret Service agents trailing the former secretary nodded sympathetically saying, "You've got to give it your best shot."

And yet the "mainstream press" can hardly be accused of blacking out Bilderberg. The *New York Times* has mentioned Bilderberg a couple dozen times since 1981, according to Nexis, including in a 2004 piece titled "[A Secret Conference Thought To Rule the World](#)." Other pieces in the *Washington Post*, *Chicago Tribune*, and the *Boston Globe* refer to the group. Just last month, Anne-Marie Slaughter mentioned the Bilderbergers in her [Post review](#) of a new book, *Superclass: The Global Power Elite and the World They Are Making*.

Of course, Bilderberg critics don't want to read *mentions* in the press. They want to see confirmation of their theories that the group operates in a sinister, behind-the-scenes fashion to exploit the powerless and throttle liberty.

How, exactly, are reporters supposed to do that when the critics rarely provide falsifiable evidence of Bilderberg malevolence? Would a shadow government, should it exist, really convene annually at a hotel to hash out the world's fate? Would it really issue a press release about its latest meeting? Would it routinely assume the security risks of inviting new blood in? (Couldn't the notorious Bilderberger Conrad Black negotiate his way out of [prison](#) by exposing the group? Or is Bilderberg so powerful that it controls the federal prison system, too?) It largely limits its attendees to North Americans and Europeans. Are the Japanese, Indians, Chinese, Brazilians, Australians, South Koreans, and Singaporean so timid that they stand aside and let the Bilderbergers have their way with the world without making a peep?

That's not to say the critics' inquiries never produce anything of value. I enjoy reading the documentary material they dig up and can only encourage them to dig deeper. Just last month, Barack Obama [tapped](#) a prominent Bilderberger, [James A. Johnson](#), to vet possible vice presidential candidates. Johnson provided similar veep vetting for the Democratic Party in 2004—which, as noted above, resulted in the selection of a Bilderberg attendee. The AP also [reports](#) that Johnson helped Walter Mondale pick a veep nominee in 1984.

Who is Jim Johnson? He's the former head of Fannie Mae, a power on Wall Street, and a regular Bilderberg attendee. As recently as 2006, Johnson has been the treasurer of the nonprofit American Friends of Bilderberg Inc., according to the group's Form 990 on file at [Guidestar.org](#). According to the fractured jargon of the filing, American Friends of Bilderberg is in the business of "Organizing & sponsoring conferences which study & discuss significant problems of the Western Alliance. Collaborating on the Bilderberg meetings held in Europe & North America." The group spent \$112,533 in 2006.

Still, the fact that an active Democratic supporter has performed return duty as a veep vetter stops several stations short of arriving at a shadow government. It does, however, indicate that Johnson's political influence may be underscrutinized by the press and that his career is deserving of extra study and attention. A [May 24 Wall Street Journal](#) story, "Power Broker Helps Obama Search for Running Mate," does just that. Although it makes no mention of Johnson's Bilderberg connection, it drops a gentle dig that associates Johnson's Fannie Mae service with the home-loan crisis.

Without a doubt, Bilderberg ends up stimulating speculations that it's a nefarious organization. In an earlier generation, some theorists regarded the Council on Foreign Relations as a similar shadow government for its furtive ways. But as the CFR opened up in recent decades, holding many sessions on the record, it has become as threatening as the World Economic Forum at Davos.

Maybe there's a lesson in there for the Bilderbergers. Letting the press in for a closer look at what goes on would go a long way to reduce the shouting while preserving the group's right to think out loud. Or maybe all the heavy security and skulking about is a deliberate marketing ploy by Bilderberg to differentiate its yacht cruise from the ocean voyage that is Davos.

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David Rockefeller and Vernon E. Jordan Jr. appear at the 2004 Bilderberg Meetings in Stresa, Italy in June 2004. (Photo by Daniel Estulin)



Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., (r) senior managing director of Lazard Frères (the man who brought Clinton into the Bilderberg Group in 1991) with Jaco Elkann (l), vice chairman of Fiat.



Etienne Davignon, honorary chairman Bilderberg and vice chairman Suez-Tractebel with president-elect of the World Bank Paul Wolfowitz.



Prince Philippe of Belgium (left), Jeroen van der Veer (center, wearing glasses), chief executive of Royal Dutch/Shell Group of Companies and president of Royal Dutch Petroleum Company, talking to Peter Sutherland, chairman of BP (right).

Photos of the 2005 Bilderberg Meetings in Rottach-Egern, Germany (located south of Munich) in May 2005



President Dwight D. Eisenhower (right) and Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands enjoy a laugh together before their luncheon meeting at the White House in Washington, D.C. on March 6, 1954. The Prince was in the United States on an industrial inspection tour. Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands would preside over the first Bilderberg Meetings in Osterbeek, Netherlands nearly three months later. (Bettmann/CORBIS)

“In late 1952, Retinger went to America to try the idea out on his American contacts. Among others, he saw such old friends as Averell Harriman, David Rockefeller, and Bedell Smith, then director of the CIA. After Retinger explained his proposal, Smith said, ‘Why the hell didn’t you come to me in the first place?’ He quickly referred Retinger to C. D. Jackson, who was about to become Eisenhower’s special assistant for psychological warfare. It took a while for Jackson to organize the American wing of the group, but finally, in May 1954, the first conference was held in the Hotel de Bilderberg, a secluded hotel in Holland, near the German border. Prince Bernhard and Retinger drew up the list of invitees from the European countries, while Jackson controlled the American list. As Retinger explained, invitations were ‘only sent to important and generally respected people who through their special knowledge or experience, their personal contacts and their influence in national and international circles can help to further the aims set by Bilderberg.’ Americans like David Rockefeller, Dean Rusk, and Joseph Johnson turned up in Bilderberg to meet with such influential Europeans as Denis Healey, Guy Mollet, and Alcide de Gasperi, the architect of postwar Italy...But in general, the purpose of the Bilderberg meetings was less a matter of elite decision-making than yet another attempt to sketch the boundaries of an Atlantic consensus. In this respect, Prince Bernhard’s meetings were little more than an extension of the Council on Foreign Relations. Indeed, the steering committee of the American section of the Bilderberg Group consisted entirely of CFR members.” – *The Chairman: John J. McCloy, The Making of the American Establishment* by Kai Bird, p. 471-472 (Chapter 22: Ike’s Wise Man)

“The Bilderberg ground rules are severe. **All sessions are closed and off the record.** Although there is an agenda, there are no resolutions passed or votes taken. Conference participants usually number between 70 and 120 and, with one partial exception, wives have not been invited. The conference location is rotated, with no country hosting the event in consecutive years. The Bilderberg meetings have been financed primarily from private sources and on occasion from such organizations as the Ford, Exxon, and Rockefeller Foundations, along with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. The participants at the first Bilderberg meeting in 1954 included seventeen influential Americans and fifty-seven Europeans drawn from ten countries. The European representatives included eleven Britons, nine French, nine Dutch, seven Germans, and seven Italians, as well as representatives from Belgium, Denmark, Greece, Sweden, and Norway. Besides Ball, the Americans present at the first Bilderberg meeting included David Rockefeller, Paul Nitze, George McGhee, and Harry Heinz. The distinguished Europeans included Denis Healey, Oliver Franks, and Hugh Gaitskell of Great Britain, and Guy Mollet and Antoine Pinay of France. Four issues dominated that first meeting: communism and the Soviet Union, peoples of the underdeveloped world, economic policies, and European integration.”

