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A single organization controls almost everything you see, hear, and read in the media and they've been handpicking your leaders for decades.

It is no secret that over the last 4 decades, [mainstream media](#) has been consolidated from dozens of competing companies to only six.

Hundreds of channels, websites, news outlets, newspapers, and magazines, making up ninety percent of all media is controlled by very few people, giving Americans the illusion of choice.

While six companies controlling most everything the Western world consumes in regard to media may sound like a sinister arrangement, the *Swiss Propaganda Research* center (SPR) has just [released](#) information that is even worse.

The research group was able to tie all these media companies to a single organization:
the *Council on Foreign Relations* ([CFR](#)).

For those who may be unaware, the CFR is a primary member of the circle of Washington think-tanks ***promoting endless war***.

As former Army Major **Todd Pierce** [describes](#), this group acts as "primary provocateurs" using, "psychological suggestiveness" to create a false narrative of danger from some foreign entity with the objective being to create paranoia within the U.S. population that it is under imminent threat of attack or takeover."


A senior member of the CFR and outspoken neocon warmonger, [Robert Kagan](#) has even publicly proclaimed that the [U.S. should create an empire](#).

The narrative created by CFR and its cohorts is picked up by their secondary communicators, also known *the mainstream media*, who push it on the populace with no analysis or questioning.

When looking at the chart from SPR, the reach by this single organization is so vast that it is no mystery as to how these [elite psychopaths](#) guide Americans into accepting endless war at the expense of their mothers, fathers, sons, and daughters.

Top journalists and executives from all major media companies are integrated into the CFR.

As the chart below illustrates, the CFR has even more control in the mainstream media than even the nefarious [Bilderberg Group](#) and the [Trilateral Commission](#).

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**Journalists and media executives
extracted from above image:**

New York Daily News and U.S. News & World
Journalist

Mortimer B. Zuckerman, publisher

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Jacob Weisberg, group editor

the Nation

Katrina Vanden Heuvel, publisher

Foreign Affairs

James F. Hoge, former editor

Gideon Rose, editor

Foreign Policy

Moises Nairn, editor

the National Interest

Jacob Heilbrunn, editor

the American Interest

Francis Fukuyama, executive chairman

Financial Times

Martin Wolf, associate editor & chief

economics commentator

Gideon Rachman, chief foreign affairs

commentator

commentators

Stephen J. Adler, presidents EIC

Tom Glocer, former CEO

Harold M. Evans, editor-at-large

David Schlesinger, former EIC

politico

Robert Allbritton, publisher

Garrett Graff, former editor

Time

The Washington Post

95: Eugene Meyer, former publisher (1933-4

96: Jeff Bezos, owner (since 2013)

97: Katharine Graham, former publisher (19

79)

98: Donald E. Graham, former publisher S

chairman (1979-2013)

99: Fred Hiatt, editorial page editor

100: Glenn Kessler, diplomatic corresponde

and fact checker

101: Anne Applebaum, former editorial board

member

102: Walter Pincus, national security journal

103: Jackson Diehl, deputy editorial page

editor

104: Charles Krauthammer, columnist

105: Robert Kaiser, former managing editor

and senior correspondent

106: David Ignatius, associate editor

107: Eugene Robinson, columnist and chair

Pulitzer Prize Board

108: Karen DeYoung, associate editor

109: Marc Thiessen, columnist

110: Richard M. Cohen, columnist

111: Jim Hoagland, associate editor and

columnist

112: George F. Will, columnist

CNN (Time Warner)

113: W. Thomas Johnson, former president

114: Walter Isaacson, former CEO

115: Ellana Lee, SVP of CNN International a

managing editor Asia-Pacific

116: Mark Whitaker, former EVP and

managing editor of CNN Worldwide

117: Fareed Zakaria, foreign affairs show ho

118: Erin Burnett, news anchor

119: Sanjay Gupta, chief medical

correspondent

120: David Gergen, senior political analyst

121: Christiane Amanpour, chief internationa

correspondent

122: Judy Woodruff, news anchor

123: Peter Bergen, national security analyst

17: Michael Bloomberg, owners CEO
18: John Michklethwait, EIC of Bloomberg News, former EIC of The Economist
19: Matthew Winkler, former EIC of Bloomberg News
20: Daniel Doctoroff, former CEO

