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The Global Deep State: A Fascist World Order Funded by the American Taxpayer

The madmen are in power.— Philip K. Dick, *The Man in the High Castle*

The [debate over U.S. foreign aid](#) is a distraction.

That's not to say that the amount of taxpayer money flowing to foreign countries in the form of military and economic assistance is insignificant. Even at less than 1% of the federal budget, the United States still [spends more on foreign aid](#) than any other nation.



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The latest foreign aid spending bill includes [\\$95 billion](#) for Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan.

Since World War II, the U.S. has given more foreign aid to Israel than any other country ([\\$318 billion](#)), with the bulk of those funds designated for Israel's military efforts.

Even so, more than [150 countries around the world receive U.S. taxpayer-funded assistance](#).

As *Forbes* reports, "[U.S. foreign aid dwarfs the federal funds spent by 48 out of 50 state governments annually](#). Only the state governments of California and New York spent more federal funds than what the U.S. sent abroad each year to foreign countries."

Whether or not some of that foreign aid is used for legitimate purposes, the global welfare system itself is riddled with corruption and waste. As Adam Andrzejewski rightly asks, "Do taxpayers instinctively know that they are funding [choir directors](#) in Turkmenistan, [filmmakers](#) in Peru, aid for [poultry farmers](#) [in] Tanzania, and sex education [workshops](#) for prostitutes in Ethiopia?"

The problem is not so much that taxpayers are unaware of how their hard-earned dollars are being spent. Rather, "we the people" continue to be told that we have no say in the matter.

We have no real say in how the government runs, or how our taxpayer funds are used, but that doesn't prevent the government from fleecing us at every turn and forcing us to pay for endless wars that do more to fund the military industrial complex than protect us, pork barrel projects that produce little to nothing, and a police state that serves only to imprison us within its walls.

This [financial tyranny persists](#) whether it's a Democrat or Republican at the helm.

At a time when the government is spending money it doesn't have on programs it can't afford, the national debt continues to grow, our infrastructure continues to deteriorate, and our borders continue to be breached.

What is going on?

The "government of the people, by the people, for the people" has been overtaken by a shadow government—a corporatized, militarized, entrenched *global* bureaucracy—that is fully operational and



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running the country.

This powerful international cabal made up of international government agencies and corporations—let's call it the Global Deep State—is just as real as the corporatized, militarized, industrialized American Deep State, and it poses just as great a threat to our rights as individuals under the U.S. Constitution, if not greater.

Clearly, we have entered into a new world order: fascism on a global scale.

It remains unclear whether the American Deep State (“[a national-security apparatus that holds sway even over the elected leaders notionally in charge of it](#)”) answers to the Global Deep State, or whether the Global Deep State merely empowers the American Deep State. However, there is no denying the extent to which they are intricately and symbiotically enmeshed and interlocked.

Consider the extent to which our lives and liberties are impacted by this international convergence of governmental and profit-driven corporate interests in the surveillance state, the military industrial complex, the private prison industry, the intelligence sector, the security sector, the technology sector, the telecommunications sector, the transportation sector, and in recent years, the pharmaceutical-health sector.

All of these sectors are dominated by mega-corporations operating on a global scale and working through government channels to increase their profit margins. The profit-driven policies of these global corporate giants influence everything from legislative policies to economics to environmental issues to medical care.

Global Disease

The COVID-19 pandemic propelled us into a whole new global frontier in which those hoping to navigate this interconnected and highly technological world of contact tracing, vaccine passports and digital passes find themselves grappling with issues that touch on deep-seated moral, political, religious and personal questions for which there may be no clear-cut answers.

Our ability to access, engage and move about in the world has now become dependent on which camp we fall into: those who have been vaccinated against whatever the powers-that-be deem to be the latest [Disease X](#) versus those who have not.

This is what M.I.T. professor Ramesh Raskar refers to as the new “[currency for health](#),” an apt moniker given the potentially lucrative role that Big Business (Big Pharma and Big Tech, especially) will play in establishing this pay-to-play marketplace. The airline industry has been working on a Travel Pass. IBM is developing a Digital Health Pass. And the U.S. government has been all-too-happy to allow the corporate sector to take the lead.

“It is the [latest status symbol](#). Flash it at the people, and you can get access to concerts, sports arenas or long-forbidden restaurant tables. Some day, it may even help you cross a border without having to quarantine,” writes Heather Murphy for the *New York Times*. “The new platinum card of the Covid age is the vaccine certificate.”

Global Surveillance

Spearheaded by the National Security Agency, which has shown itself to care little for constitutional limits or privacy, the surveillance state has come to dominate our government and our lives.

Yet the government does not operate alone. It cannot. It requires an accomplice. Thus, the increasingly



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complex security needs of our massive federal government, especially in the areas of defense, surveillance and data management, have been met within the corporate sector, which has shown itself to be a powerful ally that both depends on and feeds the growth of governmental bureaucracy.

Take AT&T, for instance. Through its vast telecommunications network that crisscrosses the globe, AT&T provides the U.S. government with the complex infrastructure it needs for its mass surveillance programs. According to *The Intercept*:

The NSA considers AT&T to be one of its most trusted partners and has lauded the company's "extreme willingness to help." [It is a collaboration that dates back decades.](#) Little known, however, is that its scope is not restricted to AT&T's customers. According to the NSA's documents, it values AT&T not only because it "has access to information that transits the nation," but also because it maintains unique relationships with other phone and internet providers. The NSA exploits these relationships for surveillance purposes, commandeering AT&T's massive infrastructure and using it as a platform to covertly tap into communications processed by other companies.

