

BILDERBURG GROUP - Beyond Media **Matrix - ThirdWorldTraveler.com**

"The Bilderberg Group is the quintessential transnational planning body of the Transnational Capitalist Class, as it is composed of the elite of the elite, totally removed from public scrutiny, and acts as "a secretive global think-tank" which holds the concept of a "world government" in high regard and works to achieve these ends."

Andrew Gavin Marshall, Global Research

"The Bilderberg group is an organization of political leaders and international financiers that meets secretly every spring to make global policy. There are about 110 regulars - Rockefellers, Rothschilds, bankers, heads of international corporations and high government officials from Europe and North America. Each year, a few new people are invited and, if found useful, they return to future meetings. If not, they are discarded. Decisions reached at these secret meetings affect every American and much of the world."

Jim Tucker's Bilderberg Diary

"In the more than fifty years of their meetings [Bilderberg Group], the press has never been allowed to attend, no statements have ever been released on the attendees' conclusions, nor has any agenda for a Bilderberg meeting been made public.

... It is certainly curious that no mainstream media outlet considers a gathering of such figures, whose wealth far exceeds the combined wealth of all United States citizens, to be newsworthy, when a trip by any one of them on their own makes headline news on TV.

... Bilderberg meetings are never mentioned in the media, [because] the mainstream press is fully owned by the Bilderbergers."

Daniel Estulin in his book "The Bilderberg Group"

"What the Bilderberg group intends is a global army at the disposal of the United Nations, which is to become the world government to which all nations will be subservient.

... A UN army must be able to act immediately, anywhere in the world, without the delay involved in each country making its own decision whether to participate, based on parochial considerations?"

Henry Kissinger at a Bilderberg meeting, Spotlight Reprint, August 1991

"Since 1954, the Bilderbergers have represented the elite and the absolute wealth of all western nations - financiers, industrialists, bankers, politicians, business leaders of multinational corporations, presidents, prime ministers, finance ministers, state secretaries, World Bank and International Monetary Fund representatives, presidents of world media conglomerates, and military leaders."

Daniel Estulin in his book "The Bilderberg Group"

"The international ruling elite have established some very special and highly influential organizations, many of which have clandestine aims and goals ... the Bilderbergers, the Club of Rome, the Aspen Institute, the Trilateral Commission, the Council on Foreign Relations, [and] the Bohemian Grove."

Gary Allen in his book 'None Dare Call It Conspiracy'

"The Bilderberg Group is Europe's version of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR). Acting on behalf of The Committee of 300 (Queen of England), specifically the Vatican and the Priory of Sion (French Monarchy), Knight of Malta Dr. Joseph Retinger plotted to forge alliances with the European Council of Princes, the CIA, and Britain's MI6, by creating another New World Order think-tank to be known as "The Bilderberg Group". Dr. Retinger, founder of the European Movement leading to the founding of the European Union (EU), approached Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands in 1952, who agreed to become its co-founder. The Bilderberg Group has been meeting secretly behind closed doors at irregular intervals, once or twice each year since its formation. Its purpose is to remove independence from all countries and permit the aristocracies tyrannical rule from behind the military might of the United Nations."

Daniel Estulin in his book "The Bilderberg Group - An Offshoot of the Venetian Black Nobility"

"The international consortium of financiers known as the Bilderbergers, who meet annually in profound secrecy to determine the destiny of the western world, is a creature of the Rockefeller-Rothschild alliance... The Rockefeller interests work in close alliance with the Rothschilds and other central banks."

Dr. Martin Larson from the book "The Secrets of the Federal Reserve" by Eustace Mullins

"The man who created the Bilderbergers is Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands. The Bilderbergers meet once or twice a year. Those in attendance include leading political and financial figures from the United States and Western Europe. Prince Bernhard makes no effort to hide the fact that the ultimate goal of the Bilderbergers is a world government. In the meantime, while the "new world order" is being built, the Bilderbergers coordinate the efforts of the European and American power elites."

Gary Allen in his book "None Dare Call It Conspiracy"

"The Bilderbergers are made up of the elites from the worlds of banking, business, government and academia - which holds top-secret meetings each year in remote resorts in the United States and Europe - to plan what is going to happen on the world scene in the months ahead."

... Only politicians and others who have proven their unquestioning loyalty to the Rothschild/Rockefeller cabal are invited to Bilderberg meetings. They must be willing tools of the super-rich and totally dedicated to the creation of a New World Order."

Des Griffin in his book "Fourth Reich of the Rich"

"The Bilderberg Group's chief fear is organized resistance. Members do not want the common people of the world to figure out at they are planning for the world's future: mainly, a One World Government (World Company) with a single, global marketplace, policed by one world army, and financially regulated by one "World Bank" using one global currency."

Daniel Estulin in his book "The Bilderberg Group"

"In the United States, the "independent" banking system is known as the Federal Reserve System, a privately owned bank system interlocked with the Bilderbergers. In Europe, the independent banking system is run through the European Central Bank, whose monetary policies are put together by the leading members of the Bilderberg elite."

Daniel Estulin in his book "The Bilderberg Group"

"The intention behind each and all of the Bilderberg meetings was about how to create an 'Aristocracy of purpose' between Europe and the United States, and how to come to agreement on questions of policy, economics, and strategy in jointly ruling the world. The NATO alliance was their crucial base of operation and subversion because it afforded them the backdrop for their plans of 'perpetual war,' or at least for their 'nuclear blackmail' policy."

Daniel Estulin in his book "The Bilderberg Group"

BRITISH OLIGARCHY

"With very few exceptions, offshore banking as a whole is under the thumb of the British oligarchy."

DOPE, INC.: the international drug cartel, money-laundering, and state power, 1992

"Shell Oil is principally owned by the British royal family."

Webster Griffin Tarpley and Anton Chaitkin in their book "George Bush : The Unauthorized Biography"

"Nothing has changed in the opium-heroin-cocaine trade. It is still run by the same "upper class" families in Britain and the United States. It is still a fabulously profitable trade where what seem to be big losses through seizures by the authorities are written off in paneled boardrooms in New York, Hong Kong and London over port and cigars as merely the cost of doing business."

