



Revised History

Does the Council on Foreign Relations “Own” the News Media?

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I recently read an article in the July 22nd issue of the *New American* magazine by William F. Jasper about CFR ties to what passes for the news media in this country today. Such ties are rather extensive, and they are not only visible on the left side of the political spectrum, but they go all across the board.

Jasper noted one Richard Harwood, who, back in 1993, wrote an article called *Ruling Class Journalists* “...in which he confirmed the existence of the Deep State, the unelected, unaccountable *permanent government* that has usurped control over our country.”

Harwood, in his article, pointed the finger at the CFR, and he corrected observed that it is “the nearest thing we have to a ruling establishment in the United States.” Jasper tells us that “Harwood, who was himself a CFR member, noted that then president Bill Clinton was a member, as was his secretary of state, the deputy director of state, all five of the undersecretaries, several of the assistant secretaries, and the department’s legal advisor. The president’s national security advisor and his deputy are members. The director of Central Intelligence (like all previous directors) and the chairman of the Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board are members. The secretary of defense, three undersecretaries and at least four assistant secretaries are members.” When you look at all this, you get the distinct impression that the Council on Foreign Relations basically owned the Clinton administration. Not that Bill would have minded. With all these CFR types running his administration it left him a little more time for his private peccadillos.

The question then arises—how many other presidential administrations have been in the same boat, with CFR members literally running the whole show?

I recall talking to a man at a meeting I spoke at years ago now. He’d had a friend who used to fly government personages to various functions around the country and he once told the man I talked to that “You’d be surprised if you really knew who was running the government. It isn’t who you think it is.”

And, on that happy note, let us look at who really “owns” and runs what we euphemistically continue to call the “news media.”

Mr. Jasper noted Harwood’s commentary about CFR people in the news media. Harwood said: “The executive editor, managing editor and foreign editor of the *New York Times* are members, along with the executives of such other large newspapers as *The Wall Street Journal* and *Los Angeles Times*, the weekly news magazines, network television executives and celebrities—Dan Rather, Tom Brokaw and Jim Lehrer, for example—and various columnists, among them Charles Krauthammer, William Buckley, George Will and Jim Hoagland.” Jasper observed of Harwood that: “His own *Washington Post*, Harwood confessed (or boasted), was similarly laden with ‘ruling class journalists’ from the CFR.” Do you begin to wonder why you seldom, if ever, get any objective news from such sources? They have a CFR agenda to promote so you will never get anything from them that runs counter to that agenda. Everything you get from them promotes that agenda. But then, you are not supposed to realize that little fact.

According to Jasper “The CFR today lists 319 of its roughly 5,000 members, (six percent) as ‘members of the media and news services.’ They include, currently or recently, at CNN: Jake Tapper, Fareed Zakaria, Sanjay Gupta, David Gergen, Judy Woodruff, Jeffery Toobin. At NBC: Mika Brzezinski, Joe Scarborough, Richard Engel, Tom Brokaw, Andrea Mitchell. At ABC: George Stephanopoulos, Diane Sawyer, Jonathan Karl, Katie Couric. At CBS: Bob Schieffer, Lesley Stahl, Charlie Rose, William Cohen. At PBS: Margaret

Warner, Bill Moyers, Jonathan Barzilay. At NPR: Tom Gjelten, Dina Temple -Raston...At **Fox News** Maria Bartiromo.”

This isn't the entire list, that would take up too much space, but it includes probably most of those people that you have heard of or even watched on television. I can imagine that almost no one has ever told you that all these people were members of the premier one world government organization in this country—the **Council on Foreign Relations**. That being the case, what kind of “news” do you think you will get from these people? Will it be truly objective? Or will it promote the cause they believe in, which is displayed by their membership in the CFR?

I know that many in our day have started to disbelieve what they see on the mainstream news. Given the CFR involvement in what you get for news anymore, people have good reason to doubt what is being presented to them as “news.” So keep on doubting it—it's healthy for the Republic to doubt one world government falsehood—and the people that present them to you.