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The Origins & Alleged Credibility of Factcheck.Org

FACT-CHECKER WEBSITES ARE LANDMINE FIELDS OF TRUTH MIXED WITH LIES & DISGUISED AS THE AUTHORITY
SEARCHING FOR A SOLID POSITION WHEN NAVIGATING THE MAINSTREAM MEDIA?

1. What the heck is going on? Is there anyone I can trust to give a truthful answer? *Cui bono?* ("to whom is it a benefit?")

David Rockefeller published his autobiographical 'Memoirs' in 2002:

"For more than a century, ideological extremists, at either end of the political spectrum, have seized upon well-publicized incidents, such as my encounter with Castro, to attack the Rockefeller family for the inordinate influence they claim we wield over American political and economic institutions. 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's the charge, I stand guilty, and I am proud of it.

"We are grateful to the Washington Post, the New York Times, Time Magazine and other great publications whose directors have attended our meetings and respected their promises of discretion for almost 40 years.....It would have been impossible for us to develop our plan for the world if we had been subjected to the lights of publicity during those years. But, the world is more sophisticated and prepared to march towards a world government. The supranational sovereignty of an intellectual elite and world bankers is surely preferable to the national autodetermination practiced in past centuries."

David Rockefeller, [Memoirs](#),

<https://www.goodreads.com/work/quotes/17899-memoirs>

To be blunt, extremely powerful corporate entities have secretly taken over the control of world media - through payment, payments, blackmail, and other methods. This was done with the purpose of ushering in a one-world totalitarian government often referred to as the New World Order. If you read further on these subjects (such as Eustace Mullins 'World Order,' you'll note, that the "One World" governance is the purpose of the United Nations that indirectly controls the majority of food, resources including healthcare via the the World Health Organization (W.H.O.).

David Rockefeller & and the banking elite were very appreciative of their "friends," such as the individual journalists, the media owners and the elite "philanthropist" works of the Annenberg Family via a "project for public policies" initiated and overseen by this extremely powerful global family - <https://www.factcheck.org>:

2. What is the role, purpose and credibility of FactCheck.org?



"Prior to fiscal 2010, we were supported entirely by **three private sources**:

- a. funds from the **APPC's own resources** (specifically an endowment created with the **1993 by the Annenberg Foundation** at the direction of the late **Walter Annenberg**, and a
- b. **1995 grant by the Annenberg Foundation** to fund APPC's Washington, D.C., base);
- c. additional funds from the Annenberg Foundation; and grants from the Flora Family Foundation.

In **2010**, we began accepting donations from individual members of the public for the first time, responding to many unsolicited offers of support from our subscribers. **We launched our first public appeal for donations in April 2010**. At that time we also decided to disclose our finances in greater detail, so that our readers may judge for themselves whether or not any of those individual donations could influence us."

The name suggests that it is an unbiased third-party's opinion. FACTCHECK.org® is a service provider for it's customers in government, military, banking & business. It spins news and other information to sway public opinion. Truth has been printed, often with opinions (or mixed with half-truth), and this is mixed with completely faked news (such as the 2020-06-04 "**LANCET RETRACTION - Hydroxychloroquine or chloroquine with or without a macrolide for treatment of COVID-19- a multinational registry analysis.**" FACTCHECK.org® lied to the world in 2019 to promote the experimental vaccine via creating false fear in the highly effective hydroxychloroquine CV-19 treatment.

FactCheck.org® can not be considered to be credible anymore to the public; it is a political friend, to media conglomerate business partners, banking families and worldwide international multimedia corporations that have monopolized 99.9% of absolutely all media - in every language and country - worldwide. Friends of FACTCHECK.org® conspired to usher in the U.N. Agenda 2030, that is, a one-world government run by a scientific & financial technocracy potentially involving the dreams and fantasies of elitists that which to apply eugenics, slavery & transhumanism in a step-by-step fashion starting with landmarks such as:

- a. Completely turning of an individual's Social Media communications and using misdirection, false flag exercises and media black-out to control public opinion,
- b. Genetic modification via mRNA 'experimental vaccines,'
- c. Denial of cheap, inexpensive and effective COVID-19 treatments like **hydroxychloroquine, or ivermectin,**
- d. FACTCHECK.org ® denies all of the above, despite the statements buried on page 405 of David Rockefeller's 'Memoirs'.

