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David Rockefeller is dead. But what does it mean? How do we measure the life of someone who has shaped the modern world to such an extent? Join us for this week's edition of The Corbett Report where we examine David Rockefeller's life, his works and the world that he left in his wake.

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### TRANSCRIPT

David Rockefeller, last surviving grandson of [oilgarch](#) John D. Rockefeller, is dead. We are told he died in his sleep at the age of 101 this past Monday, and with him the third generation of the infamous Rockefeller dynasty (the fourth if you count John D.'s bigamist, [snake oil-selling father](#)) is at an end.

So what does it mean? How do we measure the life of someone who has shaped the modern world to such an extent?

One measure of a man, some would say, are the friends that he leaves behind. In that regard, consider the people who are now stepping forward to pay tribute to David Rockefeller and his legacy.

The [Clinton crime family](#): David Rockefeller was a consummate businessman, a great humanitarian, and a serious scholar. He was a kind, good man to all who met him. Hillary and I are grateful for his friendship and his remarkable life.

And the [Bush crime family](#): So many knew him as one of the most generous philanthropists—and brightest Points of Light—whose caring and commitment to the widest range of worthy causes touched and lifted innumerable lives. David was also very active in national and international affairs, and his connections and keen aptitude for issues made him a valuable advisor to Presidents of both parties—yours truly certainly included.

And the [Council on Foreign Relations crime syndicate](#): Mr. Rockefeller was the longest-serving member of the Council, joining in 1941. He served on the board of directors for 36 years, 15 as chairman. In recognition of Mr. Rockefeller's many intellectual, financial, and leadership contributions, the Council's flagship Studies Program—a world renowned foreign policy think tank—was named in his honor.

As much as the testament of the likes of Bush and Clinton and the CFR—arch-criminals who have left a trail of death and destruction in their wake—tells us about the kind of person Rockefeller was, there is another dictum which seems even more apt: “The measure of a man is what he does with power.”

Surely, few men in history have been a steward of such vast wealth, and, by extension, held so much power.

Chairman and CEO of Chase Manhattan. Chair of the Council on Foreign Relations. Founder of the Trilateral Commission. Founding member of Bilderberg and [advisor to its steering committee](#). In fact, the dizzying array of banks, corporations, think tanks, foundations and supranational organizations of which David Rockefeller was a member does not even tell the full story of the power that he wielded. Having learned a valuable lesson about power and wealth from his grandfather, he was always [careful to portray himself](#) more as an observer of events or minor participant in the organizations and movements that he in fact founded, funded and brought to fruition.

**Narrator:** A special televised meeting of the New York-based Council on Foreign Relations provides a window to the real story. The speaker, Vice President Dick Cheney, takes a question from David Rockefeller.

**David Rockefeller:** Vice President, I just enjoyed so much your whole speech, but I was particularly pleased that you gave such a strong endorsement for the free trade agreement for all the Americas, a subject that has been of great concern to me for many years and particularly recently. And I think it's absolutely essential for the strength of our economy.

**Narrator:** Rockefeller's role in the drive for an FTAA was a lot more central than he portrays. Rockefeller cultivated Latin American leaders who could be counted on to support such a proposal. Both the 1994 Miami Summit and the FTAA proposal were conceived and nurtured by a Rockefeller-created network. Prominent among the organization sponsoring the Miami event were the Council of the Americas, founder and honorary chairman: David Rockefeller; the Americas society, chairman: David Rockefeller; the Forum of the Americas, founder: David Rockefeller; the Institute for International Economics, financial backer and board member: David Rockefeller; the Trilateral Commission, founder and honorary chairman: David Rockefeller.

(SOURCE: [Important Info About David Rockefeller, Dick Cheney & CFR](#))

Growing up in the household of John D. Rockefeller, Jr., steward of the family fortune and controller of the infamous Rockefeller Foundation, David and his brothers knew from the earliest age that they would be decision makers nearly without parallel in human history, capable of shaping events not only at home, but all around the world. A world that they were eager to divide up amongst themselves.

**Peter Johnson:** The year 1952 marks the end of the transition from John D. Rockefeller, Jr., to his sons. It's from that point on that the sort of “the brothers' generation” begins to have the recognition, visibility and effective control over the things that allows them to do the kinds of things they want.

**Peter Collier, Biographer:** The brothers were anxious to have the money. Unlike their father, for whom the money had been associated with such evil, fraught with such peril. There was a sense that this money could be used for personal ends now. to pursue their professional and social objectives.

**Narrator:** John D. III continued to run the family philanthropies, but was emerging from his father's shadow through his work in population control and US-Asia relations. Laurance, who had inherited his grandfather's business touch, was a pioneering venture capitalist. He invested in aviation, new technologies, and built tropical resorts with an eye to conservation. David, the family intellectual, was, at age 37, already senior vice-president of The Chase Bank and was becoming a champion of urban renewal. Even Winthrop had found an interest of his own. In 1952, he went to Arkansas to divorce Bobo Sears.

There, he fell in love with a mountain plateau, named Petite Jean, and transformed it into a cattle ranch, Winrock Farms. “This is my show,” he exulted. “It doesn't have anything to do with any Rockefeller family project.”

The Rockefeller most in the public eye, Nelson, was a prominent member of Dwight D. Eisenhower's administration. At once a Cold Warrior and a Social Liberal, Nelson bombarded the cautious President with ideas, but they were largely ignored.

“I've learned one thing,” he confided to an associate as he left Washington. “You can't have influence in government if you haven't been elected.”

Nelson returned to New York, “like an exiled monarch come to retake his throne,” in the words of a biographer. Laurance stepped aside, ceding Nelson the presidency of Rockefeller Center. John reluctantly surrendered control of the Rockefeller Brothers' Fund, the brother's philanthropy.

It was 1956. America stood at the pinnacle of its prestige, and the Rockefellers were the nation's first family, not only of wealth but also of power.