– *George Ball: Behind the Scenes in U. S. Foreign Policy* by James A. Bill, p. 53-54

“The Bilderberg group was a very special organization in George Ball’s life. In his own words: “It has been a remarkably useful organization. In fact, of all the organizations I have ever joined or belonged to, Bilderberg has been the most useful.”... According to Ball, Bilderberg was “enormously, effective, especially in providing a forum where people could talk perfectly freely, and where acquaintances can be made.” In his view, the formal sessions were less valuable than “people hav[ing] private conversations over dinner in the evenings, taking walks in the woods, doing all kinds of things. They get to know one another. These are people who have influence on affairs, either directly as members of governments or members of opposition coming into governments.” David Rockefeller, whose long association with Ball was based on their common membership in the Bilderberg group, has echoed Ball’s judgment. **Rockefeller described Bilderberg as “one of the most interesting organizations that I belong to” and admitted that “it gave me an opportunity at a relatively early age to become acquainted with some of the leaders in Europe and the United States on a very informal basis, where one got to know them on a first-name basis.”** Rockefeller was only thirty-eight years old when he attended the first Bilderberg meeting. He and Ball, who was forty-five at the time, were among the youngest participants. From May 1954 until May 1960, George Ball attended nine Bilderberg conferences. When he joined the Department of State as part of the Kennedy administration in 1961, therefore, he already knew most of the leaders of the Western world. They had, after all, been Bilderbergers together.”

– *George Ball: Behind the Scenes in U. S. Foreign Policy* by James A. Bill, p. 54

“On May 29, 1954, seventy-four Western political and financial leaders gathered for a three-day conference at the Bilderberg Hotel in Oosterbeek, Holland. Their goal was to establish a high-powered forum to promote and protect European and U.S. relations... European leaders were concerned about the future and felt the need to assess and improve the situation. The idea for the Bilderberg group originated in the mind of a flamboyant Pole and international adventurer named Joseph Retinger. One friend described Retinger as “a sort of *Eminence Grise* of Europe, a Talleyrand without portfolio’... In 1952 Retinger approached Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands and asked him to serve as honorary head of the organization... After establishing a small European committee, Retinger and Bernhard turned their attention to the United States. Bernhard’s closest contact there was General Walter Bedell Smith, then under secretary of state for Eisenhower. Bernhard had known Smith during the war, and the two were fishing friends as well. Smith, who never became involved in Bilderberg himself, contacted C. D. Jackson, another White House aide, who in turn approached John Coleman and George Ball, two key leaders in the Committee for a National Trade Policy. From the very beginning, George Ball was the leading American “Bilderberger.” Although there were no permanent members of the group, Ball made himself indispensable to the organization. Between 1954 and his death in 1994, he attended every meeting of the Bilderberg group but one. By 1994, he and David Rockefeller were the only original founders still in regular attendance.”

– *George Ball: Behind the Scenes in U. S. Foreign Policy* by James A. Bill, p. 52-53

“In addition to their regular meetings, the Bilderberg group had a steering committee that usually met twice a year to plan programs and to discuss the participant list. George Ball sat on the steering committee for twenty-five years. In this position, he played a critical role in shaping the direction and discussion of the organization. Because Bilderberg has no permanent membership list, the group is highly fluid and ever-changing in composition. Steering committee leaders have carefully sought to recruit individuals in three overlapping categories. **First, the Bilderberg leaders have emphasized the need for their members to exercise considerable power and influence.** They have consciously attempted to recruit individuals referred to by Joseph E. Johnson as ‘big shots’ and ‘movers and shakers.’”

– *George Ball: Behind the Scenes in U. S. Foreign Policy* by James A. Bill, p. 53

Possible Topics for Discussion at the upcoming 2012 Bilderberg Meetings

Gasoline Prices



Royal Dutch Shell gasoline station in Fremont, California, U.S.A. (left) and British Petroleum gasoline station in Maryland (right)

Note: Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands is an important shareholder of Royal Dutch Shell.



Jorma Ollila (right), Chairman of Royal Dutch Shell, speaks while Robert Dudley (left), CEO of British Petroleum (BP), listens during the second day of the St. Gallen Symposium, a platform for dialogue on key issues in management, the entrepreneurial environment and the interfaces between business, politics and civil society, at the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland on May 13, 2011. Ollila and Dudley attended the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. from May 31-June 3, 2012. (Photo: EPA/ENNIO LEANZA)



Peter Voser (left, chief financial officer of Royal Dutch Shell), Jeroen van der Veer (center, chief executive of Royal Dutch Shell), and Jorma Ollila (right, chairman of Royal Dutch Shell) attend a Royal Dutch Shell annual meeting. All three men have attended the Bilderberg Meetings in the past. (Olaf Kraak/Agence France-Presse/Getty Images)

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limitations on OPEC would be such that sufficient oil would just not be produced, and the sky would be the limit for prices. We could not temporize; we had to be prepared to act more courageously. The free market concept for a commodity like oil simply did not operate when it came into short supply. The spot market would take over at unbelievable prices. OPEC followed the spot market and, having set a price, would never let it go down again.

A German remarked that, after 30 years of cheap oil, we needed longer than 30 months to adjust our assumptions and ways of thinking. We would have to realize that higher prices in real terms were unavoidable, and to work hard on conservation and the development of alternative sources. An American commented that the need to reduce oil imports in his country made a strong case for either rationing or increased gasoline taxes.

Western Canadian oil, at nine cents a kilo, was still a cheap commodity in relation to other ones, according to a Canadian participant. Beef was \$9.00 a kilo, and butter \$3.50. An irrational system subsidized the price of oil to keep the retail level so low that consumers wasted it, while denying oil and gas companies enough income to replace reserves. Canada subsidized the cost of imported crude oil, which discouraged refiners from upgrading heavy fuel oil into gasoline and diesel oil. So one-third more crude than was needed was imported to supply motor fuels and heating oil, while a glut of heavy fuel oil was created in Eastern Canada. If the subsidy were removed, the refiner would have to pay \$30 a barrel instead of \$14.75. This would discourage heavy fuel oil production, to be replaced by natural gas (of which Canada had a large surplus), thus cutting back imports which would be available to countries which had a much greater need.

Conservation was probably the most important factor in solving the fuel crisis, but so far it was practically non-existent in Canada. Everyone agreed that oil and gas should be conserved in North America, but this would not happen until it hurt in the pocketbook. No one cared much if he paid \$1.00 a gallon for gasoline, but if he had to pay \$2.50, as in Europe, we would see more conservation in North America.

A Swiss participant said that, as a consequence of the oil crisis, economic policy would have to be reoriented toward lower growth rates, which were to be welcomed only insofar as they decreased our dependence on oil. A decline in the prosperity of industrial nations was the necessary price, but there were political limits to this policy. We had to rely on the price mechanism, but we should not be opposed to an artificial increase in fuel prices through new consumption taxes. Such taxes did not inactivate the regulatory mechanism of the market economy; they merely accelerated inevitable developments. The application of such a tax should preferably be done through an international concert of industrialized nations, as the introduction of it here and there would be difficult politically and would distort competition. Concerted action of this kind would have a great psychological effect, and might even cause producers to adopt a more cautious policy.

Beyond this, we needed alternative energy sources and improved productivity. Huge investments would be required to achieve these goals, and they should be financed in as noninflationary a manner as possible. This meant that our

Iran, Afghanistan, & Future of the Middle East



Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, the current President of Iran, visits a nuclear reactor.