John Coleman in his book "Conspirators' Hierarchy: The Story of the Committee of 300"

"Hong Kong was set up by the British, literally from bare rock, as a center for the drug trade, and remains to this day purely British, and purely a center for the drug trade. "

Webster Griffin Tarpley and Anton Chaitkin in their book "George Bush : The Unauthorized Biography"

"The Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank [HSBC] and related companies finance the opium trade. In this, they are acting as designated agents of the British monarchy, through the Royal Institute of International Affairs."

www.bibliotecapleyades.net - How the Drug Empire Works

"America is run by 300 families and England is run by 100 families and these families are intertwined through marriage, companies, banks, not to mention ties to the Black Nobility, Freemasonry, the Order of St. John of Jerusalem and so on. These are the people who, through their surrogates, find ways to protect huge shipments of heroin from Hong Kong, Turkey, Iran and Pakistan and ensure they reach the market places in the U.S. and Western Europe with the minimum cost of doing business."

John Coleman in his book "Conspirators' Hierarchy: The Story of the Committee of 300"

"The bulwark of the British financial oligarchy lies in its ageless and self-perpetuating nature, its long-range planning and prescience, its facility to outwait and break the patience of its opponents. The transient and temporal statesmen of Europe and particularly of Britain itself, who have attempted to curb this monstrosity have all been defeated by their limited tenure of confidence. Obligated to show action and results in a too short span of years, they have been outwitted and outwaited, deluged with irritants and difficulties; eventually obliged to temporize and retreat. There are few who have opposed them in Britain and America, without coming to a disgraceful end, but many, who served them well, have also profited well."

E.C. Knuth in his book "The Empire of The City", 1946

"The drug "industry" is ... under the control of a single world network.

... The drug-related illegal economy is the biggest business in the world.

... The British monarchy organized most of the Far East to conform to the drug traffic.

... The Anglo-Dutch "offshore" banking system and related precious metals and gems trade were designed around illegal money.

... The world drug traffic is a top-down operation under the immediate control of the British and allied monarchies. "

www.bibliotecapleyades.net - How the Drug Empire Works

"Queen Elizabeth II, head of state of the United Kingdom and of 31 other states and territories, is the legal owner of about 6,600 million acres of land, one sixth of the earth's non ocean surface. She is the only person on earth who owns whole countries. The value of her land holding is approximately \$28,000,000,000,000. This makes her the richest individual on earth."

from the book "Who Owns The World" by Kevin Cahill

"The Eastern Liberal Establishment families of the United States were just as deeply involved in the China opium trade as were the British [oligarchy], indeed they still are."

John Coleman in his book "Conspirators' Hierarchy: The Story of the Committee of 300"

"The British pre-eminence makes the world picture of offshore banking and dirty money more comprehensible. If the world offshore banking sector appears to run as a single operation under British monarchy control, that is because the same group of people who run it also run the opium traffic whose proceeds this banking sector was created to handle."

www.bibliotecapleyades.net - How the Drug Empire Works

"The British royal family rules the world, but they do not rule it alone. There are at least three other actors: central banks, the legacy of Cecil Rhodes, and the immense financial power of the biggest international banking family, the Rothschilds."

"Who Runs The World And Controls The Value Of Assets?" an article by Joan Veon

"Club of the Isles is a European cartel - centered within the City of London and headed by the House of Windsor - which controls every aspect of the global economy -- banks, insurance and pharmaceutical companies, raw materials, transportation, factories, major retail groups, the stock and commodities markets, politicians and governments, media, intelligence agencies, drugs and organized crime."

"The Windsors' Global Food Cartel: Instrument for Starvation" an article by Executive Intelligence Review, 1995

"The best-protected institutions of the British oligarchy prefer to launder their dirty money through Caribbean, Hong Kong, and similar branch operations, rather than in London itself."

www.bibliotecapleyades.net - How the Drug Empire Works

"To the oligarches and plutocrats of the Committee of 300, drugs have a two-fold purpose, firstly to bring in colossal sums of money and secondly, to eventually turn a major part of the population into mindless drug zombies who will be easier to control than people who don't need drugs. Punishment for rebellion will mean withholding of supplies of heroin, cocaine, marijuana, etc. For this it is necessary to legalize drugs so that a monopoly system, which has been readied for introduction once severe economic conditions cause drug usage to proliferate as hundreds of thousands of permanently jobless workers turn to drugs for solace."

In one of the Royal Institute of International Affairs (RIIA) top secret papers, the scenario is laid out as follows: 'Having been failed by Christianity, and with unemployment on every hand, those who have been without jobs for five years or more will turn away from the church and seek solace in drugs. That is when full control of the drug trade must be completed in order that the governments of all

countries who are under our jurisdiction will have a monopoly which we will control through supply.... Drug bars will take care of the unruly and the discontent, would be revolutionaries will be turned into harmless addicts with no will of their own'."

John Coleman in his book "Conspirators' Hierarchy: The Story of the Committee of 300"

BRZEZINSKI, ZBIGNIEW

"For America, the chief geopolitical prize is Eurasia... Eurasia is the globe's largest continent and is geopolitically axial. A power that dominates Eurasia would control two of the world's three most advanced and economically productive regions. A mere glance at the map also suggests that control over Eurasia would almost automatically entail African subordination.

... It is imperative that no Eurasian challenger emerges, capable of dominating Eurasia and thus of also challenging America.

Zbigniew Brzezinski, in his 1997 book "The Grand Chessboard"

"The three grand imperatives of imperial geostrategy are to prevent collusion and maintain security dependence among the vassals, to keep tributaries pliant and protected, and to keep the barbarians from coming together."

Zbigniew Brzezinski, in his 1997 book "The Grand Chessboard"

"The most immediate task is to make certain that no state or combination of states gains the capacity to expel the United States from Eurasia or even to diminish significantly its decisive arbitration role."

Zbigniew Brzezinski, in his 1997 book "The Grand Chessboard"

"The war on terror is being used as a pretext and excuse for building up the US and NATO military and organizational machine in the region [Afghanistan and Central Asia] and maintaining its open-ended presence there."

Zbigniew Brzezinski

"As America becomes an increasingly multicultural society, it may find it more difficult to fashion a consensus on foreign policy issues, except in the circumstance of a truly massive and widely perceived direct external threat."

Zbigniew Brzezinski, Council on Foreign Relations, 1977

"I encouraged the Chinese to support Pol Pot Pol Pot was an abomination. We could never support him but China could."

Zbigniew Brzezinski, 1979

"People, governments and economies of all nations must serve the needs of multinational banks and corporations."

Zbigniew Brzezinski in his book "Between Two Ages: America's Role in the Technetronic Era"

"The nation-state as a fundamental unit of man's organized life has ceased to be the principal creative force: International banks and multinational corporations are acting and planning in terms that are far in advance of the political concepts of the nation-state."

Zbigniew Brzezinski in his book "Between Two Ages: America's Role in the Technetronic Era"

"What is more important in world history? The Taliban or the collapse of the Soviet empire? Some agitated Muslims or the liberation of Central Europe and the end of the Cold War?"