**Peter Collier, Biographer:** If there was an establishment in America in the '50s, it was these Rockefeller brothers. These young men have taken their place as these absolutely unique members of a unique family. They're in some sense the very tip of this kind of the American century, the American experience, this optimism that buoys America, in the post-war era.

**Jay Rockefeller:** They were in many ways at the center of business life, conservation life, environmental life, political life. They were in the middle of it. That's exactly where they wanted to be. And they loved it.

**Narrator:** Fifty years after Ida Tarbell's scathing attack on John D. Rockefeller, Sr. in *McClure's* magazine, *Fortune* magazine published a glowing profile of his grandchildren.

Each brother was said to be worth upwards of 100 million dollars. But more important than their wealth, *Fortune* argued, was the vast social empire which the brothers commanded. From their headquarters in midtown Manhattan their influence reached into every sphere.

**Joe Persico:** Over the years, through the Rockefeller philanthropic enterprises, charities, support of science, their business enterprises, a web had developed which spread out and was interconnected with practically every center of power in our country, and abroad as well. So this was the real strength and power of the family going well beyond money alone.

**Peter Collier, Biographer:** Sometimes they would joke about it, they'd say, "Well, David gets Europe, Nelson's going to have Latin America, and you know, John D., III, gets Asia," and then they'd make some joke about what Winthrop got, you know, which would be something like Arkansas. But nonetheless, there was something really behind the joke."

(SOURCE: [American Experience: The Rockefellers](#))

The Rockefeller clan has never been exactly "normal." Not since [William Avery Rockefeller](#), John D.'s father, abandoned the Rockefeller name altogether to take on the persona of "Dr. Bill Levingston, Celebrated Cancer Specialist." The name was a ruse, of course, like everything else about William Rockefeller. He was neither a doctor nor a Levingston nor a cancer specialist (much less a celebrated one), but the name change became necessary after his years of hocking snake oil, bigamous marriages and rape finally caught up with him. An itinerant father, there was one thing that "Devil Bill," as he was known by his victims, made sure to teach the young John D. Rockefeller, future robber baron:

"I cheat my boys every chance I get," William Rockefeller [once bragged](#) to one of his confidants. "I want to make 'em sharp. I trade with the boys and skin 'em and I just beat 'em every time I can. I want to make 'em sharp."

That selfish fruit never fell far from the Rockefeller tree, and it is a telling sign that David Rockefeller opens his 2002 [Memoirs](#) with [this self-serving tale](#) from his own grandfather's funeral:

After the service, as everyone milled about, Mr. Yordi, Grandfather's valet, gestured to me. Yordi, a dapper Swiss fellow, had been Grandfather's valet and constant companion for thirty years. I knew him well, but he had always been reserved in my presence. I went over to him, and he pulled me aside, into a deserted hallway. "You know, Mr. David," he began (from as early as I can remember, the staff always addressed us in that way, "Mr. Rockefeller" being too confusing with so many of us having that name, and first names would have been too familiar), "of all you brothers, your grandfather always thought you were the most like him." I must have looked very surprised. It was the last thing I expected him to say. "Yes," he said, "you were very much his favorite." I thanked him somewhat awkwardly, but he just waved his hand and said, "No, no, I just thought you should know." I didn't really know what to make of it. I thought it would have been Nelson, But I could pretend I wasn't pleased.

Even there, writing of the death of his own grandfather some 65 years later, David Rockefeller couldn't resist making the moment about himself and his own rightful place as successor to his grandfather's throne. If nothing else, the Rockefeller household raised the stakes of sibling rivalry to a significant degree.

But it wasn't only Rockefeller blood flowing through the veins of David and his brothers. Their mother, Abby Aldrich Rockefeller, was the daughter of Senator Nelson Aldrich, one of the most powerful and influential politicians of his age.

**Paul George:** And then of course your mother, and you wrote so lovely about both of them, but your mom was a member of the Aldrich family, and that was among other things a very powerful political family. And I know that, in my reading and teaching American history, Senator Aldrich was a major force in America a hundred years ago.

**David Rockefeller:** That's true, he was a United States Senator for 33 years and was the Speaker of the Senate for a number of those years. So he did play an important role in American foreign and domestic policy during that period. Unfortunately he died, as did all three of my four grandparents, the year that I was born, so I never met him. But my mother greatly admired him and traveled with him a great deal, and I always felt very proud of what he did in the Senate.

(Source: [Miami International Book Fare: David Rockefeller interviewed by Dr. Paul George](#))

David's brief description glosses over the truly central importance of Senator Nelson Aldrich, referred to by many as "the General Manager of the Nation." As a key figure on the influential Senate Finance Committee, Aldrich oversaw the nation's currency. It was in this capacity that he presided over a secretive Jekyll Island conclave with the nation's richest and most powerful banking interests in 1910. As outlined in [Century of Enslavement: The History of the Federal Reserve](#), it was that meeting, undertaken in complete secrecy and hidden from the public until decades after it took place, that eventually gave birth to the Federal Reserve system itself.

Indeed, it is in the marriage of John D. Rockefeller, Jr.'s wealth and business influence with Abby Aldrich's banking and political influence that we can best understand the world-conquering dominance of "the Brothers Generation" of the Rockefeller clan.

Their entire lives, David and his siblings were enveloped in the cocoon of wealth that came with their Rockefeller-Aldrich heritage. Never without the assistance of the army of valets, nurses, chambermaids and servants that were available to attend to their every whim, even their childhood games were played in the secure comfort of luxury. David and his brothers would roller-skate up Fifth Avenue to school every morning, [closely followed by a chauffeured car](#) in case they got tired. With seemingly no irony or sense of the absurd, young David delivered Thanksgiving food baskets to poor families in Harlem as part of a school project, accompanied by a liveried chauffeur in full uniform who handed him the baskets so he could present them to the poor.

It was from within this pampered bubble of unreality that David Rockefeller began to form his understanding of the world, and his own place in it.

