

# Project Democracy means tyranny

by Scott Thompson

In his March 23 webcast with international press, Democratic Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. warned about “this atrocity of an organization called Project Democracy, which is really about as democratic as the Democratic Party of Athens, that tried and executed Socrates.”

With the emergence of sovereign nation-state republics, one would have thought that Athenian “democracy” would have been a dead letter. However, after revelations in Congress in the 1970s that the CIA had been involved in coups, assassinations, interventions into elections, and so forth, targeting anyone who bucked the austerity policies of the International Monetary Fund, the London-Wall Street financial oligarchy found it necessary to launch Project Democracy, both as a cover and a means to coopt the leaders of both political parties and the Congress as co-conspirators in the same filthy operations. Thus, Project Democracy gave rise to the National Endowment for Democracy (NED), which carried out many of the same dirty tricks against sovereign nation-state republics, to which the CIA had confessed.

Officially, the NED was chartered by Congressional legislation a year after President Ronald Reagan’s 1982 address to the British Parliament on the need to build democracy worldwide. The NED’s theoretical roots are found in the 1975 Kyoto, Japan conference of the Trilateral Commission, which set the stage for the disastrous Trilateral-controlled Carter administration. Samuel P. Huntington, protégé of Trilateral Commission Executive Director Zbigniew Brzezinski, co-authored the main report for Kyoto, *The Crisis of Democracy*. Brzezinski, who became Carter’s National Security Adviser, served on the NED board during 1988-96. Under both Congressional legislation and the Reagan/Bush administration’s Executive Order 12333, the NED was known as a “quango” (quasi-official autonomous non-governmental organization), that was neither public nor private. Today, it receives most of its money from Congress, more than 50 private foundations, and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID).

## Who’s Who in the NED

Almost since its founding in 1983, the president of the NED has been Carl Gershman. At Harvard and Yale, where he had been a member of the Young People’s Socialist League; later, FBI documents released under the Freedom of

Information Act show, he became a “snitch” for the Anti-Defamation League of B’nai B’rith (ADL). One document co-authored by Gershman stated that the Black Panther Party was “armed and dangerous,” and that police should be prepared to “shoot to kill” at the slightest provocation. During 1974-80, Gershman was executive director of the Social Democrats USA, whose leaders included many leaders of the Meyer Lansky-funded ADL, such as the late Irwin Suall. During 1980-81, Gershman served at Freedom House under Leo Cherne, who shortly thereafter became a key member of the “Get LaRouche” task force, as vice-chairman of the President’s Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

Since 1993, the chairman of the NED has been John Brademas, who had been president of New York University (1981-92) after serving 22 years in Congress (1959-81), the last four years as House Majority Whip. One chairman emeritus of the NED is Charles Manatt, who had been chairman of the Democratic National Committee during the Carter administration.

One of the newer NED board members is Ambassador Paul Wolfowitz (“the hard-liners’ hard-liner”), who served in several top positions at the State and Defense departments during the Reagan/Bush administration and is today a member of the “Vulken” group which advises Texas Gov. George W. Bush on foreign policy issues. Another board member is former Rep. Stephen Solarz (D-N.Y.), who served 16 years in the House of Representatives until he was caught overdraw-ing his account on the House Bank by an amount several times his salary.

## NED funding

Some of the foundations that fund the NED include:

- **The Carthage Foundation**, which is controlled by Richard Mellon Scaife, who funded many features of the attempted parliamentary coup d’état against President Bill Clinton, and continues to fund the ongoing operations.
- **The Ford Foundation**, the premier foundation of the Wall Street establishment.
- **The Open Society Institute** of New York is run by British “golem” George Soros. In October 1997, he led a hedge-fund attack that wrecked the finances and currencies of many nations, especially in Asia. Through the OSI’s Lindesmith Center, Soros has also funded drug legalization campaigns, promoting drug use as a “human right” internationally, and conducting an “Opium War” against all nations.
- **The Soros Foundation**, the chief conduit for three strategically placed OSI funding groups, which have run an operation in parallel with the NED to create what the late British Aristotelian Society head Sir Karl Popper defined as “open societies” — part of a globalized system against sovereign nation-state republics.
- **The Rockefeller Brothers Fund**, a major funder of the anti-nation-state gatherings of the Bilderberg Society and the Trilateral Commission.

- **The Smith Richardson Foundation**, a frequent pass-through for money from the CIA.
- **The Westminster Foundation for Democracy**, the British equivalent of the NED.