Zbigniew Brzezinski, 1998

"Society would be dominated by an elite which would not hesitate to achieve its political ends by using the latest modern techniques for influencing public behavior and keeping society under close surveillance and control."

Zbigniew Brzezinski in his book "Between Two Ages: America's Role in the Technetronic Era"

BUSH FAMILY DYNASTY

"I will never apologize for the United States of America - I don't care what the facts are."

President George H W Bush, 1988

"[George H W Bush's father] Prescott Bush became managing partner of Brown Brothers Harriman ... ultimately the largest and politically the most important private banking house in America."

Webster Griffin Tarpley and Anton Chaitkin in their book "George Bush : The Unauthorized Biography"

"Prescott Bush [George HW Bush's father] was managing partner of Brown Brothers Harriman.

... On Oct. 20, 1942, the U.S. government ordered the seizure of Nazi German banking operations in New York City which were being conducted by Prescott Bush.

... Under the ...Trading with the Enemy Act, the government took over the Union Banking Corporation, in which [Prescott] Bush was a director.

... On Oct. 28, the government issued orders seizing two Nazi front organizations run by the Bush-Harriman bank.

... Nazi interests in the Silesian-American Corporation, long managed by Prescott Bush and his father-in-law George Herbert Walker, were seized under the Trading with the Enemy Act on Nov. 17,1942."

Webster Griffin Tarpley and Anton Chaitkin in their book "George Bush : The Unauthorized Biography"

"George H W Bush's response to the Gulf crisis of 1991 will be largely predetermined, not by any great flashes of geopolitical insight, but rather by his connection to the British oligarchy, to Henry Kissinger, to Israeli and Zionist

circles, to Texas oilmen in his fundraising base, and to the Saudi Arabian and Kuwaiti royal houses"

Webster Griffin Tarpley and Anton Chaitkin in their book "George Bush : The Unauthorized Biography"

"Virtually all the Nazi trade with the United States was under the supervision of the Harriman interests and functionaries such as Prescott Bush, father of President George [H W] Bush."

Webster Griffin Tarpley and Anton Chaitkin in their book "George Bush : The Unauthorized Biography"

BUTLER, SMEDLEY

U.S. MARINE GENERAL (1881-1940)

"I spent thirty-three years and four months in active military service as a member of this country's most agile military force, the Marine Corps. I served in all commissioned ranks from Second Lieutenant to Major General. And during that period, I spent most of my time being a high class muscle-man for Big Business, for Wall Street and for the Bankers. In short, I was a racketeer, a gangster for capitalism.

I suspected I was just part of a racket at the time. Now I am sure of it.

I helped make Honduras 'right' for American fruit companies in 1903. I helped make Mexico, especially Tampico, safe for American oil interests in 1914. I helped make Haiti and Cuba a decent place for the National City Bank boys to collect revenues in. I helped in the raping of half a dozen Central American republics for the benefits of Wall Street. The record of racketeering is long. I helped purify Nicaragua for the international banking house of Brown Brothers in 1909-1912. I brought light to the Dominican Republic for American sugar interests in 1916. In China I helped to see to it that Standard Oil went its way unmolested.

During those years, I had, as the boys in the back room would say, a swell racket. Looking back on it, I feel that I could have given Al Capone a few hints. The best he could do was to operate his racket in three districts. I operated on three continents."

General Smedley Butler, 1933

"War is largely a matter of money. Bankers lend money to foreign countries and when they cannot repay, the President sends Marines to get it. I know--I've been in eleven of these expeditions."

General Smedley Butler, 1931

"Our boys were sent off to die with beautiful ideals painted in front of them. No one told them that dollars and cents were the real reason they were marching off to kill and die."

General Smedley Butler, 1934

"In the World War [World War I] a mere handful garnered the profits of the conflict. At least 21,000 new millionaires and billionaires were made in the United States during the World War. That many admitted their huge blood gains in their income tax returns. How many other war millionaires falsified their tax returns no one knows.

How many of these war millionaires shouldered a rifle? How many of them dug a trench? How many of them knew what it meant to go hungry in a rat-infested dug-out? How many of them spent sleepless, frightened nights, ducking shells and shrapnel and machine gun bullets? How many of them parried a bayonet thrust of an enemy? How many of them were wounded or killed in battle?"

General Smedley Butler, 1933

"In the World War (World War I), we used propaganda to make the boys accept conscription. They were made to feel ashamed if they didn't join the army.

So vicious was this war propaganda that even God was brought into it. With few exceptions our clergymen joined in the clamor to kill, kill, kill. To kill the Germans. God is on our side. It is His will that the Germans be killed.

And in Germany, the good pastors called upon the Germans to kill the allies, to please the same God. That was a part of the general propaganda, built up to make people war conscious and murder conscious."

General Smedley Butler, 1933

"Three steps must be taken to smash the war racket.

We must take the profit out of war.

We must permit the youth of the land who would bear arms to decide whether or not there should be war.

We must limit our military forces to home defense purposes."

General Smedley Butler, 1933

"The professional soldiers and sailors don't want to disarm. No admiral wants to be without a ship. No general wants to be without a command. They are not for disarmament. They cannot be for limitations of arms.

There is only one way to disarm with any semblance of practicability. That is for all nations to get together and scrap every ship, every gun, every rifle, every tank, every war plane."

General Smedley Butler, 1933

"Like all members of the military profession, I never had an original thought until I left the service. My mental faculties remained in suspended animation while I obeyed the orders of the higher-ups. This is typical with everyone in the military service."

General Smedley Butler

"The normal profits of a business concern in the United States are six, eight, ten, and sometimes even twelve per cent. But wartime profits, that is another matter - twenty, sixty, one hundred, three hundred, and even eighteen hundred per cent-the sky is the limit. All that the traffic will bear. Uncle Sam has the money. Let's get it.

Of course, it isn't put that crudely in war time. It is dressed into speeches about patriotism, love of country, and "we must all put our shoulder to the wheel," but the profits jump and leap and skyrocket-and are safely pocketed."

General Smedley Butler, 1936

"Our boys were sent off to die with beautiful ideals painted in front of them. No one told them that dollars and cents were the real reason they were marching off to kill and die."

General Smedley Butler

"It would seem time that school textbooks in America were revised to acknowledge our debt to the almost forgotten hero - General Smedley Butler - who thwarted the conspiracy to end democratic government in America."