When he went to college, there was no question that he would attend the most elite. He studied English history and literature at Harvard, earning his bachelor's degree in 1936, began his graduate studies in economics at the London School of Economics, and in 1940 completed his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago, the school his grandfather had founded. To the surprise of no one, least of all David himself, the University of Chicago Press dutifully published its founder's grandson's thesis on "[Unused Resources and Economic Waste](#)" and the young heir to the Rockefeller throne was then given a position as a secretary in New York Mayor LaGuardia's office. Pressed on the matter, LaGuardia insisted that David was just one of 60 interns working for him and was given no special treatment. He neglected to mention that this particular intern was given the use of the deputy mayor's office.

It was also no surprise that, enlisting in the Army in 1943, Rockefeller was promptly promoted to captain and assigned to military intelligence, where he drew on his family's own international network of contacts to set up a political and economic intelligence unit.

**Paul George:** After finishing school and marrying Peggy in 1940, then you became part of the military during World War II. If I'm not mistaken weren't you down here briefly in Miami?

**David Rockefeller:** I was, as a matter of fact. After my basic training I was sent here to the guard and administrative attachment of the Latin American intelligence unit that was based in Miami. So I remember my principal responsibility was guarding the property of the Firestone estate, where the principal threat as far as I could see was falling coconuts. But luckily I was never hit by one.

**Paul George:** And that marvelous estate sat where the Fountainbleau is today. In fact when they built the Fountainbleau in the early to mid-'50s, they built it around the estate then they leveled the estate. That's a pretty nice tour of duty.

**David Rockefeller:** Well, that's true. It was.

(Source: [Miami International Book Fare: David Rockefeller interviewed by Dr. Paul George](#))

Stationed in North Africa and, eventually, France, David again drew on family contacts to set up a military intelligence unit. Predictably, he also used the excuse to secure business opportunities for himself. As [he himself relates](#) in his own memoirs:

Men of my generation often refer to their military service as good or bad. I had a good war. I had been confused and apprehensive at first but soon learned to adapt and then how to use my newly acquired skills effectively for the benefit of my country. I look back at the war years as an invaluable training ground and testing place for much that I would do later in my life. Among other things, I discovered the value of building contacts with well-placed individuals as a means of achieving concrete objectives. This would be the beginning of a networking process that I would follow throughout my life.

WWII had left tens of millions dead, Europe a smouldering pile of rubble, and much of the world in disarray. But it had taught David Rockefeller about networking, so it was a “good war.”

Unsurprisingly, his key networking opportunity during this period came in the form of his own uncle, Winthrop Aldrich. “Uncle Winthrop,” as David knew him, was his mother's beloved younger brother, and the chairman of Chase National Bank, whose largest shareholder was David's father and which was popularly known as the Rockefeller Family Bank. Winthrop, [we are told](#), just happened to be traveling through Paris right before David was recalled to Washington and offered him a career at the bank.

Meanwhile, David's good war was drawing to a close and his older brothers were busy working to secure a “permanent world capital” in New York City.

**Newsreel:** Arriving in New York to choose United Nations Headquarters, delegates from seven nations are welcomed by Grover Wayland. They must choose a site within the New York or Boston areas. The committee calls on President Truman at the White House before proceeding to inspect locations. The eastern United States will soon hold the new capital of the world!

**Narrator:** Nelson Rockefeller, a former member of the US delegation to San Francisco, was appointed by New York Mayor O'Dwyer to interest the UN in building on the 1939 World's Fair grounds in Flushing Meadow. When the UN rejected this proposal, the Rockefeller family considered offering part of their own estate, Pocantico, and adjoining properties for the headquarters site. No decision had been made when the UN convened in the fall of 1946. The Rockefeller family was more concerned than ever with bringing the UN to New York City. News accounts from the period convey the atmosphere.

**Newsreel:** As the weary delegates of 54 nations prepare to end their meeting, the world takes stock of recent weeks, highlighted by the beginnings of cooperation. Hopeful signs are the unanimously passed resolution on armaments reduction and atomic controls. And there was big news in the last days as headlines told another story: The gift of a site by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. for a permanent world capital in New York. Quickly accepted, the strip along Manhattan's East River is valued at \$8.5 million dollars. An ideal site for skyscraper headquarters, the six block area extends from 42nd to 48th street.

**Narrator:** The Rockefeller family formally presented its gift to the UN in March of 1947.

**John D. Rockefeller III:** The future of this country and the lives of our children and our children's children are interwoven with the success of the United Nations. In it lies the hope of the people of the world. My father considers it a privilege to have had a part in the development of its permanent home. I'm glad to hand you, Mr. Lie, my father's check.

**Trygve Lie:** Thank you, Mr. Rockefeller. Mr. Rockefeller, Mayor O'Dwyer, the United Nations extends its sincere thanks to you and to your father for this magnificent gift. We intend to go ahead and create on the East riverside a dignified and appropriate headquarters for the United Nations which will stand for generations to come, as a great monument to peace and security. Your family can be proud of its contribution to this cause.

**John D. Rockefeller III:** Thank you very much.

**Narrator:** The Rockefeller gift changed the course of history and brought the United Nations to New York City. It is a gift which gave practical and moral support to the young United Nations, thus enabling it to succeed where the League of Nations had failed. It is a gift which furthered the United Nations' mission to help save succeeding generations from the scourge of war.

(SOURCE: [UN Loves David Rockefeller](#))

In April 1946, while the family was securing the headquarters of their hoped-for global government in New York City, David began his work at Chase as a \$3,500-a-year Assistant Manager in the Foreign Department. Almost immediately upon arriving, he began the process of bending the bank toward his will. And just as his brothers' will was to promote globalization through the UN, so David's will was to promote globalization through banking.