### The ‘Journal of Democracy’

The NED’s International Forum for Democratic Studies publishes the *Journal of Democracy*, which a spokesman characterized as advocating “Third Wave Democracy” after the lunatic “post-industrial society” theories of futurist Alvin Toffler. The spokesman said that its two main theoreticians are editorial board members Samuel Huntington and Francis Fukuyama, promulgator of the insane view that there had been an “end of history” when the Cold War stopped.

In *The Crisis of Democracy*, Huntington wrote: “We have come to recognize that there are potentially desirable limits to economic growth. There are also potentially desirable limits to the indefinite extension of democracy. . . . A government which lacks authority . . . will have little ability, short of cataclysmic crisis, to impose on its people the sacrifices which may be necessary.”

This work, which was aptly characterized as promoting “fascism with a human face,” was a precursor to the austerity, or “shock therapy,” being imposed today in the name of globalization.

Also on the board of the *Journal of Democracy* is Condoleeza Rice, a Soviet desk officer at the National Security Council during the Bush administration, and today head of the team of “Vulken” advising Governor Bush on foreign policy issues. Ironically, Rice had been a protégé of former Czech diplomat Josef Korbel, a professor at the University of Denver, the father and first mentor of Secretary of State Madeleine Albright. Albright, who served under another mentor, Brzezinski, in the Carter National Security Council, was a board member of the NED during 1991-92.

### Four ‘core grant institutes’

There are four “core grant institutes” affiliated with the NED:

- **The International Republican Institute**, whose board members include:

*Gen. Sir Brent Scowcroft*, who had been Henry Kissinger’s Deputy National Security Adviser, before replacing Kissinger as chief officer of the National Security Council when Kissinger became Secretary of State. Scowcroft served as vice-chairman of Kissinger Associates, Inc., and was named National Security Adviser to President Bush. Today, Scowcroft is once again a business partner of Kissinger, and is president of the Forum for International Policy (FFIP), which includes Rice.

*Sir Lawrence Eagleburger*. This Balkan hand of the Diplomatic Service, who had been a friend and later business partner of Yugoslav dictator Slobodan Milosevic, was the founding president of Kissinger Associates, Inc. During the

Bush administration, he was Secretary of State. He is chairman of the FFIP.

*Ed Feulner*. Handpicked by Mellon Scaife to be president of the British intelligence outpost known as the Heritage Foundation, Feulner just finished a term as president of the British ultra-free trade Mont Pelerin Society.

With grants from the NED and USAID, the IRI has meddled in the internal affairs of foreign countries around the world under the rubric of building democracy and “civil society.”

- **The National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**, which is the Democratic Party-associated equivalent of the IRI, has a somewhat less stellar board, despite its close work with the Carter Center of Atlanta, Georgia. Perhaps its leading board member is Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.), who has been in the Senate since 1977. He is retiring next year. Moynihan, a noted racist, coined the phrase “benign neglect,” for how he thinks the poor ought to be treated, and wrote the anti-immigration book *Beyond the Melting Pot*. Winner of the SEAL Medallion from the CIA in 1986, Moynihan has deep ties with one of the dirtiest factions of U.S. intelligence.

- **The Center for International Private Enterprise** is one of the leading advocates of globalization and British liberal free-trade policies. Its president is Thomas Donahue, a board member of the NED. Donahue had been AFL-CIO Secretary Treasurer (1979-95) during the Lane Kirkland years, and upon Kirkland’s death, was elected in August 1995 to complete Kirkland’s unexpired term.

- **The American Center for International Labor Solidarity**: When John Sweeney was elected AFL-CIO president, he placed all the former foreign branches of the International Affairs Department (IAD) within this “Solidarity Center,” including those that had been Cold War institutions in Europe, Asia, Africa, and Ibero-America. This section of the AFL-CIO is the dirtiest cesspool within organized labor, and it is probably one of the significant advocates for the AFL-CIO’s early Presidential endorsement of Vice President Al Gore.

Before their recent deaths, the real powerhouses in the IAD were Jay Lovestone, who had been the Bukharin-appointed head of the Communist Party USA, before he was taken under the wing of International Ladies Garment Workers Union President David Dubinsky, and Lovestone’s sidekick Irving Brown. Despite proof that Lovestone and Brown had worked for precursors of the KGB at least until the purge of Bukharin in 1938, this lifetime “Chekist” was funded and protected by the late CIA Director of Counterintelligence James Angleton. Hence, the appellation earned by the IAD of being part of the “AFL-CIA.”

Given Project Democracy’s NED, its affiliates, personnel, and policies, the United States ought to be ashamed to have such a mob represent it abroad, and it is a national security scandal that it is allowed to meddle in the internal affairs of other nations in the name of democracy.