Afghanistan's President Hamid Karzai (left) shakes hands with Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands in palace Huis ten Bosch in The Hague, during a United Nations international conference on Afghanistan, on March 31, 2009. Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands is a regular participant at the Bilderberg Meetings. (Getty Images)



Afghanistan's President Hamid Karzai (fifth from right) meets with Sweden's Foreign Minister Carl Bildt (fifth from left), a regular Bilderberg Meetings participant, in Kabul, Afghanistan on March 13, 2012. (Photo: Office of the President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan)



Afghanistan's President Hamid Karzai, right, greets NATO Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen at the NATO Summit in Chicago on May 21, 2012. (Jose M. Osorio / Chicago Tribune)

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Legendary Bilderberg Meetings participant Mario Monti (left), the Prime Minister of Italy, greets Christine Lagarde (right), the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund in Brussels, Belgium on March 1, 2012.



Left photo: Queen Beatrix of Netherlands (left), daughter of Bilderberg Meetings co-founder Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands, appears with Queen Sofia of Spain.



Right photo: Prime Minister of Italy Mario Monti (right) speaks with European Central Bank president Mario Draghi (left) during a meeting of eurozone finance ministers at the EU Council building in Brussels on Monday, March 12, 2012. (AP Photo/Virginia Mayo)



U.S. President Barack Obama (left) talks with Christine Lagarde (2nd right), Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund, during a meeting in the National Security Advisor's West Wing office at the White House in Washington, D.C., U.S.A. on September 7, 2011. Attending the meeting, from left, are: National Security Advisor Tom Donilon; Mike Froman, Deputy National Security Advisor for International Economic Affairs; Caroline Atkinson, Special Assistant to the President for International Economic Affairs; and Nemat Shafik, Deputy Managing Director of the IMF. Lagarde and Donilon have attended the Bilderberg Meetings in the past. (Official White House Photo by Pete Souza)



U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton hosts a bilateral meeting with Swedish Foreign Minister Carl Bildt (left) at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C., U.S.A. on May 5, 2009. ([U.S. State Department](#) photo by Michael Gross)



U.S. President Barack Obama confers with European Council High Representative Javier Solana, while Prime Minister of Sweden Fredrik Reinfeldt (left) and European Commission President José Manuel Barroso (right) listen during the U.S.-European Union Summit in the Cabinet Room of the White House in Washington, D.C., U.S.A. on November 3, 2009. Reinfeldt, Barroso, and Solana have attended the Bilderberg Meetings in the past. ([Official White House Photo](#) by Pete Souza)



NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen (left) meets with U.S. President Barack Obama (right) at the White House in Washington, D.C., U.S.A. on September 7, 2010. Anders Fogh Rasmussen attended the Bilderberg Meetings in the past. (Photo: [NATO](#))



Prime Minister of Greece George Papandreou (left), President of the European Council Herman Van Rompuy (center), and President of the European Commission Jose Manuel Barroso smile at the final press conference during the Meeting of Eurozone Heads of State or Government held in Brussels, Belgium on July 21, 2011. The Greek government sought to achieve austerity in 2011 in an attempt to reduce its debt; however, the Greek economy continued to fall into a deep recession. George Papandreou resigned as Prime Minister of Greece on November 11, 2011; Papandreou continues to serve as the President of Socialist International. All three men have attended the Bilderberg Meetings in the past. (Photo: [The Council of the European Union](#))



Jose Manuel Barroso (right), President of the European Commission, embraces Viscount Etienne Davignon (left), President of Friends of Europe, during a meeting in Brussels, Belgium on October 13, 2011. The name of the meeting was called "[The State of Europe: Re-thinking the European Project](#)". (Photo: [Flickr](#))



Jose Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission (left), Viscount Etienne Davignon, President of Friends of Europe (middle), and Duncan L. Niederauer, Chief Executive Officer and Director of NYSE Euronext, sit together during a meeting in Brussels, Belgium on October 13, 2011. The name of the meeting was called “[The State of Europe: Re-thinking the European Project](#)”. (Photo: [Flickr](#))



Viscount Etienne Davignon (2nd left), President of Friends of Europe, appears with Mario Monti (2nd right), President of Bocconi University in Milan, during a meeting in Brussels, Belgium on October 13, 2011. The name of the meeting was called "[The State of Europe: Re-thinking the European Project](#)". (Photo: [Flickr](#))



Mervyn King (left), Governor of the Bank of England, talks to U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner (center) and Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne (right) before the beginning of a meeting on the second day of the G20 meeting of Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors in Paris, France on October 15, 2011. (Getty Images)



(From left to right) Greece's Finance Minister Evangelos Venizelos, European Competition Commissioner Joaquin Almunia, Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne, Italy's Finance Minister Giulio Tremonti and IMF Managing Director Christine Lagarde arrive at an EU finance ministers meeting in Brussels, Belgium on October 22, 2011. Almunia, Osborne, and Tremonti attended the 2011 Bilderberg Meetings in St. Moritz, Switzerland in June 2011. (Photo: Reuters/Thierry Roge)



Left to right: World Trade Organization (WTO) Director-General Pascal Lamy, International Labour Organization (ILO) Director-General Juan Somavia, International Monetary Fund Managing Director Christine Lagarde, Chancellor of Germany Angela Merkel, Head of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Angel Gurría and World Bank President Robert Zoellick pose during a second meeting on the reform of the international monetary system at the Chancellery in Berlin, Germany on October 6, 2011. The group, that also includes European Central Bank President Jean-Claude Trichet and World Bank President Robert Zoellick, met to discuss measures to counter the growing European debt crisis. Lamy, Lagarde, Merkel, and Zoellick have attended the Bilderberg Meetings in the past. (Photo: Pool/Getty Images Europe)



Mario Draghi (left), President of the European Central Bank (ECB), speaks with Pascal Lamy (center), Director-General of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and Herman Van Rompuy (right), President of the European Council ahead of a working session on the second day of the G20 Summit in Cannes, France on November 4, 2011. World's top economic leaders are attending the G20 summit in Cannes on November 3rd and 4th, and are expected to debate current issues surrounding the global financial system in the hope of fending off a global recession and finding an answer to the Eurozone crisis. All three men have attended the Bilderberg Meetings in the past. (Photo: Pool/Getty Images Europe)



U.S. President Barack Obama (left), laughs as he speaks with Pascal Lamy, Director-General of the World Trade Organization (WTO), ahead of a working session on the second day of the G20 Summit in Cannes, France on November 4, 2011. World's top economic leaders attended the G20 summit in Cannes on November 3rd and 4th, and were expected to debate current issues surrounding the global financial system in the hope of fending off a global recession and finding an answer to the Eurozone crisis. Pascal Lamy attended the Bilderberg Meetings in 2011 and 2012. (Source: Pool/Getty Images Europe)



U.S. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, left, shakes hand with Prime Minister of Italy Mario Monti after their talks in Milan, Italy on Thursday, December 8, 2011. Geithner's visit to Europe comes on the eve of a summit of European leaders Friday that could yield a plan for resolving the crisis. (Photo: Luca Bruno/AP)



Mario Monti (left), the Prime Minister of Italy, and Josef Ackermann (right), CEO of Deutsche Bank, laugh during a session at the 48th Munich Security Conference in Munich, Germany on Saturday, February 4, 2012. Both men attended the Bilderberg Meetings that was held in St. Moritz, Switzerland in June 2011. (Photo: Matthias Schrader/AP)



U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton meets with Prime Minister of Italy Mario Monti in Munich, Germany on February 4, 2012.
(Photo: U.S. State Department)



Prime Minister of Italy Mario Monti (left), legendary Bilderberg Meetings participant and member of the Trilateral Commission, meets with U.S. President Barack Obama at the White House in Washington, D.C., U.S.A. on February 9, 2012. (Pablo Martinez Monsivais/AP)