**David Rockefeller:** I felt that since American business, in response to the globalization of the world that was already taking place and the move of businesses in our country abroad in order to take care of the companies that they were dealing with overseas and that was becoming a major part of their business—I felt that we couldn't do a good job in taking care of even our American customers unless we had branches overseas. So, little by little, over a period of about thirty years we opened branches and offices in about fifty countries around the world, and we're represented in other ways in many more than that. And of course this was once something that was of great interest to me and therefore I quite frequently would go over to the countries which I thought we should be in and meet with the leaders of the country as well as the business leaders. And this, of course, is essentially the way that I happen to know as many people as I do around the world. And I feel that was certainly the one of the best things I did for the bank.

(SOURCE: [Revelle Forum: David Rockefeller](#))

David presents the globalization of the banking industry, a process that he himself spearheaded, as merely a reaction to the needs of the business world. But it is impossible to separate the business interests of his bank from his own business interests, or that of his personal network of family friends. And, as with so much else in David Rockefeller's world, both these business and personal interests converged at the globalist ideology which motivated him throughout his life.

Working his way up the ranks of Chase's corporate ladder to eventually become the bank's chairman and CEO, David soon found himself at the heart of world geopolitics, an unofficial emissary from the Rockefeller family and the banking and business interests it represented, to the rest of the globe.

When Moscow opened its doors to the first American bank since the 1920s, it was to David Rockefeller's Chase.

When Beijing did the same, allowing the first American bank since 1949, it, too, was opening the door for Rockefeller.

When America became embroiled in the Vietnam War, David used the opportunity to open a branch in Saigon.

Along the way, David's "networking process" helped him befriend a rogue's gallery of dictators and despots.

**Terence Smith:** You also mention in here an encounter with Saddam Hussein in Iraq—in Baghdad. Was there anything in that meeting some 20 years ago that would have led you to believe that he would be playing the role he is today?

**David Rockefeller:** I don't think so, but in the light of what's happened, it certainly makes it all the more interesting. I did it, actually, at the request of Henry Kissinger, who was then Secretary of State. I was going anyway to that part of the world, and Chase had business with the leading commercial bank in Iraq. And so I was going for that. And he asked me if I would also go to see him to say that he would like to establish closer touch with the regime. He felt that it was important that our two countries communicated more effectively. I did see him and he was pretty cold. He said the only way we could hope to establish closer relations would be if we would discontinue our support for Israel. Well, it was not likely that that was going to happen. So it was not a terribly productive meeting, although in the hindsight, it was certainly an interesting one.

(SOURCE: [Conversation: David Rockefeller](#))

**James Corbett:** In 1973, David Rockefeller penned [an obituary for communist dictator Mao Tse-tung](#), the man personally responsible for more deaths than any other human in history, in which he praised the "high morale and community of purpose" engendered by Mao's leadership and claimed his bloody dictatorship and slaughter of 60 million of his own citizens to be "one of the most important and successful" dictatorships in history.

(SOURCE: [Sunday Update 2011/01/23](#))

**Charlie Rose:** The Shah of Iran. I was re-reading, before I read your account, the book that was written by Bill...William Shawcross. A whole book about that.

**David Rockefeller:** Yes, I remember.

**Charlie Rose:** Do you have any regrets about that?

**David Rockefeller:** My main regrets are that our country forced him out of office. I think Iran would be better off today had he stayed. It is certainly true that he had secret police that did bad things, and so does this administration. But I think that he saw what needed to be done in Iran in the way of education and health and in many other areas and he took steps to do something about it.

(SOURCE: [David Rockefeller on Charlie Rose, 2002](#))

A popular joke of the era held that David Rockefeller never ran for President because he didn't want a demotion. There was more truth to that joke than many realized. He was in fact offered the position of Treasury Secretary three times and the chair of the Federal Reserve's Board of Governors once, but turned all of these appointments down because he felt he could accomplish his goals more effectively through the bank.

But as tireless as Rockefeller was in his pursuit of globalization, personally visiting 103 countries and racking up over 5 million air miles as he amassed a network of no less than 150,000 personal contacts for his Rolodex, David's ambitions were larger than even he could personally oversee.

Like any good crime syndicate leader, he would need a capo. And he found the perfect such vessel in Henry Kissinger.

**Paul George:** And you mentioned, David, Henry Kissinger, and I think he first was noticed by the Rockefeller family after he wrote a very erudite work on nuclear weapons and nuclear war back in the late nineteen fifties...

**David Rockefeller:** [Nuclear Weapons and Foreign Policy](#).

**Paul George:** Right. It was then published and from that time on he became pretty close to the Rockefeller family.

**David Rockefeller:** Well, he did. Actually, I guess I was the first one who got to know him because he was a member of an organization called the Council on Foreign Relations in New York. And there was a study group at that time that he as, then a young instructor at Harvard, presided at, and it was a group to study nuclear weapons and foreign policy, and he wrote a book about it based on the study.

I was so impressed by him that I introduced him to my brother Nelson, who was then governor in New York and was then considering seeking the presidency of the United States. They became great friends, and actually Henry was became Nelson's foreign policy advisor as long as he was in public life. And I think he is one of the remarkable international statesman in the world today. Even 30 years after he was secretary of state, he's still asked by heads of state when he travels the world for his advice.

(Source: [Miami International Book Fare: David Rockefeller interviewed by Dr. Paul George](#))

It was through Henry Kissinger that David Rockefeller could influence policy no matter who was nominally in charge of the country.

Only Nixon could go to China, but it was Rockefeller's emissary, Henry Kissinger, who [preceded him](#). And as soon as diplomatic relations were normalized, there was Rockefeller to open communist China's first American correspondent bank.

When Chase needed to prevent its [mining interests in Chile](#) from being nationalized by President Allende, Kissinger was happy to [organize the coup](#) that overthrew him. (The meeting between the mining company and Kissinger was, of course, [set up by David Rockefeller](#).)

When Nixon fell, Kissinger survived the fallout and retained his position as National Security Advisor to Ford.

