

Al Gore and George W. Bush: Wall Street's Two-Headed Freak

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On Feb. 15, on the eve of the Michigan Democratic Caucuses, Democratic Presidential pre-candidate Lyndon H. LaRouche, Jr. laid out to the American voters how the 2000 elections are rigged. From the very outset of the primary campaign, the Wall Street establishment excluded LaRouche from every major debate, town meeting, and media-sponsored candidates' forum, as a precondition for keeping the rigging firmly in place. LaRouche, the only candidate to challenge the disastrous policies of globalization, the "free market," and the "big lie" of the State Department's "Project Democracy," warned voters:

"The election is not among these figures . . . Gore, Bush, McCain. It's a question of how the politics are being orchestrated to prevent the independent vote, and the American people, from intervening to change the name of the game.

"Who's doing it? Wall Street. The big financial interests that control the mass media, and control both party machines from the top down, with *money!* It's the mass media, it's Wall Street, against the American people, and against the world."

As a result of this rigging, the two most corrupt and inept candidates in U.S. history are the "anointed" front-runners. But Wall Street's choice is George W. Bush. As of May 10,

polls are showing what Democrats with at least half a brain have known all along: Albert Gore, Jr. is so hated that he is unelectable. Wall Street's strategy is to *install* Gore as the Democrats' candidate, so that Bush will get elected! Democratic insiders report that Gore is leading the election polls in only 10 states, against 40 states for Bush; a *Los Angeles Times* article is about to come out showing that Bush is leading Gore by 53% to 41%, and Gore is continuing to fall.

In the face of Gore's Nazi-like tactics of intimidation and threats against LaRouche's campaign, Democrats must stop deluding themselves that if both Gore and Bush have fascist policies, at least Al Gore is "our" fascist. There is still time to build momentum against both Gore and Bush, and open up the election process to the 80% of the population whom Wall Street and the Gore/Bush freaks want to exclude from politics. The Aug. 14-17 convention of the Democratic Party could be the time to dump Gore, and win back the government of the Republic.

With this article, *EIR* initiates a score-card on Wall Street's "two-headed freak," showing that Gore's and Bush's policies of genocide and corruption are essentially the same. In this report, we present schematically, material documented in greater detail in previous issues of *EIR*.

CORRUPTION

Al Gore

Backed by George Soros. Soros, the derivatives trader and banker to the Queen of England, who raided and destroyed the economies of several Southeast Asian countries, is a Gore backer. Soros uses his profits to finance campaigns for drug legalization, as one of Wall Street's top guns, who tapped Gore to try to bail out the bankers and brokers who lost billions in the August 1998 Russia debt default. When Soros was under investigation for financial fraud in Croatia, Gore personally made phone calls to get the pressure off his buddy. When Malaysian Prime Minister Dr. Mahathir

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George Soros

George Soros and Harken Energy. Like Gore, Soros has supported the "young prince" George "Dubya" Bush. When Dubya's oil business was in deep trouble in 1985, he was bailed out by Soros, who used his newly acquired Harken Energy company to invest in a foundering oil firm in which Dubya was the managing director. Soros's help was crucial for getting Bush—who had been a total failure in every business venture he undertook—on the road to