Jules Archer in his book "The Plot to Seize the White House"

"The central figure in the plot to overthrow FDR was Major General Smedley Darlington Butler, a colorful, popular, widely known Marine Corps officer, twice decorated with the Congressional Medal of Honor and a veteran of 33 years of military service. General Butler testified in 1934 to the McCornack-Dickstein Committee investigating Nazi and Communist activities in the United States that a plan for a White House dictatorship was outlined to him by two members of the American Legion.

... General Butler is reported to have testified that the affair was an attempted coup d'etat to overthrow President Roosevelt and replace him with a fascist dictator."

Antony C. Sutton, 1975

"In 1934 General Smedley Butler publicly claimed he had been approached by a group of businessmen about leading half a million war veterans in a coup against President Franklin D. Roosevelt with the aim of establishing a fascist dictatorship. This is known as the "Business Plot." A special committee set up by the U.S. House of Representatives, which heard testimony from Butler and others, reportedly issued a document containing some confirmation."

Sheldon Richman

CAPITALISM

"By allowing capital to flow unchecked from one end of the world to the other, globalization and abandon of sovereignty have together fostered the explosive growth of an outlaw financial market. It is a coherent system closely linked to the expansion of modern capitalism and based on an association of three partners: governments, transnational corporations and Mafias. Business is business: financial crime is first and foremost a market, thriving and structured, ruled by supply and demand. Big business complicity and political laissez faire is the only way that largescale organized crime can launder and recycle the fabulous proceeds of its activities. And the transnational corporations need the support of governments and the neutrality of regulatory authorities in order to consolidate their positions, increase their profits, withstand and crush the competition, pull off the 'deal of the century' and finance their illicit operations. Politicians are directly involved and their ability to intervene, depends on the backing and the funding that keep them in power."

Christian de Brie and Jean de Maillard, Le Monde Diplomatique, 2000

"The modern pantheon of enemies are the banking consortium; the global Elite born and bred from mega-wealth; the academics and economists who disconnect ideas from reality; and the scientific and military minds who are so compartmentalized by design that they rarely know what sort of dictatorship to which they are making their contributions."

Michael Edwards

"Capital must protect itself in every way Debts must be collected and loans and mortgages foreclosed as soon as possible. When through a process of law the common people have lost their homes, they will be more tractable and more easily governed by the strong arm of the law applied by the central power of leading financiers. People without homes will not quarrel with their leaders. This is well known among our principal men now engaged in forming an imperialism of capitalism to govern the world. By dividing the people we can get them to expend their energies in fighting over questions of no importance to us except as teachers of the common herd."

Civil Servants' Year Book: "The Organizer", January 1934

"Unfettered and unregulated capitalism is a brutal and revolutionary force that exploits human beings and the natural world until exhaustion or collapse."

Chris Hedges

"The financial crisis [2008] raised the curtain on a new and protracted period of painfully low growth and greatly reduced expectations in the West, with the American economy - like its European counterparts - facing the prospect of years of austerity, with swinging reductions in both government and personal expenditure, combined, for Americans at least, with the urgency of greatly reducing its trade deficit. Burdened by sovereign debt crises in Greece, Ireland, Portugal, Spain and Italy, the European integration project threatens to unravel, condemning the euro to oblivion in the process. Meanwhile the Western economies continue to teeter on the brink of another recession, with a further banking crisis and a full-scale slump not to be excluded. In contrast, the Chinese, buoyed by huge foreign exchange reserves, large trade surpluses and a high level of savings, can look forward to many more years of fast economic growth. All this adds up to an extraordinary and irreversible shift in power from the West in general, and the United States in particular, to China."

Martin Jacques in his book "When China Rules the World"

"Capitalism, because it seeks profits as its primary goal, is never primarily seeking to achieve prosperity, high production, high consumption, political power, patriotic improvement, or moral uplift. Any of these may be achieved under capitalism, and any (or all) of them may be sacrificed and lost under capitalism, depending on this relationship to the primary goal of capitalist activity - the pursuit of profit."

Carroll Quigley, historian and Georgetown University professor, in his book "Tragedy and Hope"

"Our manufacturing base has been dismantled. Speculators and swindlers have looted the U.S. Treasury and stolen billions from small shareholders who had set aside money for retirement or college. Civil liberties, including habeas corpus and protection from warrantless wiretapping, have been taken away. Basic services, including public education and health care, have been handed over to the corporations to exploit for profit. The few who raise voices of dissent, who refuse to engage in the corporate happy talk, are derided by the corporate establishment as freaks."

Chris Hedges

"The advanced capitalist economies of North America and Europe are desperately trying to maintain their hegemony and economic survival by means of austerity programs which shift the burden of the depression from the wealthy financiers and speculators who created it to the poor and working class who must pay for it... The Western imperial powers seek to destroy the social safety net and drive their populations into further destitution and desperation. This is the crisis of advanced, post-industrial capitalism - an economic system which must expand the divide between rich and poor, create extremes of wealth and poverty and generally perpetuate itself on the misery and poverty of the lower classes."

Eric Draitser, Global Research, 2013

"The 2008 financial crisis marked a fundamental shift in the relationship between China and the United States. Nothing could or would be quite the same again. The management of the US economy was revealed to have been fatally flawed, a lightly regulated financial sector almost allowed to shipwreck the entire economy. In a few short months, the crisis served to undermine a near-universal assumption of American, and Western, economic competence; in contrast, China's economic credentials have been considerably burnished. The crisis at the same time exposed the huge levels of indebtedness that have sustained the American economy, accentuated since by the financial rescue package, while underlining the financial strength of the Chinese economy, now the world's largest net creditor with its massive foreign exchange reserves. Although hardly new, the crisis finally woke Americans up to the fact that China had become their banker, with all this meant in terms of the shifting balance of power."

Martin Jacques in his book "When China Rules the World"

"In late October of 2012, the CEOs of 80 major corporations and banks in the United States banded together in order to pressure Congress to pursue an agenda of harsh austerity measures and structural reforms... Among the demands are to reform Medicare and Medicaid, healthcare, Social Security, increase taxes, and generally reduce spending. All of this amounts to a large federal program of austerity, to cut social spending and increase taxes on the population, thus impoverishing the population."

Andrew Gavin Marshall

"The engine of capitalist expansion is now oiled by the profits of serious crime.

... It is a coherent system closely linked to the expansion of modern capitalism and based on an association of three partners: governments, transnational corporations, and mafias.