When William Casey, Reagan's campaign manager, was busy arranging the delayed Iranian hostage release for the [1980 October Surprise](#), he was in secret contact with Henry Kissinger (although [campaign visitor logs](#) show that David Rockefeller made a personal visit himself, just to make sure).

Incredibly, even as late as 2006, a full three decades since leaving official government office, Kissinger was revealed to be [secretly advising Bush](#) throughout the Iraq war, with Cheney admitting he talked to Kissinger more than anyone else and Bush treating him like a member of the family with a "standing invitation to call whenever he was coming to Washington."

Even more incredibly, in 2016, just after being [feted by Obama](#) for his career of spreading Rockefeller globalism for the deep state ruling class, Kissinger met with Trump to tell him what US foreign policy would really be under a Trump administration.

**James Evan Pilato:** So, James, just as we're learning today as we're taping this—at least here in the States it's May 18th to me... [Trump and Kissinger Hold Foreign Policy Huddle in New York](#):

Donald Trump met with Secretary of State Henry Kissinger in New York on Wednesday, the latest in his efforts to strengthen his foreign policy bona fides."Trump's motorcade rolled into Kissinger's home around 3 p.m., where the low-profile meeting that lasted about one hour. Trump aides say the presumptive GOP presidential nominee and 92-year-old diplomat have spoken over the phone multiple times, and that Trump requested the face-to-face.

(SOURCE: [Kissinger Awarded by Obama on Way to Meet Trump – #NewWorldNextWeek](#))

**Reporter:** Sean, how did the Kissinger meeting go? Can you tell us?

**Sean Spicer:** Really well.

**Reporter:** Really well?

**Sean Spicer:** Really well. They've known each other for a long time. They talked about China, Russia, other world hot spots. It was a phenomenal meeting.

(SOURCE: [Trump Meets with Kissinger, Israeli Ambassador](#))

**John Dickerson:** China, a country you know so much about. First, Donald Trump has talked about calling them a currency manipulator immediately. He's talked about being very tough on China. Do you think he will maintain that posture from the campaign, or what will he learn about China as he comes to deal with them.

**Henry Kissinger:** Well, I hope he wouldn't maintain the posture during the campaign literally.

(SOURCE: [Kissinger warns Donald Trump to change his posture on China](#))

**Henry Kissinger:** ...There is the impact of globalization and I wrote minor things about that earlier. Not enough attention was paid to the fact that it was bound to have winners and losers and that the losers were bound to try to express themselves in some kind of political reaction.

In my view in the present situation, one should not insist on nailing him into positions that he had taken in the campaign on which he doesn't insist. If he insists on them then of course this agreement will become expressed. But if he develops another program and leaves the question open of what he said in the campaign, one should not make that the desired development.

**Fareed Zakaria:** You're saying very nicely that we should welcome some flip-flops?

**Henry Kissinger:** I think we should

(SOURCE: [Henry Kissinger on meeting with Donald Trump](#))

Of course, Rockefeller and his network did not put all of their globalist eggs in the Kissinger basket. Instead, David Rockefeller was the founder, funder, chairman, director or board member of a dizzying array of organizations that he used as fronts to advance his business and political agendas around the globe.

When he needed to pry open Latin America for Chase, he [founded the Council of the Americas](#). When he wanted to expand NAFTA into a free trade agreement covering the entire western hemisphere, he [used the council](#), as well as a number of other organizations he personally founded and funded, to push for the Free Trade Area of the Americas.

When he wanted to shape the reconstruction of Europe in the wake of his "good war," he [sat on the committee that created the Marshall plan](#), which eventually directed \$13 billion of US taxpayer money to Rockefeller and his corporate cronies.

When he wanted to do the same in Japan, he [chaired the Japan Society](#) that his brother had founded.

He funneled US trade with the Soviets in the depth of the Cold War through Chase via the [U.S.-U.S.S.R. Trade Council](#) that he founded and directed.

And, as always, there were the unimaginable resources of the overlapping family "philanthropic" organizations whose boards he sat on, and whose resources he could direct to benefit his own agenda: the Rockefeller Brothers Fund, the Rockefeller Family Fund, the Rockefeller University and a host of similar bodies.

But there were other, more secretive groups. Groups that Rockefeller helped to found or direct and that draw their membership from the highest reaches of business, finance, government and even royalty. Groups so secretive that their very existence was denied for decades.

Groups like the Council on Foreign Relations. Although the CFR from its founding in the wake of WWI had been largely directed by interests connected to J.P. Morgan, the Rockefellers had been warm to the council and its interests from the beginning. The Rockefeller influence on the CFR rose when David joined as a member in the 1940s, and by the time he became the director of the organization in 1970, the takeover was complete.

**Narrator:** Here is the Council's annual report published in 1978. The organization's membership list names 1,878 members, and the list reads like a who's who in America. Ten CFR members are US senators. Even more congressmen belong to the organization. Sitting on top of this immensely powerful pyramid as chairman of the board is David Rockefeller.

As you can see from this page in the CFR annual report, 284 of its members are US government officials. Any organization which can boast that 284 of its members are US government officials should be well known, yet most Americans have never even heard of the Council on Foreign Relations. One reason why this is so is that 171 journalists, correspondents and communications executives are also CFR members, and they don't write about the organization.

In fact, CFR members rarely talk about the organization in as much as it is an express condition of membership that any disclosure of what goes on at CFR meetings shall be regarded as grounds for termination of membership.

(SOURCE: [The Insiders 1979 Trilateral Commission Council on Foreign Relations](#))

Even more secretive and exclusive was the Bilderberg Group, founded in 1954 by Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands. Meeting annually, the group has brought together the world's richest and most powerful bankers, corporate heads, government officials and royalty from Europe and North America for the past half-century.