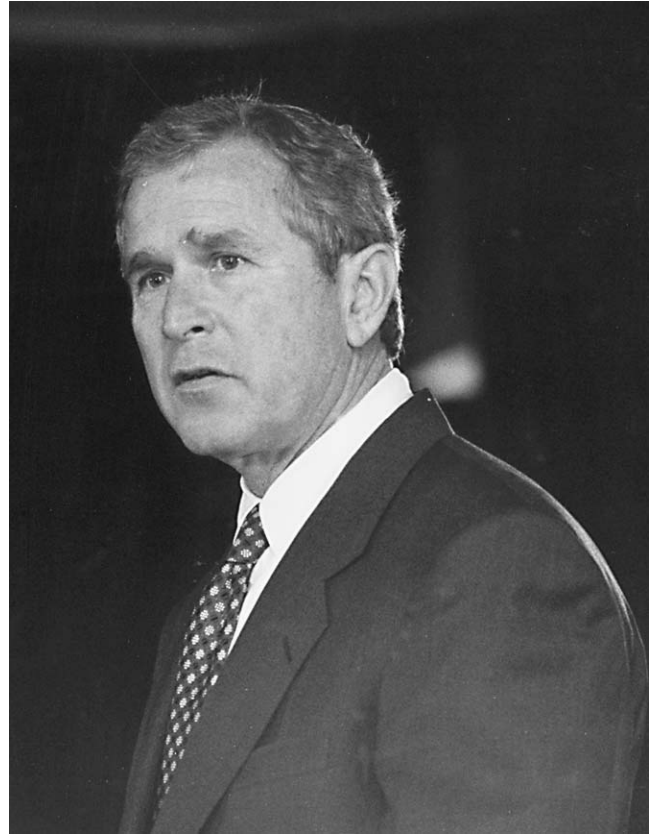


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bin Mohamad defended his country's economy against Soros and the speculator pirates, by imposing currency controls, and by naming Soros as a criminal, Gore rushed to Kuala Lumpur in November 1998, and threatened in a speech to topple Dr. Mahathir from power.

Campaign Chairman Coelho under multiple investigations. On April 8, the *New York Times* corroborated earlier *EIR* reports that there are multiple investigations against Gore's campaign chairman, Tony Coelho. First, the State Department Office of the Inspector General is carrying out a criminal investigation of Coelho's abuse of U.S. government funds, when Coelho managed the U.S. Pavillion at the 1998 World Expo in Lisbon, Portugal.

The *Times* also reported two open Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) probes of Coelho's financial dealings: One involves his activities as a director of the International Thoroughbred Breeders, Inc., and the second involves Auto-Lend Group, Inc. Both companies were associated with legalized gambling. In addition, according to the May 15 issue of *Time* magazine, the General Accounting Office is investigating whether Coelho abused the funds of the Census Monitoring Board, when he was co-chairman, in writing a final report on the Lisbon Expo '98. Coelho's attorney on the Lisbon case, Stanley Brand, claims that all these investigations are



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millions, by whatever means necessary.

On June 22, 1990, Dubya unloaded 212,140 shares of his holdings in Harken Energy, immediately prior to a dramatic drop in the value of Persian Gulf oil stock because of the war against Iraq. It was also later revealed that Harken had lost \$20 million exploring for oil off the coast of Bahrain, a deal that involved the dirty money-laundering Bank of Credit and Commerce International (BCCI).

Dubya's fortuitous sale of the Harken stock at its peak value brought about an SEC investigation, but SEC appointees of his father, President George Bush, cleared him, just in time to run for Texas governor in 1994.

Russian corruption and the Bank of New York. Dubya's entire foreign policy team, from Condoleeza Rice to Brent Scowcroft, was deeply involved in the International Monetary Fund's setting up Russia for looting by the "reform" group of Chernomyrdin, Chubais, and other intimate friends of Al Gore. In September 1999, it was revealed that operatives of these reformers were using the Bank of New York to launder billions of Russian government funds, illegally taking them out of the country. One of the key operatives, BONY Vice President Natasha Kagalovsky, had been installed on recommendation from the Texas "prince of thieves," Robert Strauss, the Ambassador to Russia under

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politically motivated to get at Gore through his client.

Dirty Wall Street money. In August 1998, David E. Shaw of D.E. Shaw investment was one of a “Who’s Who of Wall Street” that met with Gore, to get his intervention to bail them out in the wake of the Aug. 17, 1998 Russian default on its GKO bonds. Just weeks before this meeting, Shaw, a big supporter of the “liberal economic reform” thieves in Russia, and seven members of his firm poured \$40,000 into Gore’s campaign war chest, and the figure has now risen to more than \$100,000.