3. The Annenberg Family's management of FACTCHECK.org® as a registered N.G.O. corporations allowed philanthropists to anonymously influence politics and media?

Secretively, based on dozens of scandalous incidents over the years which have not featured in the mainstream media as pure 'facts,' which the name 'FACTCHECK' suggests - 2001 - Please see THE ANNENBERG FAMILY socializing with friends (2001). Images depict Dr. Anthony Fauci with George Soros, Bill Gates Sr., David Rockefeller, etc. Former Rep. Ron Paul on Thursday called for the firing of Dr. Anthony Fauci, the infectious disease specialist leading President Trump's medical response to the coronavirus pandemic. Mr. Paul, a retired doctor who ran three times for president during his decades in politics, also called Dr. Fauci a "fraud" and encouraged Americans to "quit listening to him."

The former Republican congressman from Texas made the remarks during an internet program he co-hosts, the Ron Paul Liberty Report, after Dr. Fauci slashed the number of Americans projected to die from COVID-19, the infectious respiratory disease caused by the novel coronavirus. The majority of the American people don't agree with Fauci's way of handling the Wuhan Virus crisis. **One image of Dr. Fauci from twenty years ago made Americans question if Dr. Fauci is part of the "Deep State". ...Big Tech, Big Media, Big Pharma (see following pages for a discussion on this image):**

- a. Leonore Annenberg
- b. George Soros
- c. Anthony Fauci
- d. George Soros
- e. Bill Gates Senior (& Jr)
- f. David Rockefeller
- g. Ted Turner
- h. Barabara Walters
- i. Richard "Dick" Parsons From Citibank
- j. David McCullough (Political Commentator)
- k. Tom Brokaw
- l. Bob Moyers, etc



4. What Does This Have To Do About FactCheck.org & What Are The Implications For Medical Publications & Journalism... What's the Big Deal About FactCheck.org... Who To Trust?

Most people with any knowledge about globalism has heard about the 'Rothschilds Central Banking Theory' as it pertains to a one-world government - if not, here it goes:

Allegedly, just as Mayer Amschel Bauerberg when he escaped to England from the arrest of the Bavarian police changed his name to Rothschild (red shield named after a red shield over his fathers business- to become the color representing communism later which some R's sponsored) names of the Rothschild's named as Mayer planted his sons in position over countries banks in order to control nations (he made loans in secret to kings and leaders in privacy at compound interest they could not pay off so he got his sons to control their banks to control the nations.)

So many names may not be Rothschild yet still linked. Heck JP Morgan was a cousin of the Rothschild's. JP Morgan who joined banks with Rockefeller's National City Bank, and Kuhn / Loeb / Schibb /and company (Rothschild) to create the Great Depression and buy land property and factories for 10cents on the dollar then profiteering 10,000% when the depression was over. Global banking in the USA had several attempts but earlier the Federal Reserve was set up over Christmas holidays by traitors as a loan institution to help fund Rothschild instigated wars -- great money in wars when you sell to both sides.

