



George Soros and World Disorder

Hungarian-born multi-billionaire George Soros has spun an immense web of left-wing organizations and groups intent on transforming the world. The list of the organizations he finances extends over two single-spaced pages. They are active in the United States, Europe, the Middle East and Africa. Soros-supported organizations include Black Lives Matter, MoveOn.org, the Center for American Progress, America Coming Together, the pro-marijuana Drug Policy Alliance, Zimbabwe's Movement for Democratic Change, the Georgian Open Society Foundation, various open border immigration organizations in Europe, and multiple groups calling for boycotts, divestment and sanctions against Israel for its treatment of Palestinians.

His involvement in American politics reaches from top to bottom. He is Hillary Clinton's largest campaign donor. He is now reaching down to the local level by supporting district attorney races in order to pursue his goal of decriminalizing drugs and dismantling the "incarceration state," which disproportionately imprisons minorities. In total, he supports more than 500 organizations worldwide and has donated in the last two decades an estimated \$11 billion to progressive causes and some charitable groups.

His net worth, estimated at \$14 billion, allows him to act on his convictions. He is one of the richest people in the world. While the left obsesses about the Koch brothers' involvement in politics and their funding of a few free-market centers in American universities and colleges, the democratic left should instead focus on the big money that the Soros network uses to distort and manipulate politics in America and around the world. His vision is of a world with no national borders, which is highly regulated by international organizations.

A Messiah Complex

Soros's ideal world is libertarian concerning drug use, abortion and assisted suicide; yet, government is centralized to provide extensive social welfare programs and economic regulation. His is a secular world where religion, especially Christianity, plays no significant role in society. His vision began to take shape when he was a young man. As his wealth grew, he became increasingly involved in politics.¹ He has a messianic sense of his mandate to transform the world.

He told an interviewer for *The Independent* in 1991 that although he was an atheist, "I admit that I have always harbored

an exaggerated view of self-importance—to put it bluntly I fancied myself as some kind of god or an economic reformer like Keynes or, even better, a scientist like Einstein."² He added that he sometimes thinks of himself as "some kind of god, the creator of everything." He enlarged upon this theme in his 1991 book, *Underwriting Democracy*, in which he confessed, "If truth be known, I carried some rather potent messianic fantasies with me since childhood." He compared himself to the God of the Old Testament.

Beyond Dreams

Soros was born to a non-practicing Jewish family in Budapest, Hungary in August 1931. When the Nazis occupied the city in 1944, his father paid a Hungarian government official to claim George Soros as his godson. The teenage boy moved in with the official and accompanied him delivering deportation notices to Hungarian Jews. In a later CBS interview, Soros denied feeling guilty about his role: "I was only a spectator. . . . I had no role in taking away that property. So I had no sense of guilt."³

In 1947, the Soros family relocated to England, where George attended the London School of Economics. He fell under the sway of Viennese-born philosopher Karl Popper, who became his spiritual mentor. Popper was best known for his 1945 book *The Open Society and Its Enemies*, which drew a direct philosophical link between Plato and communism and fascism. Popper derived his philosophical outlook while running in the same Viennese circles as did F.A. Hayek and Ludwig Von Mises, the great exponents of free-market, minimum-government economics. One of the ironies of intellectual history is that Soros incorporated Popper's term Open Society (originally derived from the French Catholic philosopher Henri Bergson) into the name of a philanthropic network, the Open Society Foundations, that promotes left-wing causes.

Following graduation from the London School of Economics in 1952, Soros eventually joined the London brokerage firm of Sinter and Friedlander, where he became a trader in international securities. He relocated to New York four years later to work on Wall Street. He lived in the Greenwich Village area in Manhattan, the center of 1960s counterculture. He became a lifelong friend of the counter-cultural poet Allen Ginsberg, who Soros claimed opened his eyes to the merits of drug legalization. In 1969, Soros founded a private partnership called the Soros Fund, later renamed the Quantum Fund, which by 1985 was worth more than a billion dollars.