Now magnify what the U.S. government is doing through AT&T on a global scale, and you have the "[14 Eyes Program](#)," also referred to as the "SIGINT Seniors." This global spy agency is made up of [members from around the world](#) (United States, United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Denmark, France, Netherlands, Norway, Germany, Belgium, Italy, Sweden, Spain, Israel, Singapore, South Korea, Japan, India and all British Overseas Territories).

Surveillance is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to these global alliances, however.

Global War Profiteering

War has become a huge money-making venture, and America, with its vast military empire and its incestuous relationship with a host of international defense contractors, is one of its biggest [buyers](#) and [sellers](#).

The American military-industrial complex has erected an empire unsurpassed in history in its breadth and scope, one dedicated to conducting perpetual warfare throughout the earth. For example, while erecting a security surveillance state in the U.S., the military-industrial complex has perpetuated a worldwide military empire with American troops stationed in 177 countries (over 70% of the countries worldwide).

Although the federal government obscures so much about its defense spending that accurate figures are difficult to procure, we do know that since 2001, the U.S. government has spent more than \$1.8 trillion in the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq ([that's \\$8.3 million per hour](#)). That doesn't include wars and military exercises waged around the globe, which are expected to [push the total bill upwards of \\$12 trillion by 2053](#).

The illicit merger of the global armaments industry and the Pentagon that President Dwight D. Eisenhower warned us against more than 50 years ago has come to represent perhaps the greatest threat to the nation's fragile infrastructure today. America's expanding military empire is bleeding the country dry at a rate of more than [\\$15 billion a month](#) (or \$20 million an hour)—and that's just what the government spends on foreign wars. That does not include the cost of maintaining and staffing the 1000-plus U.S. military bases spread around the globe.



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Incredibly, although the U.S. constitutes only 5% of the world's population, America boasts almost [50% of the world's total military expenditure](#), spending [more](#) on the military than the next 19 biggest spending nations combined. In fact, the [Pentagon spends more on war than all 50 states combined](#) spend on health, education, welfare, and safety. There's a good reason why ["bloated," "corrupt" and "inefficient" are among the words most commonly applied to the government](#), especially the Department of Defense and its contractors. [Price gouging](#) has become an accepted form of corruption within the American military empire.

It's not just the American economy that is being gouged, unfortunately.

Driven by a greedy defense sector, the American homeland has been transformed into a battlefield with militarized police and weapons better suited to a war zone. President Biden, marching in lockstep with his predecessors, has continued to expand America's military empire abroad and domestically in a clear bid to pander to the powerful money interests (military, corporate and security) that run the Deep State and hold the government in its clutches.

Global Policing

Glance at pictures of international police forces and you will have a hard time distinguishing between American police and those belonging to other nations. There's a reason they all look alike, garbed in the militarized, weaponized uniform of a standing army.

There's a reason why they act alike, too, and speak a common language of force: they belong to a global police force.

For example, Israel—one of America's closest international allies and one of the primary yearly recipients of [more than \\$3 billion in U.S. foreign military aid](#)—has been at the forefront of a little-publicized exchange program aimed at training American police to act as occupying forces in their communities. As *The Intercept* sums it up, American police are ["essentially taking lessons from agencies that enforce military rule rather than civil law."](#)

This idea of global policing is reinforced by the [Strong Cities Network program](#), which trains local police agencies across America in how to identify, fight and prevent extremism, as well as [address intolerance](#) within their communities, using all of the resources at their disposal. The cities included in the [global network](#) include New York City, Atlanta, Denver, Minneapolis, Paris, London, Montreal, Beirut and Oslo.

The objective is to prevent violent extremism by targeting its source: racism, bigotry, hatred, intolerance, etc. In other words, police—acting as extensions of the United Nations—will identify, monitor and deter individuals who exhibit, express or engage in anything that could be construed as extremist.

Of course, the concern with the government's anti-extremism program is that it will, in many cases, be utilized to render otherwise lawful, nonviolent activities as potentially extremist.

Keep in mind that the government agencies involved in ferreting out American "extremists" will carry out their objectives—to identify and deter potential extremists—in concert with [fusion centers](#) (of which there are 78 nationwide, with partners in the private sector and globally), data collection agencies, behavioral scientists, corporations, social media, and community organizers and by relying on cutting-edge technology for surveillance, facial recognition, predictive policing, biometrics, and behavioral epigenetics (in which life experiences alter one's genetic makeup).



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This is pre-crime on an ideological scale and it's been a long time coming.

Are you starting to get the picture now?

The government and its global partners have struck a deal that puts the American people on the losing end of the bargain.

On almost every front, whether it's the war on drugs, or the sale of weapons, or regulating immigration, or establishing prisons, or advancing technology, or fighting a pandemic, if there is a profit to be made and power to be amassed, our freedoms are being eroded while the Global Deep State becomes more entrenched.

We've been losing our freedoms so incrementally for so long—sold to us in the name of national security and global peace, maintained by way of martial law disguised as law and order, and enforced by a standing army of militarized police and a political elite determined to maintain their powers at all costs—that it's hard to pinpoint exactly when it all started going downhill, but we're certainly on that downward slope now, and things are moving fast.

Given the dramatic expansion, globalization and merger of governmental and corporate powers, we're not going to recognize this country 20 years from now.

As I make clear in my book [Battlefield America: The War on the American People](#) and in its fictional counterpart [The Erik Blair Diaries](#), the U.S. government will not save us from the chains of the Global Deep State. It's too busy selling us to the highest bidder.

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