Forbes

21: Randall Lane, editor

Los Angeles Times

22: Doyle McManus, Washington bureau chief
23: Shelby Coffey, former editor and EVP

News Corp

24: Rupert Murdoch, executive chairman

Fox News

25: Maria Bartiromo, news anchor
26: Heather Nauert, former news host
27: Dan Senor, commentator
28: Trish Regan, television host
29: Linda Vester, former news host

Wall Street Journal (News Corp)

30: Peter Kann, former publisher
31: Karen Elliott House, former managing editor
32: L. Gordon Crovitz, former publisher
33: Robert Bartley, former editor
34: Paul A. Gigot, editorial page editor
35: Alan Murray, deputy managing editor
36: Daniel Henninger, deputy editorial page director
37: Gerald Seib, Washington bureau chief
38: Peggy Noonan, columnist
39: Paul Steiger, former managing editor (1991-2007)

NBC

40: Pamela Thomas Graham, former CEO of CNBC
41: Jack Welch, former CEO of General Electric (former owner of NBCUniversal)
42: Cesar Conde, chairman of NBC Universal International Group
43: Steve Capus, former president of NBC News
44: Tom Brokaw, news anchor
45: Mika Brzezinski, MSNBC news host
46: Andrea Mitchell, chief foreign affairs correspondent
47: Richard Engel, chief foreign corr.
48: Brian Williams, NBC chief anchor
49: Joe Scarborough, news host
50: Bianna Golodryga, news anchor

124: Kitty Pilgrim, former news anchor and correspondent
125: Paula Zahn, former news anchor
126: Elise Labott, global affairs correspondent
127: Ali Velshi, former chief business correspondent
128: Jake Tapper, chief Washington corr.
129: Sam Feist, SVP and Washington bureau chief
130: Jeffrey Toobin, legal analyst

CBS News

131: Laurence A. Tisch, former CEO of CBS
132: William Paley, founder of CBS
133: Joseph Califano jr., CBS director
134: William Cohen, CBS director and former Secretary of Defense
135: Dan Rather, former news anchor
136: Bob Schieffer, news anchor and chief Washington com
137: Charlie Rose, talk show host
138: Lesley Stahl, news reporter
139: Margaret Brennan, White Houses senior foreign affairs corr.
140: Reena Ninan, news anchor
141: Edward R. Murrow, former broadcast journalist

Time Warner

142: Jeffrey Bewkes, chairman & CEO
143: Gary Ginsberg, communications chief
144: Richard Parsons, former chairman S CEO
145: Gerald Levin, former chairman & CEO

ABC News (Disney)

146: Ben Sherwood, president
147: David Westin, former president
148: George Stephanopoulos, chief anchor S chief political corr.
149: Juju Chang, news anchor
150: Barbara Walters, news anchor and show host
151: Peter Jennings, news anchor
152: Katie Couric, news anchor
153: Diane Sawyer, news anchor
154: Jonathan Karl, chief White House corr.

