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Letters to the Editor

Uncovering the CFR, Deep State Establishment

"The Power Behind the Throne," the well-known expression incorporated into the title of the cover story by Senior Editor William F. Jasper (page 10), refers here to the powerful personages who comprise an invisible, unelected government of the United States exercising extraordinary control over the visible, elected government.

Such a power behind the throne is not unique to America or to our own times. British statesman Benjamin Disraeli observed in 1844, "The world is governed by very different personages from what is imagined by those who are not behind the scenes."

But in America, and in our own times, this behind-the-scenes governance is now "imagined" not only by those pulling the strings but also by many millions of Americans whose eyes are now wide open to what is often referred to as the Deep State.

The Great Awakening

This great awakening has been spawned in large part by the dramatic developments of recent years — from the unprecedented attempts to delegitimize Donald Trump's presidency during his entire term in office; to the growing body of evidence that the last presidential election was stolen; to the COVID restrictions on basic freedoms; to the riots that have wreaked destruction in cities across America; to the condemnation of the police, of Christians, of conservatives, of America as a whole, and even of whites in general, as racist; to the indoctrination of our children in school classrooms to hate America and reject the God of the Bible; and to the radical policies of the new Biden-Harris administration.

These and other developments have been covered extensively in other issues of The New American, but are not delved into here. The purpose of Mr. Jasper's cover story, "CFR: Still the Power Behind the Throne," is to take a hard and necessary look at the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), the establishment powerhouse whose members have, for generations, occupied pinnacles of power in business and industry, the media, academe — and government, regardless if a Republican or Democrat occupies the White House. The CFR celebrates its 100th anniversary this year, and it has long been and remains a sort of "shadow government," pulling strings and shaping policy from behind the scenes.

So significant is the CFR that its membership roster provides a veritable "who's who" of this Deep State establishment. The dominance of CFR members is documented in the lists and tables on pages 17-27. The historical tables are particularly interesting, since they show CFR dominance in top executive-branch positions during both Republican and Democratic administrations over many years. CFR dominance noticeably dipped during the Trump administration, but was not eliminated.

The Coming Activation

Please read carefully Mr. Jasper's cover story, and peruse the names and positions in the accompanying lists and tables, which were compiled by John Birch Society researcher Christian Gomez. In general, become better informed about the CFR Deep State, as well as the developments and policies that this power behind the throne so greatly influences.

But please don't stop there. The policies responsible for America's long retreat from greatness can and





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must be changed, and every patriotic American who truly values freedom should become not only better informed but involved. Put simply, the Great Awakening needs to be followed up with a Great Activation. For more on this, see the Last Word on page 48.



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