Molten Metal Technology, Inc. One of Gore’s chief campaign fundraisers, Peter Knight, had earlier profited from an apparent insider-trading operation involving Gore and UN ecology guru Maurice Strong, through the New England firm Molten Metal Technology, Inc. (MMT), of which both Knight and Strong were major stockholders and officials. On Earth Day, April 17, 1995, Gore gave a speech praising MMT to the skies. MMT’s only source of funds was some \$33 million from the Department of Energy. After Gore’s speech, Knight and Strong dumped their stock at its all-time high, grossing \$15.3 million; but by October, the stock had plunged from \$30 to \$5 a share, on news that the DOE had cut funding because of the firm’s environmental inefficiencies.

The 1996 Lai Temple fundraising event. Questioned by Justice Department officials for the first time in April 2000 on the \$140,000 Democratic fundraiser at the Buddhist Lai Temple in California, Gore reportedly went into a rage, screaming at DOJ investigators. Maria Hsia, the chief organizer for the event, has been convicted on illegal fundraising charges.

The Glicken affair. Howard Glicken, a key fundraiser for Gore’s 1988 Presidential campaign, who also raised \$2 million for the 1996 Clinton-Gore campaign, admitted that he had solicited illegal foreign contributions for Gore. Glicken’s Florida-based precious metals company, Metalbanc, was prosecuted as part of the Drug Enforcement Administration’s “Operation Polar Cap” in 1991, for laundering cocaine money from the Medellín Cartel. Glicken avoided being prosecuted, only by testifying against his partner, Harry Falk, who was convicted to 27 years in prison.

The case of Viktor Chernomyrdin. Numerous media sources report that in 1995, when Gore was presented with a report from the CIA demonstrating that Al’s pal, Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, had lined his pockets with \$5 billion, Gore sent the report back to the CIA with a “barnyard epithet” scrawled upon it. Later reports on Russian corruption were reportedly suppressed by Gore and his top aide, Leon Fuerth.

The Golden ADA story. In August 1998, *U.S. News &*

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President Bush. Her husband, Konstantin, was Russia’s first representative to the IMF, a post he got with the enthusiastic backing of Strauss. Strauss’s ties to the Bush family and Dubya’s team continue today, through a Washington think-tank, the Forum for International Policy.

The case of Richard Rainwater. Megaspesulator Richard Rainwater helped Dubya make his first \$14 million through a dubious deal centered around the Texas Rangers baseball team. While Dubya could only afford to buy a 2% stake, the other members of the franchise gave Dubya a 14.8% stake for “services rendered” (i.e., for having the Bush name, which helped with such projects as getting the city of Arlington to pay most of the bill for a new stadium).

With the 1998 sale of the Rangers to billionaire Tom Hicks, Bush’s initial \$500,000 investment in the team turned into a \$14 million profit. Today, Rainwater runs Dubya’s private Lone Star Trust, and it is notable that Rainwater turned Dubya’s initial investment of \$100,000 in Rainwater’s Crescent Real Estate, Inc., into \$1 million.

One of Crescent’s big deals was to loot Charter Behavioral Health Systems, the nation’s largest chain of psychiatric hospitals, closing 33 psychiatric facilities and firing 4,800 employees—some 13% of the U.S. psychiatric hospital capacity. Rainwater also damaged the General Welfare through his asset-stripping operations with the for-profit hospital chain Columbia/HCA. Columbia/HCA is under investigation by numerous U.S. government agencies for Medicaid and Medicare fraud. With Rainwater running his “blind trust,” Dubya has literally been making a killing.

University of Texas Investment Management Company (UTIMCO). One of Governor Bush’s first major pieces of legislation was to create UTIMCO, under which the \$13 billion University of Texas endowment was privatized. This scheme was proposed by Dubya’s “Daddy Warbucks,” Tom Hicks. Dubya signed off on Hicks’s appointment as a Regent of the University of Texas system, and Hicks soon turned UTIMCO into a piggybank for his own and Bush dynasty friends. Numerous of Bush’s “Pioneers,” who have raised \$100,000 or more each for Dubya’s 2000 Presidential race, through “bundling” \$1,000 contributions, have come from firms in which UTIMCO had invested.