Disney

155: Michael Eisner, former chairman S CEO
156: Monica Lozano, director

The New Yorker

157: David Remnick, EIC
158: Amy Davidson, senior editor international affairs

<p>51: Ayman Mohyeldin, reporter</p> <p>The Economist</p> <p>52: Lynn Forester de Rothschild, co-owner and board member</p> <p>53: John Elkann (Agnelli family), co-owner and board member</p> <p>54: Zanny Minton Beddoes, EIC</p> <p>55: Rupert Pennant-Rea, chairman of the Economist Group</p> <p>56: Vendeline von Bredow, business correspondent</p> <p>57: Adrian Wooldridge, foreign correspondent</p> <p>58: Bill Emmott, former EIC</p> <p>59: Megan McArdle, journalist The New Republic</p> <p>60: Walter Lippmann, co-founder</p> <p>61: Chris Hughes, former publisher</p> <p>62: Peter Beinart, former editor</p> <p>63: Morton Kondracke, former executive editor</p> <p>64: J. Peter Scoblic, former executive editor</p> <p>65: Ronald Steel, journalist & professor</p> <p>Time</p> <p>66: Norman Pearlstine, chief content officer of Time Inc.</p> <p>67: Michael Duffy, deputy managing editor</p> <p>68: Nancy Gibbs, managing editor</p> <p>69: Henry Luce, founding publisher</p> <p>70: John Huey, former EIC</p> <p>71: Richard Stengel, former managing editor</p> <p>72: Joe Klein, columnist</p> <p>73: Ian Bremmer, foreign affairs columnist & editor-at-large</p> <p>74: James Gaines, managing editor (1993-95)</p> <p>75: Jason McManus, managing editor (1985-87)</p> <p>76: Henry Grunwald, managing editor (1968-77)</p> <p>The New York Times</p> <p>77: Arthur Ochs Sulzberger, former publisher (1963-92)</p> <p>78: Arthur Hays Sulzberger, former publisher (1935-61)</p> <p>79: Joseph Kahn, managing editor</p> <p>80: Andrew Rosenthal, former editorial page editor</p> <p>81: Serge Schmemmann, international affairs editor</p> <p>82: Susan Chira, former deputy executive editor</p> <p>83: David C. Unger, former foreign affairs editor</p> <p>84: David Sanger, Washington correspondent</p> <p>85: Thomas Shanker, assistant Washington</p>	<p>159: Hendrik Hertzberg, principal political commentator</p> <p>160: Lawrence Wright, staff writer</p> <p>161: Evan Osnos, foreign affairs writer</p> <p>162: Jane Kramer, European correspondent</p> <p>163: Mark Danner, foreign affairs corr.</p> <p>164: Nick Paumgarten, staff writer</p> <p>165: Mattathias Schwartz, staff writer</p> <p>166: Robin Wright, contributor</p> <p>The New York Review of Books</p> <p>167: Robert Silvers, founding editor</p> <p>168: Barbara Epstein, founding editor</p> <p>Newsweek</p> <p>169: Richard M. Smith, former CEO &, EIC</p> <p>170: Jon Meacham, former EIC</p> <p>171: Janine di Giovanni, Middle East editor</p> <p>172: Evan Thomas, former Washington bureau chief</p> <p>The Daily Beast</p> <p>173: Tina Brown, founding editor</p> <p>174: Barry Diller, chairman of IAC (owner of Daily Beast)</p> <p>USA Today</p> <p>175: Joanne Lipman, EIC & chief content officer</p> <p>176: David Andelman, international affairs columnist</p> <p>PBS</p> <p>177: Donald A. Baer, chairman</p> <p>178: Hartford N Gunn, founder</p> <p>179: Jim Lehrer, former news anchor</p> <p>180: Margaret Warner, senior correspondent</p> <p>181: Bill Moyers, former news anchor</p> <p>182: Jonathan Barzilay, COO</p> <p>NPR</p> <p>183: Vivian Schiller, former CEO</p> <p>184: Gary Knell, former president</p> <p>185: Tom Gjelten, correspondent</p> <p>186: Dina Temple-Raston, national security corr.</p> <p>Alphabet/Google</p> <p>187: Eric Schmidt, executive chairman</p> <p>Facebook</p> <p>188: Sheryl Sandberg, COO and director</p> <p>189: Marne Levine, VP of global public policy</p>
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editor and former Pentagon correspondent
86: Thomas Friedman, foreign affairs columnist
87: Ethan Bronner, former deputy foreign editor
88: Andrew Ross Sorkin, financial columnist
89: Carol Giacomo, foreign affairs editor
90: Michael Gordon, chief military correspondent
91: Robert B. Semple, associate editorial page editor
92: Judith Miller, Washington bureau reporter
93: David Brooks, op-ed columnist
94: Nicholas Kristof, op-ed columnist and former associate managing editor

The Atlantic
190: David G. Bradley, chairman of Atlantic Media.