From the beginning, the conference was an incredibly exclusive affair, and one in which the utmost secrecy was demanded from its participants. Only [73 people attended](#) that first meeting in 1954, including Prince Bernhard, several members of parliaments of various European nations, foreign ministers, the former Prime Minister of France, the director of J.P. Morgan, the chairman of Unilever, and other international power players. From within that 73, ten "rapporteurs" were selected to introduce the talking points on the agenda and lead group discussion, including, of course, David Rockefeller.

Over the 63 years of its existence, the group has hosted discussions that have given birth to [the European Union](#), and, later on, [the euro](#), [planned the 1973 oil crisis](#), and [set the timetable for the 2003 invasion of Iraq](#), among [many other things](#).

The group itself has lived in nearly total obscurity for much of that time, guarded from discovery by the publishers and editors of mainstream media organizations that dutifully complied with the meeting's demand for secrecy from attendees. It wasn't until independent internet-based media outlets began covering the meetings in recent years that the group was forced to start an official website, and [conference minutes](#) and even recordings of the very first Bilderberg meeting have been leaked online.

**Prince Bernhard:** You may wonder why I have asked you to come here. I have in mind a completely frank and open exchange of views. And this is insured to you and it is essential for our success: there is no verbatim quotation of anybody. And there is no press, so you are quite free to let yourselves go, if I may say so.

(SOURCE: [Recordings From the First Bilderberg Meeting in Oosterbeek, Netherlands, 1954](#))

Although as founding member, rapporteur and steering committee advisor, David had remarkable control over this, one of the most exclusive and powerful organizations in the world, remarkably, even that was not good enough for him. Concerned by the lack of Japanese participation in the meetings as Japan grew in economic importance, he lobbied the Bilderberg conference to begin inviting Japanese members to the meetings. When this was turned down, David promptly started another, equally obscure and equally powerful group, the Trilateral Commission, to fulfill his vision of a North American/European/Japanese conference.

**Charlie Rose:** Then you created the Trilateral Commission, in a sense to develop relationships with Japan and the rest of the world.

**David Rockefeller:** Exactly. I felt very strongly that Japan had become a major power in the world and that we culturally had very few relations with them. And it seemed to me that that was a mistake. And so, I tried first to persuade the Bilderberg group, which you have been to and know, to include Japan...

**Charlie Rose:** Yes.

**David Rockefeller:** ...but they turned that down. They wanted...they thought the relation with Europe was important and to stick to it. So when they turned it down, a group of us started the Trilateral Commission.

**Charlie Rose:** And it continues today, and you're going to Japan in April.

**David Rockefeller:** It continues today. Exactly.

(SOURCE: [David Rockefeller on Charlie Rose, 2006](#))

Although once again David downplays both his role in the Trilateral Commission and its ultimate significance, it is in fact another group of powerful individuals, including multiple members of every American presidential administration since its founding in 1973, meeting in nearly total obscurity to push Rockefeller's globalist agenda.

**Patrick Wood:** Well, the Trilateral Commission, as I mentioned, was started 1973 by David Rockefeller and Zbigniew Brzezinski, and Brzezinski's book, [Between Two Ages](#), I believe is what really brought Rockefeller to the table—at least to pick up Brzezinski as a co-founder of the Trilateral Commission.

The subtitle on his book was "America's Role in the Technetronic Era." I found out just after I started studying technology that what he meant by "the technetronic era" was essentially technocracy. That's what we have today. You have to go back and read the book to find that out.

But when they got into operation, the first thing they did was to put forth a presidential candidate. Of course, remember, they had all the money in the world to put at it, too, with Rockefeller and everybody else around him. They picked up Jimmy Carter and Walter Mondale as president and vice presidential candidate and got them elected in 1976, the pair of

them. Carter then proceeded to sweep into office one-third of the membership of the American members of the Trilateral Commission and his top cabinet positions, and a lot of them went into the State Department, too.

That was an incredible feat, but it wasn't a political coup in my mind. And they said that back in those days "Oh, no, we're not interested in politics." Well, I really don't think they were. They wanted to get their hands on the economic machinery of the world, and they did that by capturing the United States Executive branch. They didn't care about Congress, they didn't care about the judiciary. They only cared about the engine of economic prosperity, if you will, and that was our government.

And so the first US Trade Representative that was appointed to negotiate trade treaties for the president was a member of the Trilateral Commission. In fact, ever since then there have been 12 different members or 12 different USTRs that have been appointed by the president along the way (that's over a period of a long time). Nine of those 12 have been members of the Trilateral Commission. What can you say to that other than the fact that, "Well, it tells you what they were after." They wanted to be in a position to have their man negotiating these treaties like NAFTA and CAFTA and the TPP. The current USTR, Michael Froman, who's putting together the Trans-Pacific Partnership and also the Transatlantic coming right behind it, this guy's a member of the Trilateral Commission. When does this stuff stop, you see? Then you have the situation with the World Bank. The president of the World Bank is always appointed by our president; that's how it was set up at Bretton Woods. Europe gets to pick the IMF head, and so they always pick that. But there have been eight appointees to the World Bank since Jimmy Carter. Six of those have been members of the Trilateral Commission. Now you say, "Well, what's the big deal with the World Bank?" Well, the World Bank has been the major engine of globalization around the world. They had it in their pocket the whole time.

You just have to ask the question: "OK, they own that position, they own the World Bank, they own the USTR, they own the executive branch lock, stock and barrel, by and large. Are they looking out after American interests? You know, like, just us in America, or people in Canada or whatever? I mean, you know, are they looking after our family and even the North American? No, they're negotiating for themselves. And what are their goals? Well, they said originally to create a new international economic order.

(SOURCE: [Patrick Wood Exposes the Technocracy Agenda](#))

The Rockefeller fortune. A worldwide network of contacts. The Chase bank. CFR, Bilderberg and the Trilateral Commission. If the measure of a man is what he does with power, then it should be remarkably simple to take the measure of David Rockefeller.