Illegal campaign funds. In late 1998, UTIMCO placed \$96 million with the Maverick Capital hedge fund, founded by Sam Wyly, who remains a major investor in the firm. A few weeks before the March 7 Super-Tuesday primaries, Wyly invested \$2.5 million in ads, on behalf of Republicans for Clean Air, which had been created out of thin air, just to put out attacks against Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) in the major primary states. As soon as McCain withdrew from

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World Report blew the lid on Gore's ties to Russian mobsters, in an article entitled "Dirty Diamonds." Included in the article was a photo of Gore meeting with three Russian mafia diamond-dealers at a California campaign fundraiser (see *EIR*, March 19, 1999). These were proprietors of Golden ADA, a company through which they stole \$180 million from Russian state treasury holdings and strongboxes, and sold them in the West. Included among the protectors of the Golden ADA theft ring were Chernomyrdin, his sidekick Anatoli Chubais, and other top Russian "reformers," who looted Russia in collusion with the International Monetary Fund and Harvard University's Jeffrey Sachs.

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the race, Wyly announced that he was shutting down the operation. The Federal Election Commission failed to punish Bush or Wyly, a Bush "Pioneer," for this operation, although records show that Wyly and his family had been the ninth-largest contributor to Dubya's career, with a total contribution level of \$222,773.

THE DEATH PENALTY

Al Gore

According to the Death Penalty Information Center, Al Gore supports the death penalty and voted in the Senate for the death penalty for Federal prisoners. Since July 1999, he has given dozens of speeches boasting of laws he helped pass, supporting the death penalty, and he pledges to increase this further. Gore is campaigning with the slogan, "I'm the Law Enforcement Candidate," even though there's no question that Texas Governor Bush is way ahead in the number of executions he can claim. Gore, as Vice President, hasn't been in the position to preside over executions.

However, developments in Gore's home state of Tennessee give an idea of "the shape of things to come." On April 19, despite appeals from the NAACP and other civil rights groups, Tennessee executed Robert Glen Coe, a man who has been declared insane, and whose lawyer argued that death is a "cruel and unusual punishment." The political nature of this killing is clear, since *no prisoner* has been executed in Tennessee for 40 years. Tennessee is also trying to execute prisoner Philip Workman, despite new evidence that he probably did not commit the murder for which he has been sentenced. Workman and Coe had both been given a stay of execution in April, but Coe was killed as soon as the court-ordered stay expired.

George 'Dubya' Bush

A vote for George W. Bush is a vote for a man who has executed more people, as governor of Texas, than any other governor since the death penalty was reinstated in 1976—124 since 1994 when he was elected. Among the people whom Bush has ordered executed are individuals who are retarded and/or mentally ill; individuals for which exonerating evidence was provided and *ignored by Governor Bush*; individuals who have had little or no legal representation; individuals who were minors when they committed the crime for which they were convicted; and tragically, two women, who battled the scars of a lifetime of physical abuse, drug addiction, and rape, and who had repented and reformed themselves in prison. These executions were carried out despite international calls for Bush to stop his killings from leading human rights organizations, from Pope John Paul II, and from fellow Republican Governor Ryan of Illinois, who imposed a moratorium on executions in his state, because too many people who were facing execution were found to have been innocent.

But Bush kills with apparent glee. After the execution of Karla Faye Tucker, the first woman to be executed in Texas since the Civil War, Bush mimicked the dead woman in an interview with *Talk* magazine, parodying her plea for clemency in a falsetto voice, "Please, please don't kill me." Bush's second woman victim, a 63-year-old great-grandmother, Betty Lou Beets, was his 120th execution (in February, during the primary elections). She had been diagnosed as suffering from organic brain damage, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, and Battered Women's Syndrome.

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