... Big business complicity and political laissez faire is the only way that large-scale organized crime can launder and recycle the fabulous proceeds of its activities. And the transnationals need the support of governments and the neutrality of the regulatory authorities in order to consolidate their positions, increase their profits, withstand or crush the competition, pull off the "deal of the century" and finance their illicit operations. Politicians are directly involved, and their ability to intervene depends on the backing and the funding that keep them in power.

... The only objective of the anti-corruption campaigns taken up by international organizations (World Bank, IMF, and OECD) is the "good governance" of a financial crime that is now an integral part of market globalizations under the leadership of the American democracy, the most corrupt on the planet."

Le Monde Diplomatique, 2000

"We find persistent recurrence of the same names Owen Young, Gerard Swope, Hjalmar Schacht, Bernard Baruch, etc.; the same international banks: J. P. Morgan, Guaranty Trust, Chase Bank.

... This group of international bankers backed the Bolshevik Revolution and subsequently profited from the establishment of a Soviet Russia. This group backed Roosevelt and profited from New Deal socialism. This group also backed Hitler and certainly profited from German armament in the 1930s."

Antony C. Sutton in his book "Wall Street and the Bolshevik Revolution"

"Capitalism has been shaped by the Washington Consensus, which was formed around the neoliberal policies that had been imposed on developing countries by Milton Friedman's Chicago Boys, and on Eastern Europe by Jeffrey Sachs. The Shock Doctrine involves cutting back or eliminating social programs, privatization, tax cuts and incentives for the wealthy, and increasing prices on strategic goods - gasoline, fuel oil which affect the poor more than any other segment of society."

William F. Pepper in his book "An Act of State: the Execution of Martin Luther King"

"Commercial capitalism became institutionalized into a restrictive system, sometimes called "mercantilism," in which merchants sought to gain profits, not from the movements of goods but from restricting the movements of goods. Thus the pursuit of profits, which had earlier led to increased prosperity by increasing trade and production, became a restriction on both trade and production, because profit became an end in itself rather than an accessory mechanism in the economic system as a whole."

Carroll Quigley, historian and Georgetown University professor, in his book "Tragedy and Hope"

"Capitalism and Fascism are one under the iron mask. Fascism is the expression of Capitalism's death struggle. War is the life blood of Capitalism; it is the body and soul of Fascism. Capitalist economy leads inevitably to War; Fascist economy begins and ends in war."

Kenneth Patchen, 1911-1972

"Monopoly capitalists are the bitter enemies of laissez-faire entrepreneurs; and, given the weaknesses of socialist central planning, the totalitarian socialist state is a perfect captive market for monopoly capitalists, if an alliance can be made with the socialist powerbrokers."

Antony C. Sutton in his book "Wall Street and the Bolshevik Revolution"

"Capitalism provides very powerful motivations for economic activity because it associates economic motivations so closely with self-interest. But this same feature, which is a source of strength in providing economic motivation through the pursuit of profits, is also a source of weakness owing to the fact that so self-centered a motivation contributes very readily to a loss of economic coordination. Each individual, just because he is so powerfully motivated by self-interest, easily loses sight of the role which his own activities play in the economic system as a whole, and tends to act as if his activities were the whole, with inevitable injury to that whole."

Carroll Quigley, historian and Georgetown University professor, in his book "Tragedy and Hope"

"There is this religion that the United States is imposing on people. Its name is capitalism. It's like a religion. They dedicate their whole military and every kind of power that they have to make sure that you do not use alternative means of development."

former UN General Assembly President Miguel d'Escoto

"The economy is designed to self-destruct... Many people hit a proverbial wall on this issue because they simply cannot fathom that certain groups of men (globalists and central bankers) view money and economy in completely different terms than they do. The average American lives within a tiny box when it comes to the mechanics and motivations of finance. They think that their monetary desires and drives are exactly the same as a globalist's. But, what they don't realize is that the box they think in was built by globalists. This is why the actions of big banks and the decisions of our mostly corporate establishment run government seem so insane in the face of common sense. We try to rationalize their behavior as "idiocy", but the reality is that their goals are highly deliberate and so far outside what we have been taught to expect that some of us lack a point of reference. If you cannot see the endgame, you will not understand the steps taken to reach it until it is too late."

Giordano Bruno, Neithercorp Press, 2010

"It was Henry Ford who in the 1930s built the Soviet Union's first modern automobile plant ... and which in the 50s and 60s produced the trucks used by the North Vietnamese to carry weapons and munitions for use against Americans. At about the same time, Henry Ford was also the most famous of Hitler's foreign backers, and he was rewarded in the 1930s for this long-lasting support with the highest Nazi decoration for foreigners."

Antony C. Sutton in his book "Wall Street and the Rise of Hitler"

"The two aims of the Party are to conquer the whole surface of the earth and to extinguish once and for all the possibility of independent thought."

The capitalists owned everything in the world, and everyone else was their slave. They owned all the land, all the houses, all the factories, and all the money. If anyone disobeyed them they could throw him into prison, or they could take his job away and starve him to death."

George Orwell in his book "1984"

CENTRAL BANKS & CENTRAL BANKING

Most sovereign nations in the world have publically-owned central banks, but they are controlled by a global banking oligarchy made up of the largest private banks and a few international banking and dynastic families.

The Federal Reserve, the central bank of the United States, is not owned by the U.S. government. Its Chairman and Board of Directors are appointed by the President of the United States, but it is owned and controlled by private banks.

The ten private banks listed below own the majority of shares in the Federal Reserve, and therefore control it.

ROTHSCHILD BANK OF LONDON

ROTHSCHILD BANK OF BERLIN

WARBURG BANK OF HAMBURG

WARBURG BANK OF AMSTERDAM

LAZARD BROTHERS OF PARIS

ISRAEL MOSES SEIF BANK OF ITALY

KUHN LOEB BANK OF NEW YORK

GOLDMAN SACHS OF NEW YORK

J. P. MORGAN CHASE BANK OF NEW YORK

LEHMAN BROTHERS OF NEW YORK

The majority of central banks in the world are "state-owned", but are controlled by an international banking cartel.

"The central banking system has been the most powerful network of institutions in the world; it reigns supreme over the capitalist world order, almost since its inception. Central banks are the perfect merger of private interests and public power.

... Central banks work behind the scenes; their weapons are the financial instruments they create and employ. With the stroke of a pen, they can destroy a nation and bankrupt a people."

Andrew Gavin Marshall, Global Research

"Congress... gave the power to regulate money to a handful of unelected private bankers. America has been paying the price ever since... As the Federal Reserve is a private banking institution, every time Congress requisitions money it creates a debt obligation... a transfer of cash [created out of thin air] from the Fed in exchange for U.S. bonds, resulting in taxpayers paying untold billions of dollars in interest every year with no hope of ever being able to reduce the principal. By controlling our money, private Federal Reserve bankers have indebted us all, forever... By eliminating the middleman we would be able to create a debt free, productive, government at all levels."