5. THE LANCET got caught lying.

'2020 LANCET SCANDAL' - *Once* was the world's most prestigious medical journal publication until 2019 when it knowingly published the results of a totally faked double-blind, randomized, controlled study that was **faked** to have occurred over **5 continents... a MASSIVE 90,000 patient study** on **hydroxychloroquine** deeming it to be poisonous. This drug, by the way, (1) instantly cures COVID-19, (2) has been used for 30 years safely, and is (3) cheaper than Aspirin. You may not know that hydroxychloroquine is sold over the counter (OTC) world-wide as an **ultra-safe antimalarial drug** that is commonly found in the purses of mothers all over the third-world and taken commonly on Sunday morning - a **once weekly dose** - to stave off malaria. The OTC very of this drug is aptly named, '**SUNDAY SUNDAY.**'

Family	Companies	Place of origin	Principal countries of residence
Van De Put	Van De Put & Co Private Bankers	Anvers	Belgium
Berenberg-Gossler-Seyler	Berenberg Bank	Antwerp	Belgium, Germany
Hottinger	Hottinger Group[citation needed][importance?]	Paris	France, Switzerland, UK
Fugger		Augsburg	Germany
Hochstetter		Höchstädt	Germany
Metzler	Metzler Bank	Frankfurt	Germany
Oppenheim	Sal. Oppenheim, Deutsche Bank	Cologne	Germany
Rothschild	N M Rothschild & Sons, RIT Capital Partners, Rothschild & Co, Edmond de Rothschild Group	Frankfurt	Germany
Schröder	Schroders	Hamburg	Germany
Warburg	M. M. Warburg & Co., Warburg Pincus, UBS	Hamburg	Germany
Welsler		Augsburg	Germany
Baring	Barings Bank, Baring Vostok Capital Partners	Bremen	Germany, UK
Solaro		Asti	Italy
Simonetti family	European Banks, Papacy, Institute for the Works of Religion	Rome	Italy, UK, Israel
Hope	Hope & Co. (later part of ABN-Amro)	Amsterdam	Netherlands
Van Lanschot	F. van Lanschot Bankiers	Zundert	Netherlands
Ovia	Zenith Bank	Lagos	Nigeria
Altoviti		Florence	Republic of Florence
Bardi	Compagnia dei Bardi	Florence	Republic of Florence
Cerchi		Valdarno, Tuscany	Republic of Florence
Gondi		Florence	Republic of Florence
Medici		Florence	Republic of Florence
Penuzzi		Florence	Republic of Florence
Salviati		Florence	Republic of Florence
Scali		Florence	Republic of Florence
Strozzi		Florence	Republic of Florence
Chigi	Banco Chigi	Siena	Republic of Siena
Botin	Banco Santander, Bankinter	Santander	Spain
Wallenberg	Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken, Investor	Linköping	Sweden
Bordier	Bordier & Cie	Geneva	Switzerland
Ovadia[citation needed]	Wadia Capital	Iraq	Switzerland, Panama, Great Britain, Israel
Coutts	Coutts & Co	London	UK
Hoare	C. Hoare & Co	London	UK
Miles	Miles & Co (later part of NatWest)	Bristol	UK
Montagu	Samuel Montagu & Co. (later part of HSBC)	London	UK
Smith	Smith's Bank (later part of NatWest)	Nottingham	UK
Clifford		Clifford, Herefordshire	UK, The Netherlands
Goldman-Sachs	Goldman Sachs	New York	USA
Mellon	Bank of New York Mellon	Pittsburgh, PA	USA
Morgan	Morgan Stanley, J.P. Morgan Chase	New York	USA
Rockefeller	Rockefeller Financial Services (Rockefeller & Co), J.P. Morgan Chase	Cleveland, OH, New York, NY	USA

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The Lancet published an article in 2020 - an absolutely fake 100% “peer-reviewed” study of over 90,000 patients in 5 continents - found hydroxychloroquine to be deadly in COVID-19. It was 100% fabricated and falsified. This was the first major incident of ‘Fake Medical News’ published on that scale and the reason it was published is obvious. The people in charge of ensuring the fake article was published did not want the world to know that there was a simple, cheap, fast, nearly 100% effective remedy for COVID-19. **Even after they retracted their publication, ‘The LANCET’ barely made a peep** - doctors who made head-bashing attempts to get the news out - including testifying in front of Congress - were called conspiracy quacks. The Mainstream News didn’t cover the hydroxychloroquine story at all! Physicians largely ignored this because, like everyone else who spoke up and lost their jobs in 2021, physicians were worried that they might lose their jobs. Many became deeply concerned that they could no longer trust even the *finest* medical journal publications to tell the truth.

