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## TPP Power Grab: World Bank, Goldman Sachs, CFR

The recently leaked Chapter 2 of the secret Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), as we [reported here](#) on March 31, proposes transferring enormous judicial powers to the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), a branch of the corrupt, world-government-promoting World Bank.



The TPP draft text proposes creating tribunals (courts) that could overrule the decisions of our state and federal courts, as well as our local, state and federal laws — and our state and national constitutions. This is [already occurring](#) under similar tribunals established by the NAFTA and WTO agreements.

The international tribunals proposed in the TPP would be presided over by arbitrators (judges) appointed by the Secretary-General of the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID), an institution of the World Bank Group. The general counsel of the World Bank, Aron Broches, drew up the convention establishing the ICSID. The ICSID is housed at the World Bank's headquarters complex in Washington, D.C. The ICSID receives its funding from the World Bank and the ICSID's governing Council is chaired by the president of the World Bank. So the proposed TPP tribunals are, in essence, a means for transferring judicial authority over vast areas of domestic law to "arbitrators" picked by the World Bank — and the central bankers and the giant commercial/investment bankers that run the World Bank.

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Robert Zoellick, who stepped down as 11th president of the World Bank in 2012, quickly stepped into a number of high-profile positions at "prestigious" organizations, perhaps the most notable being his appointment as "chairman of international advisors" to Goldman Sachs, the global investment banking goliath infamously known as the "Vampire Squid." Zoellick is a Goldman alum; intermingled with his "government service" — as U.S. trade representative, deputy secretary of state, under secretary of state, etc. — Zoellick served as international vice chairman at Goldman Sachs. Zoellick is also a longtime member of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), the key "Establishment" organization that has been most responsible for guiding our nation on the globalist path toward world government for much of the past century.

Zoellick, together with other former and current colleagues at Goldman Sachs, the CFR, and World Bank, is prominent player in the "free trade" power lobby that is now urgently pushing the TPP, the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) and Trade Promotion Authority (TPA, aka Fast Track). He [authored](#), for instance, an op-ed piece for the *Wall Street Journal* entitled, "Leading from the Front on Free Trade," which carried this subtitle: "Republicans should make the case for Trade Promotion Authority, not fear giving it to President Obama." Zoellick's *WSJ* op-ed was a full-throated



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cheer for TPP/TTIP/TPA. This was hardly surprising, since, as U.S. trade representative, Zoellick was a key facilitator/architect of these and other “trade” agreements. Now that he has gone through the revolving door from Washington back to Wall Street, he is hoping to soon reap the private rewards of the global deals he helped craft while in “public” service.

However, Robert Zoellick is emblematic of a huge cohort of fellow banksters of the Goldman Sachs/CFR stripe currently involved in public and private capacities in the current push for the TPP, which certainly qualifies in the “deal of the century” category.

Since its creation at the United Nations Monetary and Financial Conference at Bretton Woods, in 1944, the World Bank has been a servile creature and tool of the CFR/Wall Street globalists who created it. Of the 12 men who have held the World Bank presidency, nine have been members of the CFR. Here is the list:

- Eugene Meyer (June 1946 – December 1946) CFR
- John J. McCloy (March 1947 – June 1949) CFR
- Eugene R. Black, Sr. (1949–1963) CFR
- George D. Woods (January 1963 – March 1968)
- Robert McNamara (April 1968 – June 1981) CFR
- Alden W. Clausen (July 1981 – June 1986)
- Barber Conable (July 1986 – August 1991) CFR
- Lewis T. Preston (September 1991 – May 1995) CFR
- James Wolfensohn (May 1995 – 30 June 2005) CFR
- Paul Wolfowitz (1 July 2005 – 30 June 2007) CFR
- Robert Zoellick (1 July 2007 – 30 June 2012) CFR
- Jim Yong Kim (1 July 2012 – )

The older World Bank presidents that were not CFR members — George D. Woods and A.W. Clausen — were, nevertheless, supportive globalists who promoted the one-world cause. The current president, Jim Yong Kim, likewise, while not a CFR member, toes the globalist party line. This is evident, for example, in his appearance as the [honored speaker](#) at the CFR’s special program on December 8, 2014, entitled, “World Bank President Jim Yong Kim on Economic Development and the Paris Climate Agreement.” The World Bank and the CFR, for years, have been in the forefront of the global propaganda effort to empower the United Nations, national governments, and other entities with vast new powers for the supposed purpose of dealing with the “crisis” of human-caused global warming.

Goldman Sachs, of course, (led by CFR member Lloyd C. Blankfein) is a big promoter of both the TPP/TTIP agenda as well as the Global Warming/Climate Change Agenda.

Why has the Obama administration kept the Trans-Pacific Partnership agreement text secret from Congress and the American people? Among the many obvious features of the TPP that they want to keep in darkest secrecy is the World Bank-Goldman Sachs-CFR web that has been confirmed in the latest WikiLeaks release.

*Photos: Logos for the World Bank, Goldman Sachs, Council on Foreign Relations*

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