President Barack Obama talks with, from left, José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission, Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany, Prime Minister Mario Monti of Italy, President François Hollande of France, and Herman Van Rompuy, President of the European Council, on the Laurel Cabin patio during the G8 Summit at Camp David, Md., May 19, 2012. Mike Froman, Deputy NSA for International and Economic Affairs, listens in the background, third from left. ([Official White House Photo by Pete Souza](#))



President Barack Obama hosts a working dinner in Laurel Cabin during the G8 Summit at Camp David, Md., May 18, 2012. Seated clockwise from the President are: Prime Minister David Cameron of the United Kingdom, Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev of Russia, Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany, Herman Van Rompuy, President of the European Council, José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission, Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda of Japan, Prime Minister Mario Monti of Italy, Prime Minister Stephen Harper of Canada, and President François Hollande of France. ([Official White House Photo by Pete Souza](#))



NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen and U.S. President Barack Obama welcome Jose Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission, at the NATO Summit in Chicago on May 20, 2012. ([NATO Photo](#))



NATO Secretary General Anders Fogh Rasmussen (left), Prime Minister of Italy Mario Monti (center), and U.S. President Barack Obama (right) greet the media at McCormick Place during the NATO 2012 Summit in Chicago on May 20, 2012. (Photo: Stacey Wescott, Chicago Tribune)



U.S. President Barack Obama (right) shakes hands with Sweden's Foreign Minister Carl Bildt (center), a longtime Bilderberg Meetings participant and Trilateral Commission member, as British Foreign Secretary William Hague (left) looks on at the start of the International Security Assistance Force meeting on Afghanistan during the 2012 NATO Summit at the McCormick Place convention center in Chicago on May 21, 2012. (Getty Images)



Left: Mario Monti, the Prime Minister of Italy, appears on the front cover of the February 20, 2012 edition of *Time* magazine.
Right: Angela Merkel, the Chancellor of Germany, appears on the front cover of the January 11, 2010 edition of *Time* magazine.

2012 American Presidential Election: Romney v. Obama



Republican Party presidential candidate Mitt Romney (left) laughs while incumbent Democratic Party presidential candidate U.S. President Barack Obama (center) meets with legendary Bilderberg Meetings participant and former U.S. Secretary of State Dr. Henry Kissinger at the White House.



President Barack Obama, right, drives a golf cart with legendary Bilderberg Meetings participant and businessman Vernon Jordan, left, while playing golf at Farm Neck Golf Club, in Oak Bluffs, Mass., on the island of Martha's Vineyard, on August 23, 2011. (Steven Senne/AP Photo)

Ron Paul 2012 Presidential Campaign: Sponsored by Bilderberg?



Peter Thiel (left), a member of the Bilderberg Steering Committee, donated over \$2.5 million to U.S. Congressman Ron Paul's 2012 presidential campaign. Peter Thiel is a lawyer and self-made billionaire who now serves as president of global hedge fund Clarion Capital. (Left Photo: Noah Berger/Bloomberg News)



Peter Thiel appears in an interview on CBS *60 Minutes* program on Sunday, May 20, 2012. Peter Thiel acknowledged donating \$2.5 million to U.S. Congressman Ron Paul's 2012 presidential campaign, describing his donation as an "investment". Congressman Ron Paul announced on May 14, 2012 that he would no longer spend money on his presidential campaign. Peter Thiel has attended the Bilderberg Meetings from 2007 to 2012, including the Bilderberg Meetings held in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. in June 2008 and June 2012.

S.F. billionaire quietly funds Ron Paul super PAC

Richard S. Dunham, Carla Marinucci
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Washington – Ron Paul revels in the fact that he is the presidential candidate of America's small donors, receiving more contributions under \$200 than any other Republican seeking the White House in 2012.

But, like every other GOP presidential contender, he also has a mega-millionaire "sugar daddy" helping to fund a super PAC that is promoting Paul's candidacy.

Yet while Newt Gingrich underwriter Sheldon Adelson and Rick Santorum super-supporter Foster Friess have shared the campaign stage - and the national political spotlight - with their candidates, Paul's benefactor, San Francisco entrepreneur Peter Thiel, has never met the Texas congressman he's aiding.

Who is this mystery man who has donated \$2.6 million to Endorse Liberty, the pro-Paul super PAC that has produced several viral videos and sponsored sharp attack ads against Santorum, Gingrich and Texas Gov. Rick Perry?

Thiel, 44, is a low-profile libertarian with a background as quirky as the candidate he supports.

Born in Germany, he's a self-made billionaire who became a chess master as a child, majored in philosophy at Stanford University, and founded the conservative-libertarian Stanford Review to "present alternate views" on a campus he felt was dominated by liberals.

Co-founded PayPal

He's a lawyer who co-founded PayPal, invested early in Facebook (he was portrayed by actor Wallace Langham in the Academy Award-winning "The Social Network"), dabbled in Hollywood (as executive producer of the libertarian satire "Thank You for Smoking"), ran a venture capital firm that saw the potential in startups such as LinkedIn and Yelp, and now serves as president of a global hedge fund, Clarion Capital.

He is a conservative Christian, a strong supporter of unfettered capitalism, an aggressive critic of "political correctness" and a generous donor to Republican candidates, including Paul, his son Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul, and California Republican Reps. Dan Lungren, Dana Rohrabacher and Ed Royce.

The only Democrat to receive a contribution from Thiel is Ro Khanna, a former Obama administration trade official who may mount a primary challenge to staunchly liberal Fortney "Pete" Stark in the newly created 15th Congressional District in the South Bay and Silicon Valley.

Conservative gay Christian

But the Bay Area billionaire is not just a free-enterprise fan. He's also a proud gay Christian who has supported a wide range of causes including gay rights, freedom of the press, antiaging research and artificial intelligence. He's funded a "seasteading" foundation that wants to create artificial, self-governing islands some 200 miles off the California coast to serve as experiments in innovative political, social and legal systems.

"He has great insight," said Jimmy LaSalvia, executive director of GOProud, a group of gay conservatives that has received fundraising help from Thiel and conservative commentator Ann Coulter. "He also is inquisitive, and most of the conversations I've had with him have been him asking questions. He gathers a lot of information."

Thiel's associates say that once he gathers information on a subject, he acts decisively.

He has done that with the pro-Paul super PAC, Endorse Liberty. After a 30-minute meeting at Thiel's San Francisco home, he agreed to aid the cause. Federal Election Commission documents reveal that he is responsible for more than half of the super PAC's proceeds.

"I think Peter has a gift for seeing trends," said Endorse Liberty founder Jeffrey Harmon, a Utah entrepreneur and chief marketing officer of Orabrush, a company that creates products to clean the tongue and freshen breath. "PayPal and Peter's early investment in Facebook are examples of the vision. I believe Peter can see that Ron Paul is the future of the Republican Party."

Thiel declined an interview request for this article. But he has told friends and political allies that he hopes to build a libertarian movement that can compete for political dominance in American politics.

"Men and women who want freedom and growth should take action," he said in announcing one of his four contributions to the pro-Paul super PAC. "A good place to start is voting for Ron Paul."

Thiel says his approach to life is wrapped up in his favorite question for job applicants: "What do you believe is true that almost nobody agrees with you on?"

"That's probably a good starting point to find something that's valuable and is undervalued," he said in a recent speech to Students for Liberty, a group of young libertarians.

Possible future candidate

John Dennis, a San Francisco businessman and Paul supporter, says Thiel is "broadly respected" on the right for his libertarian views, his efforts to provide seed money to young entrepreneurs and his philanthropy. Dennis talks about his fellow Bay Area Republican, who makes Forbes magazine's list of the 400 wealthiest individuals in the world, as a potential Republican Senate candidate at some point in the future.