Here is a [story](#) from [Ed Jones](#) written on 18 April 2019 which explains his theory on why the Mainstream Media is basically devoid of credibility and likely always will be from now on... While most of us [don't trust journalists](#), many of us [are still](#) under the illusion that we have a free and independent press. The truth is we don't. **Here's five reasons why we should be very sceptical of the information we read in the corporate media and why there is hope for the future.**

1) The billionaires that own the press set the agenda

Who owns the media shapes what stories are covered and how they are written about. The UK media has a very concentrated ownership structure, with six billionaires owning and/or having a majority of voting shares in most of the national newspapers. True editorial independence often doesn't exist in these papers. The owners can – and do – interfere with what is published in their publications, which editors and journalists are promoted or fired as well as which political parties the paper supports.

For example, Harold Evans, a former editor at the Sunday Times, made it very clear to the Leveson Inquiry how Rupert Murdoch interfered with the [content of the paper](#). Evans was often rebuked for “not doing what he [Murdoch] wants in political terms,” including when reporting on the economy. Evans recounted how they almost came to “fisticuffs” because he allowed an economist (James Tobin) to publish an article with differing viewpoints to Murdoch in the Sunday Times. According to Evans, Murdoch’s “*determination to impose his will*” destroyed the “*editorial guarantees that he'd given.*”

Evans went on to say: “*Mr Murdoch was continually sending for my staff without telling me and telling them what the paper should be. He sent for the elderly and academic Mr Hickey, who went in tremulously, to be told by Mr Murdoch, "Your leaders are too long, too complex. You should be attacking the Russians more."*”

UK national paper (s)	Effective owner	Info on owner	Newspaper's political support General Election 2015	Weekly readership (print & online combined, removing duplicates)
<i>Daily Mail & Mail on Sunday</i>	Lord Rothermere	Billionaire. Lives in France. Tax avoider.	Conservative	11,374,000
<i>Metro</i>	Lord Rothermere	See above.	No endorsement, but Conservatively aligned.	7,727,000
<i>The Sun & Sun on Sunday</i>	Rupert Murdoch	Billionaire. Lives in US. Tax avoider.	Conservative except in Scotland where SNP	9,550,000
<i>The Times & Sunday Times</i>	Rupert Murdoch	See above.	Conservative	3,810,000
<i>Express & Sunday Express</i>	Richard Desmond	Billionaire. Lives in UK. Tax avoider.	UKIP	3,521,000
<i>Daily Star & Daily Star Sunday</i>	Richard Desmond	See above.	No endorsement	2,405,000
<i>Telegraph & Sunday Telegraph</i>	David & Frederick Barclay	Billionaires. Live on private island under the jurisdiction of the tax haven Sark.	Conservative	5,142,000
<i>London Evening Standard</i>	Alexander & Evgeny Lebedev	Alexander is a billionaire or close to it, ex-KGB and lives in Russia. His son, Evgeny lives in UK.	Conservative	4,179,000
<i>The Independent</i>	Alexander & Evgeny Lebedev	See above.	Conservative / Lib-Dem	1,710,000
<i>Financial Times</i>	Nikkei Inc.	Public Limited company.	Conservative / LibDem	2,200,000
<i>Mirror & Sunday Mirror</i>	Trinity Mirror plc	Public Limited Company.	Labour	6,216,000
<i>Guardian & Observer</i>	Scott Trust Ltd	Limited Company.	Labour	5,618,000
<i>Daily Record & Sunday Mail</i>	Trinity Mirror plc	Public limited company.	Labour	1,363,000

Table adapted from blog by Tom London.

