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Trump Advisor Peter Navarro Criticizes CFR at Group's Own Event

Peter Navarro, President Donald Trump's senior counselor to the president for trade and manufacturing, [spoke](#) on October 17 at a Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) event, where he criticized the organization's globalist ideology.

Navarro began his talk by noting that "it's not every day I get to speak before an audience that has opposed nearly every policy I've ever helped advance in the White House." He went on to state that the CFR "embodies an establishment, technocratic, and globalist ideology, one comfortably wedded with Wall Street and the multinational corporations that love open borders, cheap offshore labor, and an endless stream of subsidized imported goods."



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Peter Navarro

Navarro continued by criticizing the CFR's support for "free-trade dogma," including supporting U.S. entry into the North American Free Trade Agreement and Trans-Pacific Partnership, as well as admitting China into the World Trade Organization. He concluded by calling on the CFR to "stop mistaking nationalism for isolationism, sovereignty for retreat, and strength for aggression."

The CFR's Real Goal

Although Navarro's remarks are refreshing — especially considering that he spoke at the CFR's own event — they indicate he doesn't fully understand the group's true purpose. As [The Shadows of Power](#) chronicles in detail, the CFR was founded with the goal of subverting U.S. sovereignty and paving the way for a one-world government, and CFR members [embedded in the federal government](#) have worked for decades to implement this goal.

Rather than urging the CFR to "catch up," the Trump administration should cut all ties with the globalist group. Furthermore, rather than seeking to "reform" globalist institutions such as the World Trade Organization, United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement, and United Nations, the United States should exit them entirely.

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