"He has the money to do it," said Dennis, who is challenging House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi in her San Francisco House district this year.

'Cyber-espionage' criticism

But Thiel has his detractors, too.

"You're only a genius if people don't know about your bad bets," said Wade Rantlett, a major Silicon Valley fundraiser and bundler for President Obama's re-election campaign. "He started his own hedge fund, which lost a gigantic amount of his own money. He had all of his bets on oil (prices) going up and up and up. And everyone thought it would happen - but then the financial crisis hit (in 2008) and because of housing, oil goes down to \$38 a barrel and wipes out his fund."

Thiel also has been criticized by some on the left for the alleged "cyber-espionage" work done by a company he launched. San Francisco blogger Lee Fang reported that the company, Palantir Technologies, may have hacked into computers of liberal nonprofit organizations and reporters, including his own, after they criticized secret fundraising by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Palantir's alleged role "should come as a shock and disappointment to (Paul's) followers," the left-wing magazine the Nation declared recently.

Thiel declined comment, but Paul's followers are not shying away from their benefactor.

Super PAC founder Harmon says Thiel is convinced that Paul "can beat Obama" if he wins the GOP nomination.

"Even if he doesn't win, we are part of a movement that is one thousand times bigger than in any (previous) election cycle," Harmon added.

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Billionaire Peter Thiel Gives Another \$1.7 Million to Ron Paul Super PAC

By Laurie Bennett, Contributor
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Billionaire Peter Thiel has poured \$1.7 million more into a super PAC supporting presidential candidate Ron Paul, bringing his total contributions to \$2.6 million. Reports filed with the Federal Election Commission today show that Thiel, a Silicon Valley investor, made the additional contributions to the Endorse Liberty PAC in the first half of January. Thiel, a libertarian, is the single largest donor to the PAC. With an estimated wealth of \$1.5 billion, Thiel was a co-founder of PayPal and an early investor in Facebook, LinkedIn and Zynga. He started the hedge fund Clarium Capital in 2005. PayPal co-founders Luke Nosek and Scott Banister also have donated to Paul's super PAC, although in much smaller amounts. Banister gave \$50,000 in December. Nosek gave \$10,001 in January. Endorse Liberty announced last month that two officials of the Thiel Foundation, Jonathan Cain and James O'Neill, had also supported the PAC's efforts. Their names are not in today's filing, which lists donations through January.

Source: [Forbes Magazine](#)



Bilderberg Meetings participant Peter Thiel appears on the front cover of the February 14, 2011 edition of *Forbes* magazine.

The 2008 Bilderberg Meetings Legacy Photos



Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke, seated in the back of a black limousine, is seen departing the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. on Sunday, June 8, 2008, following the conclusion of the 2008 Bilderberg Meetings.



Former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright is seen driving a Mercedes as she leaves the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. on Friday night June 6, 2008 during the second day of the 2008 Bilderberg Meetings. (Photo: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/ekt8750/2574092603>)



A chauffeur and a passenger leave the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. on Saturday, June 7, 2008 during the third day of the 2008 Bilderberg Meetings. (Photo: <http://www.flickr.com/photos/ekt8750/2574917296/in/photostream>)



A U.S. federal security agent patrols the grounds of Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. during the 2008 Bilderberg Meetings in June 2008.



A "No Trespassing" sign is posted in front of the Westfield Marriott Hotel entrance in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. during the 2008 Bilderberg Meetings in June 2008. (Photo: [Flickr](#))



Security guards, federal agents, and local police officers keep a close watch on Bilderberg observers (the so-called “protesters”), primarily American citizens, at the main (front) entrance of the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. in June 2008, while the 2008 Bilderberg Meetings were held inside the hotel.



Bilderberg observers and protesters appear in front of the main entrance of the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. in June 2008.



Alex Jones, a radio talk show host from Austin, Texas, speaks from a bullhorn outside the entrance of the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. on Saturday, June 7, 2008. (Photo: <http://cryptome.org/info/bilderberg08/bilderberg08.htm>)



Federal agents (primarily Secret Service agents) and local police officers escort unidentified Bilderberg Meetings participants during the 2008 Bilderberg Meetings held in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. in June 2008.



Three unidentified men guard the service entrance to the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. during the 2008 Bilderberg Meetings that was held from Thursday, June 5, 2008 to Sunday, June 8, 2008. (Photo: <http://cryptome.org/info/bilderberg08/bilderberg08.htm>)



Federal agents and local police officers from the Chantilly police department in Chantilly, Virginia guard the entrance of Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. during the 2008 Bilderberg Meetings in June 2008. (Photo: <http://cryptome.org/info/bilderberg08/bilderberg08.htm>)



Security guards secure the perimeter of the Westfields Marriott Hotel with yellow tape prior to the beginning of the 2008 Bilderberg Meetings in June 2008. A metal chain-link security fence was installed along the perimeter of the Westfields Marriott Hotel on May 20, 2012, a day before the beginning of the 2012 Bilderberg Meetings. (Photo: <http://cryptome.org/info/bilderberg08/bilderberg08.htm>)



The man on the left, who identified himself as an agent with the Bureau of Diplomatic Security, appears with a local police officer in a parking lot near the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. during the 2008 Bilderberg Meetings in June 2008. (Photo: <http://cryptome.org/info/bilderberg08/bilderberg08.htm>)



A United States State Department Bureau of Diplomatic Security agent is seen sitting in the passenger's seat in a parking lot near the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia during the 2008 Bilderberg Meetings in June 2008. (Photo: <http://cryptome.org/info/bilderberg08/bilderberg08.htm>)



An unidentified Bilderberg chauffeur displays his middle finger outside the Westfields Marriott Hotel in Chantilly, Virginia during the 2008 Bilderberg Meetings in June 2008. (Photo: <http://cryptome.org/info/bilderberg08/bilderberg08.htm>)