Edward F. Mrkvicka, Jr

"Central banks have utilized and promoted wars for their own profit, starting with the Rothschild involvement with the Napoleonic wars, and continuing up to the present day."

G. Edward Griffin in his book "The Creature from Jekyll Island"

"Centralization of credit in the hands of the State, by means of a national bank with State capital and an exclusive monopoly."

Communist Manifesto #5 - Karl Marx & Frederick Engels

"Central Banks were created by the Banks for the simple reason that Fractional Reserve Banking is incredibly unstable. There is an eternal incentive for the banksters to loan out more than they can cover with fractional reserves, leading to all sorts of destabilizing busts. This was hurting the Money Power's control

over the money supplies of the World and Central Banks were created as 'lenders of the last resort': in case of a panic a Central Bank could keep busted banks afloat, maintaining sufficient confidence in the system.

Furthermore, they were useful tools for Sovereign borrowing. The basic contract between Sovereigns and the Central Banks was, that the Central Bank would always provide the State with all the money it would ever need, in return for guaranteed interest payments through taxation.

Also important was the monopoly on national currency that is closely associated with Central Banking. In earlier days, both in Europe and the US, free banking and local Sovereign money created a diverse monetary environment, more difficult to control for the Money Power. By 'legal tender' laws their units became the sole accepted way of paying taxes, giving the banking units a massive advantage in the market place. These were the early steps in further and further monetary centralization in ever fewer units, with World Currency as its final goal.

... Central Banks do the bidding of the Money Power's banking cartel. They keep competition out of the market. They prop up busted banks, maintaining some kind of 'stability'. They oversee private usurious credit creation and maintain the banks' ability to rake in trillions per year in interest. They allow the banks to create the boom/bust cycle.

Anthony Michels

"The most vital and powerful force within the capitalist global political economy [is] the central banking system... the central banking system, is also the source of the greatest wealth and power, essentially managing capitalism - controlling the credit and debt of both government and industry."

Andrew Gavin Marshall, Global Research

"It must not be felt that these heads of the world's chief central banks were substantive powers in world finance. They were not. Rather, they were technicians and agents of the dominant investment bankers of their own countries, who had raised them up and were perfectly capable of throwing them down."

Carroll Quigley, Tragedy And Hope

"Mayer Amschel Bauer Rothschild's five sons were sent to the major capitals of Europe - London, Paris, Vienna, Berlin and Naples - with the mission of establishing a banking system that would be outside government control. The economic and political systems of nations would be controlled not by citizens but by bankers, for the benefit of bankers. Eventually, a privately-owned "central bank" was established in nearly every country. This central banking system has now gained control over the economies of the world. Central banks have the authority to print money in their respective countries, and it is from these banks that governments must borrow money to pay their debts and fund their operations. The result is a global economy in which not only industry but government itself runs on "credit" (or debt) created by a banking monopoly headed by a network of private central banks."

"Central banking functions on the expansion and creation of money and debt, which is lent at interest, thus serving as the source of income for the central banking system."

Andrew Gavin Marshall, Global Research

"It must not be felt that these heads of the world's chief central banks were themselves substantive powers in world finance. They were not. Rather, they were the technicians and agents of the dominant investment bankers of their own countries, who had raised them up and were perfectly capable of throwing them down. The substantive financial powers of the world were in the hands of these investment bankers (also called 'international' or 'merchants' bankers) who [remained] largely behind the scenes in their own unincorporated (private banks.) These formed a system of international cooperation and national dominance which was more private, more powerful, and more secret than that of their agents in the central banks."

Carroll Quigley in his book "Tragedy and Hope"

"States, most especially the large hegemonic ones, such as the United States and Great Britain, are controlled by the international central banking system, working through secret agreements at the Bank for International Settlements (BIS), and operating through national central banks (such as the Bank of England and the Federal Reserve). The state is thus owned by an international banking cartel, and though the state acts in such a way that proves its continual relevance in the global economy, it acts so not in terms of self-interest for the state itself, but for the powerful interests that control that state. The same international banking cartel that controls the United States today previously controlled Great Britain and held it up as the international hegemon. When the British order faded, and

was replaced by the United States, the US ran the global economy. However, the same interests are served. States will be used and discarded at will by the international banking cartel; they are simply tools."

Andrew Gavin Marshall in his book "Global Power and Global Government"

"Iran is one of only three countries left in the world whose central bank is not under Rothschild control. As of the year 2000, there were seven countries without a Rothschild-owned Central Bank: Afghanistan, Iraq, Sudan, Libya, Cuba, North Korea and Iran. By 2003, however, Afghanistan and Iraq were swallowed up by the Rothschild octopus, and by 2011 Sudan and Libya were also gone.

Today [2013] the only countries left without a Central Bank owned by the Rothschild Family are: Cuba, North Korea, Iran.

Pete Papaherakles, americanfrepress.net, Feb. 10, 2012

"The first step in having a Central Bank established in a country is to get them to accept an outrageous loans, which puts the country in debt of the Central Bank and under the control of the Rothschilds. If the country does not accept the loan, the leader of this particular country will be assassinated and a Rothschild aligned leader will be put into the position, and if the assassination does not work, the country will be invaded and have a Central Bank established with force all under the name of terrorism."

www.godlikeproductions.com, 10/23/11

"The private issuance of a nation's money has given tremendous power to central bankers, a power so great that even democratically elected governments are subservient to them. Governments are not in control of the economy; it is the all-powerful banksters who create the money, determine interest rates, and decide who gets loans and who doesn't."

Gabriel Donohoe

"There are few historians who would challenge the fact that the funding of World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War was accomplished ...

through the Federal Reserve System. An overview of all wars since the establishment of the Bank of England in 1694 suggests that most of them would have been greatly reduced in severity, or perhaps not even fought at all, without fiat money. It is the ability of governments to acquire money without direct taxation that makes modern warfare possible, and a central bank has become the preferred method of accomplishing that."