Based on official participant lists and membership rosters non-exhaustive; no liability assumed.

Abbreviations:

- B: Bilderberg meeting participant
- Br: Bilderberg meeting rapporteur
- C: CFR member (incl. term members and former members)
- D: CFR director
- EIC: editor-in-chief
- F: CFR fellow
- M: married to CFR member
- S: son of CFR member
- T: Trilateral Commission member (incl. former members).

As SPR points out, **Richard Harwood**, former managing editor and ombudsman of the *Washington Post*, [wrote](#) about the *Council on Foreign Relations* Recognizing that its members most likely correspond to what one might call the "ruling establishment of the United States."

Harwood continued,

"The membership of these journalists in the council, however they may think of themselves, is an acknowledgment of their active and important role in public affairs and of their ascension into the American ruling class.

They do not merely analyze and interpret foreign policy for the United States; they help make it."

Let that sink in...

This group of unaccountable, unelected, professional propagandists in America doesn't simply analyze U.S. government policy - they make it.

While only five percent of the members of CFR work within the media, as SPR points out that is all they need to implement the will of its other members that includes:

- several U.S. presidents and vice presidents of both parties
- almost all foreign, defense and finance ministers
- most chiefs of staff and commanders of the U.S. military and NATO

- nearly all National Security Advisers, CIA Directors, UN Ambassadors, Fed Chairmen, World Bank Presidents, and Directors of the National Economic Council
- some of the most influential members of Congress (especially foreign and security politicians)
- numerous media managers and top journalists, as well as some of the most famous actors
- numerous prominent academics, especially in the key areas of economics, international relations, political and historical sciences, and journalism
- numerous executives from think tanks, universities, NGOs, and Wall Street
- key members of the 9/11 Commission and the Warren Commission (JFK)

To highlight just how much control over the media the CFR wields we need only look at the fact that they operate - in the open - and receive nearly no media coverage.

The former chairman of the CFR, High Commissioner for Germany, co-founder of the Atlantic Bridge, World Bank president, and an adviser to a total of nine U.S. presidents, [John J. McCloy](#) actually bragged publicly about the CFR hand picking U.S. politicians.

"Whenever we needed a man [in Washington], we just thumbed through the roll of Council members and put through a call to New York [to the CFR's headquarters office]," [said](#) McCloy.

Until the election of Trump the past four presidents have been the director of the CFR, [George HW Bush](#), who was replaced by a member of the CFR, [Bill Clinton](#), who was replaced by a family member of the CFR, [George W Bush](#), who was then replaced by CFR aspirant candidate [Barack Obama](#) - who filled his cabinet with members of the elite group.

Although [Donald Trump](#) was never a public member of the CFR, that did not stop him from filling the White House with dozens of CFR members.

Here are just a few of the CFR members appointed by Trump:

- Elaine Chao, United States Secretary of Transportation (CFR individual member)
- Jamie Dimon, Member of Strategic and Policy Forum (CFR corporate member)
- Jim Donovan, Deputy Treasury Secretary (CFR corporate member)
- Larry Fink, Member of Strategic and Policy Forum (CFR corporate member)
- Neil M. Gorsuch, Supreme Court Justice (individual CFR member)
- Vice Admiral Robert S. Harward, National Security Advisor (declined appointment) (CFR corporate member)

Even though Trump wasn't a CFR member outright, his cabinet is made up almost entirely of its members.

As this information illustrates - **democracy is an illusion**.

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