In 1992, Soros made his biggest score by shorting the British pound. On September 16, 1992, the Soros fund sold short more than \$10 billion in pounds, forcing the European Exchange Rate Mechanism to devalue the pound. Soros was dubbed “the man who broke the Bank of England.” His role in crashing the pound drew criticism worldwide, even from left-wing economist Paul Krugman, who wrote that the world has investors such as Soros who “actually do their best to trigger [a] crisis for fun and profit. These new actors on the scene do not yet have a standard name; my proposed term is ‘Soro!’”⁴

By the late 1980s, Soros had become a dominant figure in international currency and investment trading. In one deal involving a French company, Soros was charged by the French stock regulatory authority with insider trading. Although the charges were dropped by the French government, a Paris-based prosecutor reopened the charges, and Soros was convicted for insider trading. The French Supreme Court confirmed Soros’s conviction in June 2006, but reduced the penalty to FR 900,000, practically chump change for the billionaire Soros.

Political Activism

In 1979 Soros founded his Open Society Foundation. The mission of this foundation was to build “vibrant and tolerant democracies.” In the late 1980s he opened branches in Moscow and Eastern Europe. Today Soros’s Open Society Foundations are active in more than 70 countries around the world. Their central focus has remained changing the United States.

From the outset, Soros relied on the advice of Aryeh Neier, who became the president of the entire Soros Foundation Network. Neier came directly out of a New Left group, Students for a Democratic Society (SDS), which he helped found as a young man. After SDS, Neier went to work for the next fifteen years for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), of which he became executive director. As president of the Soros Network, Neier awarded \$869 million in grants to the ACLU. Following his work for the ACLU, in 1978 Neier co-founded Human Rights Watch, which later became a major critic of the war on terror, accusing the United States government of routinely using torture and inhumane treatment of captured jihadists in Afghanistan and Iraq. Between 2000 and 2008, the Open Society Foundations awarded over \$6 million to Human Rights Watch.⁵

Soros’s political activism grew following President George W. Bush’s declaration of war on terror after the 9/11 attacks. In an interview with the *Washington Post* (November 11, 2003), Soros declared that defeating Bush for reelection had become the “central focus of my life” and a “matter of life and death.”⁶ He poured money into the Center for American Progress (\$2.5 million) and another \$20 million into MoveOn.org and America Coming Together, actively partisan groups working to defeat Bush in 2004. In addition, the Center for Responsive Politics estimates that Soros donated more than \$23 million to various tax-exempt groups aimed at defeating Bush. Soros undertook a speaking tour across the country denouncing Bush.

His failure to prevent Bush’s reelection in 2004 did not deter Soros from putting more money into his anti-Bush campaign. He offered

his critique of the war on terror in his *The Age of Fallibility* (2009). Moreover, Soros joined other donors in creating a new group, Democracy Alliance, a fundraising organization whose mission is to support “progressive” causes and an infrastructure for left-wing activism.

Soros’s Left-Wing Infrastructure

The infrastructure that Soros created is mind-numbing in its breadth. The network of Soros-funded groups spans minority rights causes, criminal justice “reform,” community organizing, extending the welfare state, promoting left-wing media, anti-Christian groups, open borders, unilateral American disarmament, radical environmentalism, feminism, access to abortion, global governance, legalization of drugs, and euthanasia and assisted suicide.⁷

Civil liberties groups funded by Soros that aim to protect Arab-Americans from government counter-terrorism measures include the Arab America Institute, which claims the government is targeting Arab-Americans, and the Bill of Rights Defense Committee, which has organized 400 cities to pledge non-compliance with the Patriot Act. An interest in minority rights is evidenced in Soros’s huge donations to the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund and the National Council of La Raza. Support to liberalize the criminal justice system is found in the Sentencing Project, among other Soros-supported groups. Soros funds community activism through his support of Black Lives Matter, the Center for Community Change, the Gamaliel Foundation, the Ruckus Society, People for the America Way, Democracy for America and the Midwest Academy, which was founded in the 1970s by socialists and has grown under Soros funding.

The Soros network does not stop there. Anti-capitalist and pro-social welfare policy groups have dramatically expanded their activities with the aid of Soros. These groups include the Center for Economic and Policy Research, the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights (founded by revolutionary communist Van Jones) and the Emma Lazarus Fund. Political mobilization for left-wing causes is promoted through Soros funding in such groups as Project Vote, Catalyst, the Progressive States Network and others. Soros funding for left-wing media is found in support for the left-wing intellectual journal *The American Prospect*, the Independent Media Institute, The Nation Institute, Media Matters for America, and the Sundance Institute, which has Soros money through the Soros Documentary Fund to produce “social justice” and “social change” documentaries.