So what, precisely, did he *do* with all this power? This is no great secret; he made no effort whatsoever to hide his aims or intentions. As he himself [freely admitted](#) in his 2002 memoirs:

Some even believe we are part of a secret cabal working against the best interests of the United States, characterizing my family and me as ‘internationalists’ and of conspiring with others around the world to build a more integrated global political and economic structure — one world, if you will. If that is the charge, I stand guilty, and I am proud of it.

But the ultimate consolidation of power, the one world government to be ruled, inevitably, by the Rockefellers and their ilk, is only one half of this dark tale. As we shall see in the forthcoming sequel to “How Big Oil Conquered the World,” the one world government agenda is not content merely to consolidate that power, but to use it as a weapon against the masses.

The intimate relationship between the eugenics movement and the Rockefeller family is a dark and largely uncovered part of its history, but it draws a straight line between the Bureau of Social Hygiene, the Eugenics Record Office and other organizations funded and promoted by John D. Rockefeller, Jr. on the one hand, and John D. Rockefeller III’s founding of the Population Council from the offices and officers of the American Eugenics Society on the other.

It is the story of a pseudoscientific mania that swept the corridors of power in early 20th century America. A mania that deprived tens of thousands of the most fundamental human right, that of procreation, and sought to deprive them of much more than that, based on nothing more than the assertion that the poor and destitute did not deserve to pass on their genes (or “protoplasm,” as the early pushers of this pseudoscience called the hereditary mechanism that they had not yet discovered).

It is not difficult to see how such a philosophy was inherently flattering to the Rockefellers of the world. The rich and powerful deserved to be rich and powerful by virtue of their very genetic makeup. Who could argue with that?

When eugenics was eventually exposed as the pseudoscientific charlatanry that it always was, the adherents to this philosophy, including, of course, John D. Rockefeller III, sought for a more publicly acceptable re-branding of these ideas. They found it in the idea of “population control,” based yet again on [unscientific assertions](#) of overpopulation and its implicit demand to cull the “useless eaters” of the Third World.

And, as always, there was David Rockefeller.

**William Engdahl:** And John D. Rockefeller III turned to a protege of the Rockefeller family in the early 1970s who was then the National Security Advisor to the president, President Nixon, by the name of Henry Kissinger. Perhaps some of you have heard of this gentleman. And Kissinger was commissioned to do a top secret study called “NSSM 200.” It later in the 1990s (this was in 1974), in the 1990s it was finally declassified from top secrecy and people could read what was in there. But it became, on the signature of President Gerald Ford, it became official US government policy for the first time to impose population reduction on what Kissinger called “developing countries where they have rapid population growth” and rich, raw material resources that the West needs to fight the Cold War: oil, metals, rare earth metals, whatever. So Kissinger argued that these rapid population increases will create populations that will demand of their governments that they get a share of the pie, that they have economic development. Well, what an obscene thing for populations to demand: economic development, a good standard of living, adequate food, shelter, and so forth. We can’t allow that to happen, so we have to reduce populations.

(SOURCE: [The Hidden Agenda of Rockefeller-Monsanto-US Gov’t — Eugenic Genetic Manipulation](#))

**David Rockefeller:** And herein lies the dilemma that we all face. Let me illustrate: Improved public health has caused the world infant mortality rate to decline by 60 percent over the last 40 years. In the same period the world’s average life expectancy has increased from 46 years in the 1950s to 63 years today. This is a development which as individuals we can only applaud. However, the result of these positive measures is a world population that has risen during the same short period of time geometrically to almost six billion people and could easily exceed eight billion by the year 2020. The negative impact of population growth on all of our planetary ecosystems is becoming appallingly evident.

(SOURCE: [Rockefeller UN Depopulation](#))

So let us measure the man, then, on how he used his power. Worse even than the tyrant who openly rules by decree is the manipulator who rules in the shadows. Worse than the miser is the “philanthropist” who directs his gifts to favour his own interests. Worse than the open enemy of humanity is its false friend.

So it should be no surprise, then, that David Rockefeller has been handsomely rewarded for his lifetime of service to the clique of powerful globalists with whom he and his family have conspired for generations.

**Boutros Boutros-Ghali:** And the Rockefeller family’s commitments to the United Nations did not end with this exceptional gift. It continues to the present day and it is personified by David Rockefeller, whom we honour for his dedication to democratic principles, for his dedication to development, and for his dedication to international peace.

(SOURCE: [UN Loves David Rockefeller](#))

**President Clinton:** David Rockefeller is a gentleman, a statesman, a scholar, and most important, a genuine humanitarian of the likes our Nation has rarely seen. Commander, read the citation.

**Lietutenant Commander Huey:** The President of the United States of America awards this Presidential Medal of Freedom to David Rockefeller. Through his extensive humanitarian efforts to promote world peace, David Rockefeller has worked to improve lives both at home and abroad. Building on his family’s tradition of charitable giving, he has generously supported a wide range of educational, cultural, health, and urban renewal programs. As co-founder of the International Executive Service Corps, he has recognized the duty and responsibility of the private sector to a world in need. His creation of and support for the Trilateral Commission has provided a unique forum for communication and problem-solving by world leaders. Philanthropist, business man, community servant and exemplary global citizen, David Rockefeller has earned our enduring respect and heartfelt thanks.

(SOURCE: [Medal of Freedom Ceremony 1998](#))

But even in the light of all of this, there is no victory in David Rockefeller's death. His passing is no cause for celebration. David Rockefeller left the world the same way he came into it: rich beyond compare, mercilessly cruel, obsessed only with himself and his own interests. There was no Ebenezer Scrooge moment before he died, no throwing open of the curtain on his lifetime of dirty deeds, no repenting of his ways or undoing of the damage he has done.

And there is, of course, no reprieve from the agenda which he furthered, the ideology that he promoted. It rolls on, uninterrupted, in his absence.