G. Edward Griffin in his book "The Creature from Jekyll Island"

CHATHAM HOUSE

Royal Institute of International Affairs (RIAA)

"To establish a trust, to and for the establishment and promotion and development of a secret society [the Royal Institute for International Affairs (RIIA)], the true aim and object whereof shall be the extension of British rule throughout the world, the perfecting of a system of emigration from the United Kingdom and the colonization by British subjects of all lands wherein the means of livelihood are attainable by energy, labor, and enterprise, and especially the occupation by British settlers of the entire continent of Africa, the Holy Land, the valley of the Euphrates, the islands of Cyprus and Candia, the whole of South America, the islands of the Pacific not heretofore possessed by Great Britain, the whole of the Malay Archipelago, the seaboard of China and Japan, the ultimate recovery of the United States of America as an integral part of the British Empire, the consolidation of the whole Empire, the inauguration of a system of colonial representation in the Imperial Parliament which may tend to weld together the disjointed members of the Empire, and finally, the foundation of so great a power as to hereafter render wars impossible and promote the best interests of humanity."

Cecil Rhodes's last will and testament, 1877

"The Royal Institute of International Affairs (RIIA) [Chatham House] and its leading personnel control not only the Far Eastern drug traffic but every important dirty money operation on the surface of the globe."

DOPE, INC.: the international drug cartel, money-laundering, and state power, 1992

"The Royal Institute of International Affairs (RIIA) ... control not only the Far Eastern drug traffic but every important dirty money operation on the surface of the globe."

<http://911truthnc.blogspot.com>, 2009

"The Royal Institute of International Affairs (RIIA), effectively now completely controls the entire global business, banking and political system of the world including the Vatican. Its sub-branches illustrate its staggering global power.

- * Council of Foreign Relations (USA)***
- * Trilateral Commission (USA)***
- * Australian Institute of International Affairs***
- * Canadian Institute of International Affairs***
- * Danish Institute of International Affairs***
- * Hungarian Institute of International Affairs***
- * Institute of International Affairs Italy***
- * Japan Institute of International Affairs***
- * Institute of International Affairs Prague***
- * Netherlands Institute of International Affairs***
- * Norwegian Institute of International Affairs***
- * South African Institute of International Affairs***
- * Swedish Institute of International Affairs***

The RIIA changed its name to Chatham House on September 1, 2004."

John D. Christian in his book "Hidden Secrets on the Alpha Course"

CHAVEZ, HUGO

"Hugo Chavez re-founded his country, freed it from colonial domination, thrust the invisible poor permanently into the national spotlight, redistributed oil revenues to benefit the Venezuelan majority, sharply reduced illiteracy and poverty, radically improved public health, raised pensions and the minimum wage, mandated pay for housework, established health clinics, schools, cooperatives and popular councils throughout the country, all this while making the stagnant Venezuelan economy grow. He strengthened the hand of the oil-producing countries against the international oil oligarchs, derailed Washington's "free trade" market of the Americas (substituting an alternative economic integration model based on mutual aid), and laid the foundation for a new brand of socialism in the 21st century when most people were loathe to even mention socialism."

Michael K. Smith

"Of the 92 elections that we've monitored, I would say that the election process in Venezuela is the best in the world."

former President Jimmy Carter, 2012

"In Venezuela, voters touch a computer screen to cast their vote and then receive a paper receipt, which they verify and deposit in a ballot box. Most of the paper ballots are compared with the electronic tally. This system makes vote-rigging nearly impossible: to steal the vote would require hacking the computers and then stuffing the ballot boxes to match the rigged vote."

Mark Weisbrot, 2012

"The funding of political groups in Venezuela, and others throughout Latin America that promote US agenda, has increased since the April 2002 coup against President Chávez. Through two principal Department of State agencies, USAID and the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), the US government has channeled more than \$50 million to opposition groups in Venezuela since 2002. The USAID/NED budget to fund groups in Venezuela in 2010 is nearly \$15 million, doubled from last year's \$7 million. This is a state policy of Washington, which the Obama Administration plans to amp up. They call it "democracy promotion", but it's really democracy subversion and destabilization... Through USAID and NED, and their "partner NGOs" and contractors, such as Freedom House, International Republican Institute, National Democratic Institute, Pan-American Development Foundation and Development Alternatives, Inc.,

hundreds of political groups, parties and programs are presently being funded in Venezuela to promote regime change against the Chávez government."

Eva Golinger interviewed by Mike Whitney, 2009

"When the Venezuelan president, Hugo Chavez, tried to take more direct policy control of the Venezuelan state oil company, the Bush administration attempted a covert coup."

William Engdahl in his book "A Century of War: Anglo-American Oil Politics and the New World Order"

"In Venezuela voter registration is now at 97%."

Mark Weisbrot, 2012

"The Venezuelan Bolivarian Revolution and its commitment to the poor as the most important movement on the planet. [Hugo] Chavez fully embraces the values that inspired by [Martin Luther] King to help the poor and marginalized. Corporate media will continue to distort and misrepresent what is going on there, as it will with respect to every non-capitalist, cooperative effort."

William F. Pepper in his book "An Act of State: the Execution of Martin Luther King"

"Living standards of the majority of Venezuelans have dramatically improved under [Hugo] Chávez. Since 2004, when the government gained control over the oil industry and the economy had recovered from the devastating, extra-legal attempts to overthrow it (including the 2002 US-backed military coup and oil strike of 2002-2003), poverty has been cut in half and extreme poverty by 70%. And this measures only cash income. Millions have access to healthcare for the first time, and college enrolment has doubled, with free tuition for many students. Inequality has also been considerably reduced. By contrast, the two decades that preceded Chávez amount to one of the worst economic failures in Latin America, with real income per person actually falling by 14% between 1980 and 1998."

Mark Weisbrot, 2012

"The Venezuelan government has a [distinct] set of measurements to determine true poverty including: access to education, access to clean drinking water, access to adequate housing, and other factors. In Venezuela, poverty is not a measure of income, but of quality of life."

Eric Draitser, Global Research, 2013

"[Hugo] Chavez more than anyone drawing a breath, carries on and expands [Martin Luther] King's struggle on behalf of the wretched of the earth. He is a revolutionary)' leader deeply committed, as was {Martin Luther] King, to liberating the poor from the impoverishment, physical deprivation, and exclusion that denies all life in the face of the challenge to survive."

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Eva Golinger interviewed by Mike Whitney, 2009

"The Israeli elite repeatedly criticise Hitler's actions against the Jews, and indeed Hitler's actions must be criticised, not just against the Jews but against the world. It's also fascism that Israel is doing to the Palestinian people ... terrorism and fascism."

Hugo Chavez

"The Empire is afraid that the people of the United States will find out the truth. that a Bolivarian movement, or a Lincoln movement, or a movement of conscious citizens could erupt in their own country and transform the system."