Funding Black Lives Matter

Black Lives Matter (BLM) has received funding from multiple Soros-backed groups, including at least \$33 million in one year that supported grassroots and on-ground activists during the Ferguson protests in 2014.⁸ The plethora of organizations involved in Black Lives Matter in Ferguson included among others the Samuel Dewitt Proctor Conference, Drug Policy Alliance, Make the Road New York and Equal Justice USA. On-ground troops deployed to support Black Lives Matter in Ferguson included Sojourners, the Advance

Project, Center for Community Change, and networks from the Gamaliel Foundation, all funded in part by Soros. Opal Tometi, co-founder of Black Lives Matter, runs the Black Alliance for Just Immigration, a group to which Soros gave \$100,000 in 2011, according to the most recent of Open Society Foundation tax filings. Colorlines, an online news site that received \$200,000 from Soros's foundation through its sponsoring organization Race Forward, published tirelessly on Ferguson. In 2015, Soros gave \$5.4 million to Ferguson and Staten Island "grassroots" efforts, with half of these funds directed to Ferguson.

In short, millions of dollars were spent to destroy Ferguson, leaving the racially mixed city yet another impoverished north St. Louis suburb. Think of how this money could have been spent to improve the city instead of contributing to BLM's destructive agenda. BLM is just getting started. Last month the Ford Foundation and other undisclosed donors announced a plan to give an astounding \$100 million to BLM.

Catholic Infiltration

Especially of interest to *Mindszenty Report* readers are Soros-supported organizations designed to liberalize the Catholic Church and counter evangelical Christian churches. Soros money is important to Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good, whose mission is to oppose the "greed, materialism, and excessive individualism" that it sees inherent in capitalism. People Improving Communities through Organizing, another organization to which Soros contributes, calls for social activism and radical social change by people of faith. Soros also supports Catholics for Choice, which supports abortion-on-demand. In addition, Soros contributes to the Center for Reproductive Rights, Choice USA, NARAL, Pro-Choice America, the National Abortion Federation and Planned Parenthood. **We recommend that our readers share this *Mindszenty Report* with their local bishops.**

Pro-immigration Soros-supported organizations include, just to cite a couple, The American Immigration Council, Immigration Legal Council, which promotes sanctuary cities, Casa de Maryland, which offers illegal immigrants sessions on knowing their rights, the Migration Policy Institute, and other legal defense organizations. In the September 20 *Wall Street Journal*, Soros announced plans to spend \$500 million in his nonprofit organization on "investments that specifically address the needs of migrants, refugees and host communities" around the world. Radical environmentalism is well funded through the Tides Foundation, the Earth Island Institute, Earthjustice, Friends of the Earth, and Green for All.

United States is the primary focus of Soros's activities, but his reach is international. A quick look at the Open Society Foundation website shows the full extent of his giving, with specific amounts, to European organizations involved in left-wing politics, youth voter mobilization, anti-war activism, radical environmentalism and left-wing media. Often the contributions are less than \$100,000 for specific projects, but the list of these projects covers close to 50 pages just for 2014 projects.⁹

The Soros infrastructure is mind-boggling. He has set out to transform the world, but his mission begins with changing

American politics. He is one of the largest donors to Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign. His media, community organizing, voter mobilization and other funded organizations are mobilized to put Hillary Clinton in the White House in 2016. The Center for Responsive Politics found that so far in the 2016 political cycle, Soros is the sixth largest giver, at \$12 million given directly to left-wing candidates. It was not coincidental that Soros's son Alexander met publicly with Hillary's running mate, Tim Kaine.

Complete left-wing Democratic control of American politics will not be achieved and made permanent without structural changes, however. Recent WikiLeaks documents hacked from Soros's Open Society Foundation reveal that Soros has larger plans than just funding key progressive groups. He wants to reconfigure the political system through changing methods in which the U.S. Census is taken to ensure that minority groups and electoral districts favor Democrats.¹⁰ The leaks reveal that the Open Society Foundation is funding groups to "influence appropriations for the [U.S. Census] Bureau" to change the methods in which racial categories are counted for the coming 2020 census. This census will be critical to determining reapportionment of House seats.