**Becky Quick:** Donald Trump mentioned that he had a phone call with you. How did that conversation go?

**Bill Gates:** Well, I had an opportunity to talk with him about innovation. And a lot of his message has been about things where he sees things not as good as he'd like, but in the same way President Kennedy talked about the space mission and got the country behind that, I think that whether it's education or stopping epidemics, other health breakthroughs, finishing polio, and in this energy space, there can be a very upbeat message that his administration is going to organize things, get rid of regulatory barriers and have American leadership through innovation be one of the things that he gets behind. And of course my whole career has been along those lines, and he was interested in listening to that. And I'm sure there'll be further conversation.

(SOURCE: [Bill Gates meets with President Trump – compares Trump to JFK](#))

No, David Rockefeller's death is no cause for celebration.

But there is something worth celebrating: the people who are rising up across the globe to identify and expose the David Rockefellers of the world. The increasingly energized masses who are learning about the CFR, the Bilderberg Group, the Trilateral Commission, the works of these so-called philanthropists, the real agenda of these global governmental organizations. Those [citizen journalists](#) who, armed with [nothing more than a camera and an internet connection](#), are [pulling back the curtain](#) and revealing the wizard of Oz for what he truly is.



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1. [Corbett](#) says:  
[03/28/2017 at 10:19 am](#)

I'm getting reports that YouTube muted the audio of the "American Experience" clip from the 5 minute mark to the 10 minute mark in the US, although it does not appear to be muted elsewhere around the world. The audio mp3 should be working, and the mp4 will be uploaded shortly for those who want the video with audio.

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- o [Corbett](#) says:  
[03/28/2017 at 10:59 am](#)

On closer examination, it appears to be an issue when the YouTube video is played on mobile devices. Once again, there is no such problem with the mp3 file played from my site, and I will be uploading my mp4 version later today.

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- o [Octium](#) says:  
[03/28/2017 at 6:25 pm](#)

That part of the audio appears to be in mono, however the left and right channels are 180 degrees out phase with each other, so they cancel out if you listen to it on a mono system.

Plugging in stereo headphones should fix the problem on mobile devices.

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- [Corbett](#) says:  
[03/28/2017 at 8:14 pm](#)

Thanks for confirming that. I find that strange given how I put the audio together, but good to know for the future.

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- o [candlesstones](#) says:  
[03/29/2017 at 10:04 am](#)

I noticed this audio issue about one year ago. As someone mentioned it can be solved by plugging into an external amplifier, but I'm unsure whether the problem is my iOS device or the data coming from the source. When I noticed this issue initially it was extremely frustrating but now is more of an irritant than anything. I will find out what's going on

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2. *cr33* says:

[03/28/2017 at 12:41 pm](#)

I had no problem hearing it at all on YouTube. This stuff is important but it makes me sad, I was so proud of the human being in Chile who yelled at Rockefeller near the end as did the Irish and whoever else did. But we have to do more. Great work, James, as always. *cr33* from Canada My son lives in Osaka, Japan, he's homesick though even though he's been there for quite a few years now. Glad you're adjusted. Keep up the great work.

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◦ *HomeRemedySupply* says:

[03/30/2017 at 3:35 am](#)

**17 year old Chilean activist Matias Rojas** was the one confronting Rockefeller towards the end of the video.

Corbett interviews him – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gxh2yAxrSqk>

<https://www.corbettreport.com/video-302-rockefeller-confronted-in-chile/>

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3. *Andre* says:

[03/28/2017 at 8:28 pm](#)

Wow James and Broc, fantastic job with this one! Can't wait for the next part of How Big Oil Conquered the World! Mind if I ask you which software do you and Broc use for video and audio editing? Keep up the great work!

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◦ *Corbett* says:

[03/29/2017 at 7:00 pm](#)

Thanks for the question, Andre. The short answer: We use Adobe Premiere for video editing (although neither of us recommend it!) and Audacity for audio editing. I'm planning to show a bit of the nuts and bolts in a video later this week, though, so stay tuned.

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◦ *mkey* says:

[03/29/2017 at 8:30 pm](#)

Check out Lightworks, it's an incredible professional grade program for video editing. An interest group purchased it and made freely available while reworking the code and removing out proprietary code, not sure if it's still free for use though. If it is, it's way way way better than any of its competitors in the linear video editor lineup.

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4. *Strandy* says:

[03/28/2017 at 9:56 pm](#)

Yes, can confirm that the audio had a pan to left with commentary & James voice was pan right for a while.

It is ok if you listen to stereo but still make it a bit weaker in volume though.....

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5. *n2abstract* says:

[03/29/2017 at 5:01 am](#)

When I was a small boy my dad had once imparted a few words of wisdom to me: When you borrow things from anyone remember to return it... and in returning it, return it in the same state that they had lend it to you or better... do the same with the world. I don't suppose good ole David nor his ilks believed in any of that do you?

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◦ *mkey* says:

[03/29/2017 at 5:05 am](#)

It's all matter of perspective. From his point of view, the world is certainly a better place. Famine, carnage and bloodshed isn't among his top concerns, though.

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■ *Ragnar* says:

[03/29/2017 at 6:10 am](#)

In terms of advancing the globalist plot, his contributions are likely unparalleled when compared to any single oligarchs' actions. I can't fathom how anyone could see benefit in creating a one world system. Certainly as a member of the 99%, globalism has been a horrible experience in every aspect. Maybe if I were wealthy I would see things differently.

The conclusions reached by NSSM 200 seem so damning to them (the globalists), and I'm surprised no one has taken accusations to the UN international courts, just based on the sterilization from vaccines in Africa or the ill effects GMO's crops have on people. I'm sure there are all sorts of evil effects from many of these seemingly humanitarian programs globalists have instituted.

This particular monster seems to have taken special interest in advancing the globalist plot. Even above pure profit. But I guess when you have that much wealth, you can't misspend it all even if you tried. So there's plenty of time to dream dreams of world domination.

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■ *mkey* says:

[03/29/2017 at 4:46 pm](#)

You're part of the 99.999999%.