Hugo Chavez

CHINA

"The Chinese state has, ever since Confucius if not earlier, been perceived as the embodiment and guardian of Chinese civilization, which is why, in both the dynastic and Communist eras, it has enjoyed such huge authority and legitimacy. Amongst its constellation of responsibilities, the state, most importantly of all, has the sacred task of maintaining the unity of Chinese civilization. Unlike in the Western tradition, the role of government has no boundaries; rather like a parent, with which it is often compared, there are no limits to its authority. Paternalism is regarded as a desirable and necessary characteristic of government."

Martin Jacques in his book "When China Rules the World"

"China has borne witness to the greatest poverty-reduction programme ever seen, with the number of people living in poverty falling from 250 million at the start of the reform process in 1978 to 80 million by the end of 1993, 29 million in 2001, and 26 million in 2007, thereby accounting for three-quarters of global poverty reduction during this period."

Martin Jacques in his book "When China Rules the World"

"The Chinese leadership has displayed great patience and considerable competence at tackling a succession of difficult and elusive problems. At the end of the nineties, for example, the government was faced with three extremely difficult domestic issues: closing a very large number of loss-making state enterprises; overhauling the state banks, which were saddled with a large and rising proportion of non-performing loans, mainly to indebted state enterprises; and strengthening the weak fiscal position of central government. A decade later, the government had fundamentally overcome these problems, having greatly reduced the problem of indebted state enterprises, transformed the condition of the banking system and improved its own finances."

Given its scale and speed, China's economic transformation is surely the most extraordinary in human history... The government's economic strategy, shrewd and far-sighted has been very successful, resulting in stellar economic growth and a rise in per capita income from \$339 in 1990 to over \$4,000 in 2010. Economic growth is no longer confined to a few 'islands' but has spread out in waves to most provinces of China... In a remarkably short space of time, China has become the centre of global manufacturing... In 2011, China became the world's largest manufacturing country in terms of output, bringing to an end a period of 110 years during which the United States had occupied that position."

Martin Jacques in his book "When China Rules the World"

"For the Chinese leadership, the objective of economic reform was never Westernization, but rather a desire to restore the Party's legitimacy after Mao through economic growth, and thereby build a strong nation and state. Political stability was accorded the highest priority."

Martin Jacques in his book "When China Rules the World"

"The Chinese state has consistently been seen as the apogee of society, enjoying sovereignty over all else. In European societies, in contrast, the power of government has historically been subject to competing sources of authority, such as the Church, the nobility and rising commercial interests. In effect government was obliged to share its power with other groups and institutions. In China, at least for the last millennium, these either did not exist (there was no organized and powerful Church) or were regarded, and saw themselves, as subordinate (for example, the merchant class); the idea that different sources of authority could and should coexist was seen as ethically wrong."

Martin Jacques in his book "When China Rules the World"

"One of the most fundamental features of Chinese politics concerns the overriding emphasis placed on the country's unity. This is remains by far the most important question in China's political life. Its origins lie not in the short period since China became a nation-state, but in the experience and idea of Chinese civilization. The fact that China has spent so much of its history in varying degrees of disunity, and at such great cost, has taught the Chinese that unity is sacrosanct."

Martin Jacques in his book "When China Rules the World"

"The task of the [Chinese Communist] Party is to govern, while the people are left free to get on with the business of transforming their living standards and enjoying the rewards of rising incomes and a growing variety of consumer goods. Money-making, meanwhile, has replaced politics as the most valued and respected form of social activity, including within the Party itself."

Martin Jacques in his book "When China Rules the World"

"The fact that the Chinese regard themselves as superior to the rest of the human race, and that this belief has a strong racial component, will confront the rest of the world with a serious problem. It is one thing to hold such attitudes when China is relatively poor and powerless, quite another for those attitudes to inform a country when it enjoys huge global power and influence. Of course, there is a clear parallel with European and Western attitudes, which have similarly been based on an abiding sense of superiority rooted in cultural and racial beliefs. There are, though, two obvious differences: first, China's hubris has a much longer history and second, the Chinese represent one-fifth of the world's population, a far larger proportion than, for example, Britain or the United States at their zenith have ever constituted. Precisely how this sense of superiority will inform China's behaviour as a global superpower is a crucial question."

Martin Jacques in his book "When China Rules the World"

"The roots of China's sense of difference, superiority and greatness lie not in its recent past as a nation-state but in its much longer history and existence as a civilization-state. There are two key elements to this. First, there is China's belief in its cultural superiority, which dates back at least two millennia. Second, there is the idea of China's racial superiority, which is closely linked to its cultural hubris and which anchors that hubris in nature: that to be born Chinese, rather than as a 'foreigner', 'barbarian' or 'foreign devil', carries a special status and significance. Together they constitute what might be described as the Middle Kingdom mentality."

Martin Jacques in his book "When China Rules the World"

"China lent more money to the entire developing world than was lent by the World Bank: specifically, the China Development Bank and China Export-Import Bank (often known as the China Exim Bank) signed loans of at least \$110 billion to other developing country governments and companies during those two years, while the equivalent arms of the World Bank made loan commitments of \$100.3 billion. Already, in other words, the China Development Bank and the China Exim Bank are becoming more important institutions in the funding of the developing world than the World Bank."

Martin Jacques in his book "When China Rules the World"

"The main political impact of China on the world will be its Confucian tradition, its lack of a Western-style democracy or tradition, the centrality of the state and the relative weakness of any civil society that is likely to develop. Even a more democratic China will be profoundly different from the Western model."

Martin Jacques in his book "When China Rules the World"

"At the heart of the Chinese model is a hyperactive and omnipresent state, which enjoys a close relationship with a powerful body of SOEs (state-owned enterprises), a web of connections with the major firms in the private sector, and has masterminded China's economic transformation. The Chinese state is a highly dynamic institution that has been subject to a constant process of reform. Based on experimentation and trial and error, it has been continuously restructured, with institutions regularly re-purposed and incentivized. This picture contrasts with the neo-liberal view that is still dominant in the West, which sees the state as inevitably prone to ossification, atrophy and anachronism."

Martin Jacques in his book "When China Rules the World"

"The attitude of the Chinese towards the state is very different to that of Westerners. For the latter, the state is an outsider, a stranger, even an interloper, whose presence should, as far as possible, be limited and confined... In China, in contrast, the state and society are seen as on the same side and part of the same endeavour: the state enjoys the status of an intimate and is treated like a member of the family, not just any member but the head of the family - the patriarch himself. We can only understand the immense authority of the Chinese state in these terms, an authority which has been reinforced by the fact that, unlike in the West, it has had no serious rivals for over a millennium."

Martin Jacques in his book "When China Rules the World"