Photocopy of the 2008 Bilderberg Meetings Participant List

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FRA	Kodmani, Bassma	Director, Arab Reform Initiative
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USA	Kravis, Marie-Josée	Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute, Inc.
INT	Kroes, Neelie	Commissioner, European Commission
POL	Kwasniewski,	Former President
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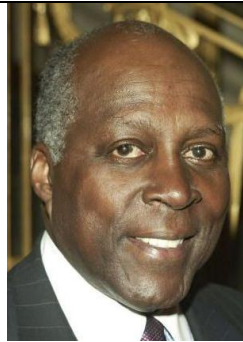
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U.S. Secretary of State
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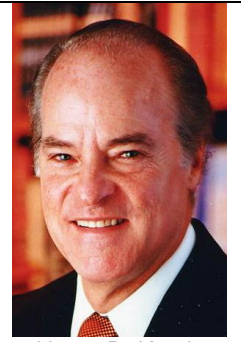
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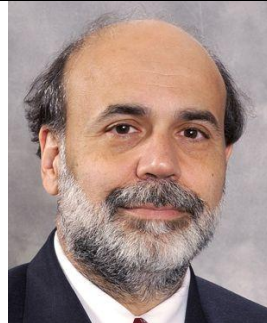
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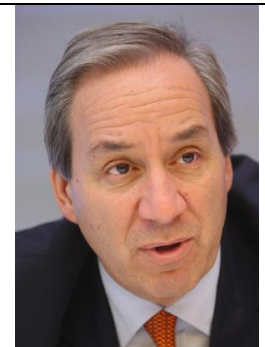
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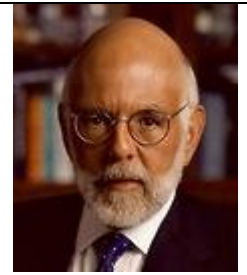
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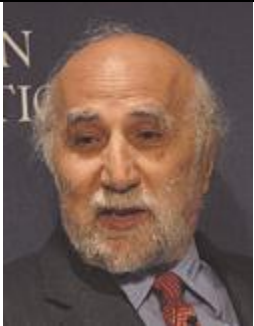
Charlie Rose
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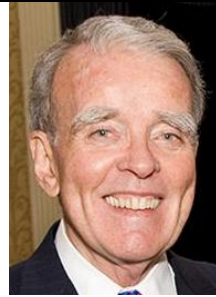
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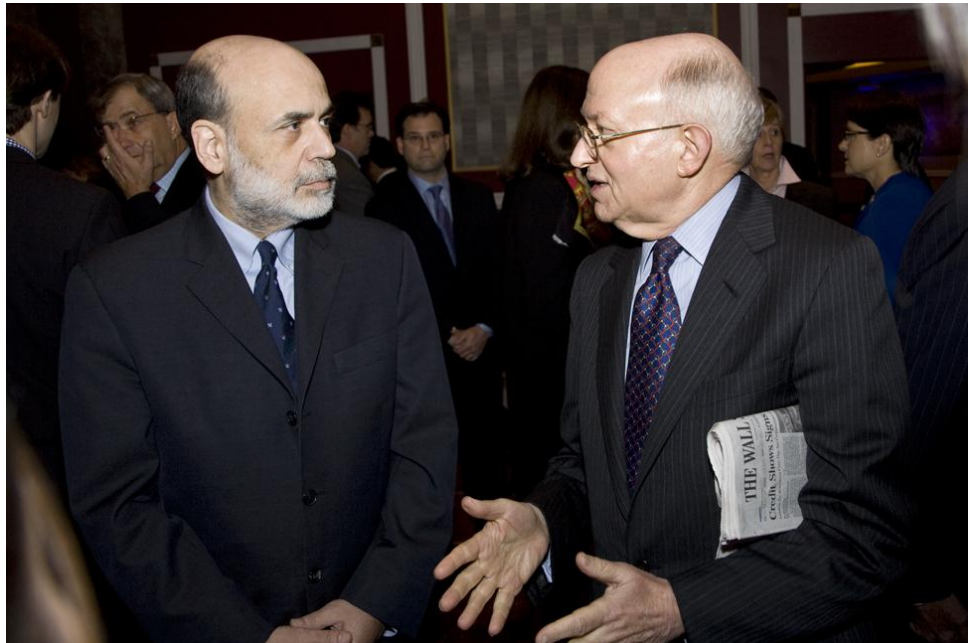
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Federal Reserve Chairman Ben S. Bernanke (left) chats with Economic Club of New York Trustee and President and CEO of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, Timothy F. Geithner (right), during an Economic Club of New York conference held at the Hilton New York in New York City on October 15, 2008. (Photo: [Economic Club of New York](#))



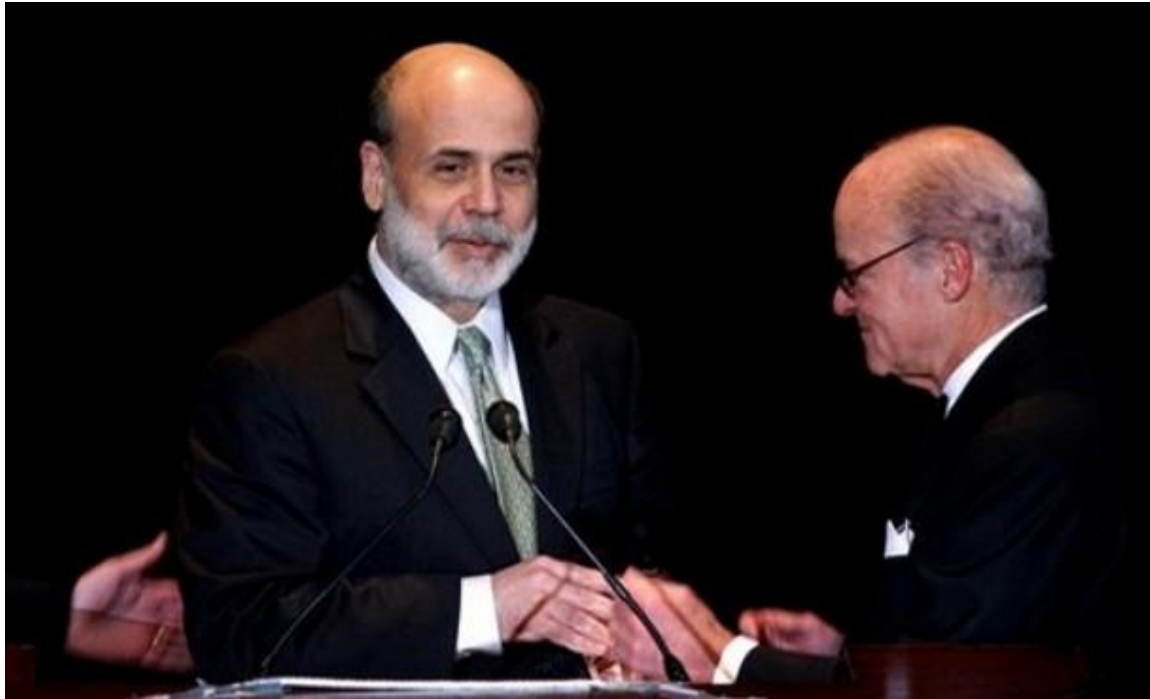
Federal Reserve Chairman Ben S. Bernanke (left) chats with Professor of Economics at Harvard University Martin Feldstein during an Economic Club of New York conference held at the Hilton New York in New York City on October 15, 2008. (Photo: [Economic Club of New York](#))



Guest of Honor, Timothy F. Geithner, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, addresses the Economic Club of New York at the Grand Hyatt in New York City on June 9, 2008. (Photo: [Economic Club of New York](#))



Economic Club of New York members and guests pose with Jean-Claude Trichet, President of the European Central Bank, at a luncheon at the Hilton New York in New York City on October 14, 2008. The European Central Bank is the bank that issues the Euro currency. From left to right: George Soros, Marie-Josée Kravis, Barbara Hackman Franklin, William R. Rhodes, Jean-Claude Trichet, Jan Hopkins, unidentified, and R. Glenn Hubbard. Trichet and Kravis attended the 2008 Bilderberg Meetings in Chantilly, Virginia. (Photo: [Economic Club of New York](#))



Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke (left) smiles after receiving the Columbia Business School Award in Distinguished Leadership in Government from Henry Kravis (right), member of the board of overseers at the Columbia Business School, during the 32nd annual dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria hotel in New York City on May 5, 2008. Bernanke and Kravis attended the Bilderberg Meetings together in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. from June 5-8, 2008. (AP Photo by Craig Ruttle)



Left to right: Paolo Mieli, Ha-Joon Chang, Jean-Claude Trichet, Mario Monti, Michael Spence, Alessandro Profumo and Dani Rodrik attend the Economy and the Open Society International Forum "Goodbye Globalization?" held at Palazzo Mezzanotte in Milan, Italy on May 12, 2008. Jean-Claude Trichet and Mario Monti attended the 2008 Bilderberg Meetings in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. from June 5-8, 2008. (Getty Images)



Indra K. Nooyi (left), the Chairman and CEO of PepsiCo, watches Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice embrace former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, at the end of the opening session of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland on January 23, 2008. Condoleezza Rice and Henry Kissinger attended the 2008 Bilderberg Meetings in Chantilly, Virginia in June 2008. Indra Nooyi attended the 2004 Bilderberg Meetings in Stresa, Italy in June 2004. (AP Photo by Peter DeJong)



Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger (left) talks to Fiat Vice Chairman John Elkann during a U.S.-Italy meeting called "Italy, Europe and the U.S., The transatlantic link and its future", in memory of late Fiat chairman Gianni Agnelli, organized by the Aspen Institute in Rome, Italy on July 1, 2008. Kissinger and Elkann attended several Bilderberg Meetings together (2005-2008, 2010-2011), including the 2008 Bilderberg Meetings in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. in June 2008. (AP Photo by Pier Paolo Cito)



Henry Kissinger (left) listens to Google CEO Eric Schmidt on **July 17, 2008**. Henry Kissinger and Eric Schmidt attended the Bilderberg Meetings in Chantilly, Virginia in June 2008. (Photo: [Flickr](#))

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A	Vranitzky, Franz	Former Federal Chancellor
S	Wallenberg, Jacob	Chairman of the Board, Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken
CDN	Whyte, Kenneth	Editor, The National Post
GB	Williams, Gareth	Leader, House of Lords; Member of the Cabinet
INT	Wolfensohn, James D.	President, The World Bank
D	Zumwinkel, Klaus	Chairman of the Board of Management, Deutsche Post AG

Rapporteurs

GB	Micklethwait, R. John	United States Editor, The Economist
GB	Wooldridge, Adrian D.	Foreign Correspondent, The Economist

In Attendance

NL	Maja Banck	Executive Secretary, Bilderberg Meetings
USA	Michael J. Farren	Vice President of External Affairs, Xerox Corporation; Adviser, American Friends of Bilderberg, Inc.
USA	Steven S. Lee	Local Organizer 2002

Prominent 2002 Bilderberg Meetings Participants



Victor Halberstadt
[Netherlands]
Professor of Economics at
Leiden University



Henry A. Kissinger
U.S. Secretary of State
(1973-1977)



David Rockefeller
Chairman and CEO of
Chase Manhattan Bank
(1969-1981)



James D. Wolfensohn
President of the World Bank
(1995-2005)



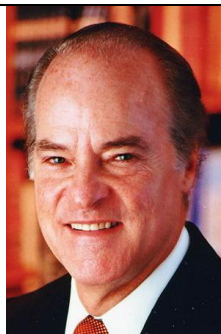
Peter D. Sutherland
[Ireland]
Chairman of British
Petroleum (1997-2009)



Etienne Davignon
[Belgium]
Vice Chairman of Suez-
Tractebel



Marie-Josée Kravis
Senior Fellow of Hudson
Institute, Inc.



Henry R. Kravis
Founding Partner of
Kohlberg Kravis Roberts &
Co. [New York City]



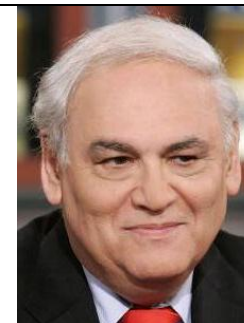
Jessica T. Mathews
President of Carnegie
Endowment for International
Peace (1997-present)



James A. Johnson
Chairman and CEO of
Fannie Mae (1991-1998)



Vernon E. Jordan Jr.
Senior Managing Director of
Lazard Freres



Richard N. Perle
Chairman of the Defense
Policy Board (2001-2003)



Francisco Pinto Balsemao
Prime Minister of Portugal
(1981-1983)



Juan Luis Cebrian
[Spain]
CEO of PRISA



Thierry de Montbrial
[France]
President, French Institute
for International Relations



Jean-Claude Trichet
Governor of Banque de
France (1993-2003)



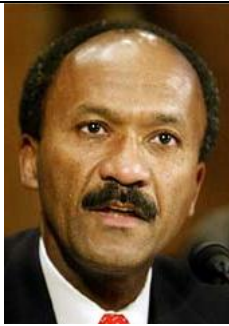
Conrad M. Black
[Canada]
Former Chairman and CEO
of Hollinger International,
Inc.



Lord (Eric) Roll of Ipsden
Chairman, S.G. Warburg &
Co., Ltd. (1974-1983);
director of the Bank of
England (1968-1977)



John L. Thornton
President of Goldman Sachs
& Co. (1999-2003)



Franklin D. Raines
Chairman and CEO of
Fannie Mae (1999-2004)



George Soros
Chairman of Soros Fund
Management (1996-pres.)



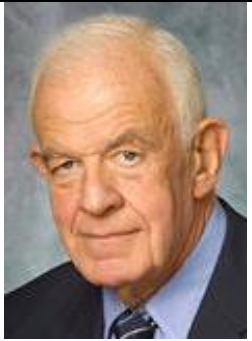
Sir Alan Greenspan
Chairman of the Federal
Reserve (1987-2006)



William J. McDonough
President of the Federal
Reserve Bank of New York
(1993-2003)



Michael H. Moskow
President of the Federal
Reserve Bank of Chicago
(1994-2007)



Thomas S. Foley
Speaker of the House
(1989-1995)



Kenneth W. Dam
Deputy U.S. Secretary of the
Treasury (2001-2003)



Kay Bailey Hutchison
U.S. Senator
(R-Texas, 1993-present)



Donald H. Rumsfeld
U.S. Secretary of Defense
(1975-1977, 2001-2006)



Marc F. Racicot
Chairman of the Republican
National Committee (2002-
2003); Governor of Montana
(1993-2001)



Terry McAuliffe
Chairman of the Democratic
National Committee (2001-
2005)



Paul A. Gigot
Editorial Page Editor,
The Wall Street Journal



Charles Krauthammer
Syndicated Columnist for
The Washington Post
(1984-present)



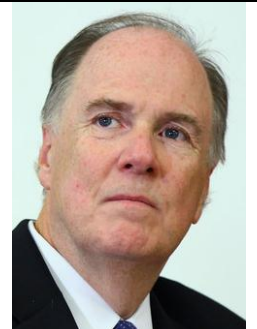
Jim Hoagland
Associate Editor and Chief
Foreign Correspondent, *The
Washington Post*
(1986-present)



Andrea Mitchell
Chief Foreign Affairs
Correspondent for NBC
(1994-present)



Paul A. Allaire
Chairman and CEO of Xerox
Corp. (1991-2001)



Thomas E. Donilon
General Counsel of Fannie
Mae (1999-2005)



Henri de Castries
[France]
Chairman and CEO, AXA
[French investment firm]



Bertrand Collomb
[France]
Chairman and CEO of
Lafarge



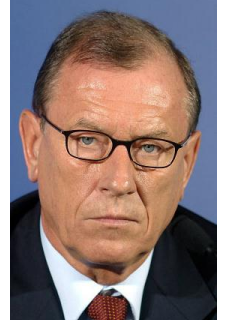
Anders Eldrup
[Denmark]
Chairman of the Board of
Directors, Danish Oil & Gas
Consortium



Hilmar Kopper
[Germany]
Chairman of the Supervisory
Board, Deutsche Bank A.G.