In a document entitled "Voting Rights Portfolio Review: Outcomes Summary," from the Open Society's U.S. programs, foundation president Chris Stone directs foundation officers to review the voting rights field and related grant-making. Stone points out four groups that are important in applying pressure to influence the methodology of the Census Bureau in 2020. These groups are the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials (NALEO), the Leadership Conference, Asian Americans Advancing Justice, and Demos. Stone writes, "Advocates have about a year and a half to influence appropriation for the Census Bureau, the redesign of racial categories on the 2020 Census instrument and policy regarding how to count persons who are incarcerated. Census topics must be presented to Congress by April 2017."¹¹

Stone observes that NALEO's Educational Fund is critical to educating policymakers about the 2020 Census. The Community Survey, he writes, underrepresents Latinos at all levels. He urges groups to pressure the Census Bureau experts to ensure that minority groups are not underrepresented and that minorities in prison are included fully in the survey. Specifically, House seats are to increase in Florida, Arizona, North Carolina, Colorado and Oregon. States expected to lose seats include Alabama, Illinois, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and West Virginia.

The leaks reveal Soros's involvement in Israeli and European elections. The document-dump included "List of European Elections 2014 Projects." The memo includes more than 90 Soros projects in Europe to influence election outcomes.

Zealous Puppet Masters

Soros's reach is something out of science fiction about puppet masters seeking control of the world. We know that Soros has given more than \$30 million to groups working for Hillary. We know the megalomania of Soros to transform American politics and society. He does not deny his efforts to change America and world capitalism in the name of democracy,

human rights, and economic, racial and sexual justice.¹² But what does Soros think will be the end result? The answer should begin with an understanding that Soros and other billionaire progressives truly believe that the world will be better run by men and women such as themselves, and the politicians they help elect, who will in turn select the bureaucrats to administer their programs. They seek world order, which will come, seemingly, out of a world in chaos.

They have one thing right: We are entering an era of chaos and if we are not prepared for it, and fail to see that the dreams of Soros will be our nightmare, we will find ourselves playing the role of wooden puppets on a string controlled by our masters.

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Remembering the Hungarian Revolt

Young people today in America, and even in Europe, neither remember nor learned in school the dramatic events that occurred in 1956 when the Hungarian people rose up against the Soviet-controlled communist masters who seized their country following the Second World War. The Hungarian Revolution, which failed in the end to throw off the yoke of communism, needs to be remembered as an historic example of how a people defied odds and were willing to die for freedom. Budapest in 1956 was the Thermopylae of Cold War Europe, a lost battle and an inspiration in a longer war.

In late October 1956 – 60 years ago this month – the world watched as valiant freedom fighters fought on the streets of Budapest against Soviet troops and tanks sent to quell the rebellion. From October 23 until November 10, students, workers and average Hungarians confronted a well-equipped professional army with only small arms and homemade Molotov cocktails. They pleaded desperately for Western democracies to intervene on their behalf. The world watched as the revolt was crushed. In the end, 2,500 Hungarians lay dead in the fighting, with an additional 20,000 wounded. Over half these casualties were young workers and students.

The heroism of the Hungarian freedom fighters freed Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty from his imprisonment, enabling him to flee to the U.S. embassy in Budapest, and inspired grassroots anti-communists in the West who had been warning of the treacherous nature of the Soviet Union.

In Memoriam: Phyllis Schlafly 1924-2016

The Cardinal Mindszenty Foundation mourns the death of one of its co-founders, Phyllis Schlafly, on September 5. Phyllis, her husband Fred Schlafly, his sister Eleanor Schlafly and Rev. C. Stephen Dunker, C.M. founded CMF in 1958. Phyllis wrote CMF's newsletter for the first several years to chronicle communist abuses occurring behind the Iron Curtain and errors of American foreign policy. Succinctly written and fully researched, these newsletters became widely circulated in anti-communist circles. Later, Phyllis co-wrote with Joseph Vecsey a biography of Cardinal Mindszenty, *Mindszenty the Man* (1972), and spoke frequently at CMF conferences around the country. As her resumé filled with many other accomplishments, she remained an ardent supporter of the anti-communist, Catholic, pro-family mission of CMF. *Requiescat in pace.*

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