Andre Levy-Lang
[France]
Former Chairman, Banque
Paribas



Jurgen Schrempp
[Germany]
Chairman of
DaimlerChrysler
(1998-2005)



Mario Draghi
[Italy]
Vice Chairman and
Managing Director, Goldman
Sachs International



Jacob Wallenberg
[Sweden]
Chairman of the Board,
Skandinaviska Enskilda
Banken



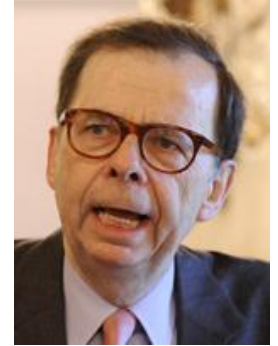
Daniel L. Vasella
[Switzerland]
Chairman of the Board of
Novartis AG (1999-present);
Director of PepsiCo (2002-
present)



Klaus Zumwinkel
[Germany]
Chairman of the Board of
Management, Deutsche
Post AG [German Post
Office]



Ekkehard Schulz
[Germany]
Chairman of the Executive
Board of ThyssenKrupp AG
(1999- 2011)



Louis Schweitzer
[France]
Former Chairman and CEO,
Renault S.A.



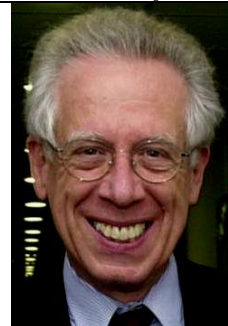
Gerhard Randa
[Austria]
Chairman and CEO, Bank
Austria AG



Gerard J. Kleisterlee
[Netherlands]
President and CEO, Royal
Philips Electronics; Director
of Dell (2010-present)



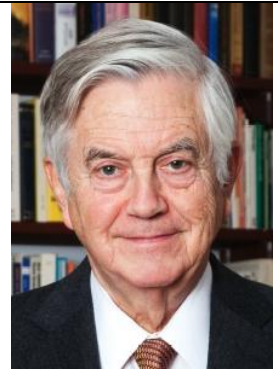
Toger Seidenfaden
[Denmark]
Editor in Chief, Politiken
[Danish newspaper]



Tommaso
Padoa-Schioppa
Member of the Executive
Board, European Central
Bank



Michael Treschow
[Sweden]
Chairman of the board,
Ericsson (2002-present)
[telecommunications
company]



Frits Bolkestein
European Commissioner for
Internal Market and Services
(1999-2004)



Franz Vranitzky
Chancellor of Austria
(1986-1997)



Jens Stoltenberg
Prime Minister of Norway
(2000-2001, 2005-pres.)



Wolfgang Ischinger
German Ambassador to the
United States (2001-2006)



Pascal Couchepin
President of Switzerland
(2003)



Ralf Dahrendorf
[Great Britain]
Member, House of Lords



John J. LaFalce
U.S. Congressman
(D-New York, 1975-2003)



John M. Deutch
Institute Professor,
Massachusetts Institute of
Technology; Director of
Central Intelligence Agency
(1995-1996)



Stuart Eizenstat
Member of Covington &
Burling [law firm]



Carla A. Hills
U.S. Trade Representatives
(1989-1993)



Steven Rattner
Managing Principal of
Quadrangle Group LLC



Lawrence H. Summers
Secretary of the Treasury
(1999-2001); President of
Harvard University
(2001-2006)



G. Richard Thoman
Former President and CEO,
Xerox Corporation



C. Fred Bergsten
Director, Institute for
International Economics



Charles A. James
Assistant U.S. Attorney
General for Antitrust (2001-
2002); Former General
Counsel of Chevron



James B. Steinberg
Vice President and Director,
Foreign Policy Studies
Program



Allan B. Hubbard
President, E&A Industries



(Gen.) Charles G. Boyd
President and CEO,
Business Executives for
National Security



Charlie Rose
Journalist



Henry Kissinger (left) speaks with Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan in Philadelphia on May 20, 2004. Kissinger and Greenspan attended the 2002 Bilderberg Meetings in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. from 30 May-2 June 2002. (Photo by William Thomas Cain/Getty Images)



David Rockefeller (left) and James Wolfensohn (right), President of the World Bank, attended the 2002 Bilderberg Meetings in Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. from 30 May-2 June 2002. (Photo: Council on Foreign Relations Annual Report)



U.S. Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld (right) congratulates outgoing Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan (left) after awarding him the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service at the Pentagon in Arlington, Virginia, U.S.A. on January 23, 2006. Alan Greenspan and Donald Rumsfeld attended the 2002 Bilderberg Meetings in Chantilly, Virginia. ([U.S. Department of Defense photo](#) by Petty Officer 1st Class Chad J. McNeeley, U.S. Navy)

The Bilderberg Meetings Agenda for 2002 and 2008

Bilderberg Meetings Agenda Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. 30 May-2 June 2002

- The Consequences of the War Against Terrorism
- Corporate Governance: Does Capitalism Need fixing?
- The Changing Nature of the EU Within the Western Alliance
- Have Civil Liberties Been Unnecessarily Eroded?
- The Influence of the Extreme Right
- The Middle East
- Post-Crisis Reconstruction/Nation Rebuilding
- Prospects for the World Economy
- Trade: The China Effect
- The Influence of Domestic Issues on American Foreign Policy
- Current Affairs

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Bilderberg Meetings Agenda Chantilly, Virginia, U.S.A. 5-8 June 2008

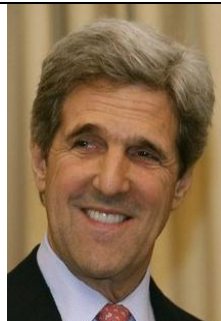
- Cyber-terrorism
- A Nuclear-Free World
- Managing Financial Turbulence
- US Foreign Policy Without Change
- How Serious Are the Threats on Our Economies
- Islam in Europe
- Africa
- Afghanistan, Challenge for the West
- Iran-Pakistan
- A Look at the Future
- The Mounting Threat of Protectionism
- Russia
- After Bush: The Future of US-EU Relations
- Current Affairs: US Elections

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TIM RUSSERT: You both were members of Skull and Bones, a secret society at Yale. What does that tell us?

SEN. JOHN KERRY: Not much, because it's a secret.

— *Meet the Press* on NBC, August 31, 2003



U.S. Senator John Kerry

U.S. Senator (Democrat-Massachusetts), 2012 Bilderberg Meetings participant, Member of the Council on Foreign Relations, and Member of Skull & Bones

Years of the Snake:

1401, 1413, 1425, 1437, 1449, 1461, 1473, 1485, 1497
1509, 1521, 1533, 1545, 1557, 1569, 1581, 1593
1605, 1617, 1629, 1641, 1653, 1665, 1677, 1689
1701, 1713, 1725, 1737, 1749, 1761, 1773, 1785, 1797
1809, 1821, 1833, 1845, 1857, 1869, 1881, 1893
1905, 1917, 1929, 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989
2001, 2013, 2025, 2037, 2049, 2061, 2073, 2085, 2097

2013: Year of the Snake?



Sun Tzu

“War is a matter of vital importance to the state; a matter of life or death, the road either to survival or to ruin... **All warfare is based on deception.** Therefore, when capable of attacking, feign incapacity; when active in moving troops, feign inactivity. When near the enemy, make it seem that you are far away; when far away, make it seem that you are near. Hold out baits to lure the enemy. Strike the enemy when he is in disorder. Prepare against the enemy when he is secure at all points. Avoid the enemy for the time being when he is stronger. If your opponent is of choleric temper, try to irritate him. If he is arrogant, try to encourage his egotism. If the enemy troops are well prepared after reorganization, try to wear them down. If they are united, try to sow dissension among them. Attack the enemy where he is unprepared, and appear where you are not expected. These are the keys to victory for a strategist. It is not possible to formulate them in detail beforehand... **To subdue the enemy without fighting is the supreme art of excellence.... Know your enemy and know yourself;** in a hundred battles, you will never be defeated. When you are ignorant of the enemy but know yourself, your chances of winning or losing are equal. If ignorant both of your enemy and of yourself, you are sure to be defeated in every battle.”
– Sun Tzu, *The Art of War*

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