Figures from data released by the National Readership Survey (NRS) in Nov 2016, based on data from October 2015 – September 2016. Financial Times data from their website is PwC assured from November 2011 and is based on daily readership as weekly figures not public nor recorded by the NRS.

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David Yelland, a former editor of The Sun – another Murdoch owned paper – admitted in [an interview](#): "All Murdoch editors, what they do is this: they go on a journey where they end up agreeing with everything Rupert says but you don't admit to yourself that you're being influenced. Most Murdoch editors wake up in the morning, switch on the radio, hear that something has happened and think: what would Rupert think about this? It's like a mantra inside your head, it's like a prism. You look at the world through Rupert's eyes."

During the Leveson inquiry, when asked about this, Murdoch was also reminded he [had previously said](#), "If you want to judge my thinking, look at the Sun."

Murdoch admitted that frequent phone calls happened between the editors and him, although as Yelland shows, the influence of Murdoch could also be more subtle, with editors internalising his values and opinions.

Even The Guardian is compromised, although not as much as other national media companies. The [Scott Trust Limited](#), which owns The Guardian, is wholly owned by the company directors who are prohibited from taking [any dividends](#). The Guardian also claims to be guided by a range of [progressive values](#), including the task of maintaining its editorial independence. However, as Nafeez Ahmed points out in [Insurge Intelligence](#), some members [of its board](#) are ex-financiers – binding the Guardian into Britain's murky financial world in a way which may surprise many of its readers.

With six billionaires as majority voting shareholders for most of the UK national newspapers, it is unsurprising that they mostly supported the Conservatives in the last general election. The Conservatives reduced the top tax rate, and want to reduce it further, giving millionaires and billionaires massive tax breaks. Under the current media ownership structure, how much hope is there of genuine progressive agendas to reduce wealth, income and power inequality that also threatens the interests of the billionaires and companies that own the press?

2) Corporate advertising revenue censors the content

The media relies heavily on corporate advertising, often for more than [50% of its revenue](#). Just how much varies for different media outlets. Peter Osborne, former chief political commentator at *The Telegraph*, resigned from his job after he was censored from writing about HSBC because it was one of the paper's major corporate advertisers. He wrote in [openDemocracy](#): "From the start of 2013 onwards stories critical of HSBC were discouraged...Its account, I have been told by an extremely well informed insider, was extremely valuable. HSBC, as one former Telegraph executive told me, is 'the advertiser you literally cannot afford to offend.'"

Osborne went on to say: "The Telegraph's recent coverage of HSBC amounts to a form of fraud on its readers. It has been placing what it perceives to be the interests of a major international bank above its duty to bring the news to Telegraph readers. There is only one word to describe this situation: terrible."

This situation is not exclusive to the Telegraph. As Nafeez Ahmed [points out](#): "Here's something you won't read in the Guardian. During the Treasury Select Committee meeting on 15th February, it emerged that the newspaper that styles itself as the world's "leading liberal voice" happens to be the biggest recipient of HSBC advertising revenue: bigger even than the Telegraph."

Media heavily reliant on corporate advertising is compromised as it influences what is and isn't written about. As David Edwards and David Cromwell of Medialens [have written](#): "this corporate structure not only trims individual stories, it excludes entire frameworks of understanding. If writing something disagreeable about HSBC or animal rights is problematic, imagine editors consistently presenting corporate domination as a threat to human survival in an age of climate change."

Noam Chomsky and Edward Herman give many more examples of this [here](#).

How often do we read articles in newspapers critiquing capitalism, let alone corporate capitalism? Just imagine what would happen to a newspaper's advertising revenue if it consistently critiqued corporate capitalism. Just think what else is excluded from the press because it would seriously challenge corporate advertisers.

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3) Privately educated white men dominate the media

There are different [studies showing](#) the dominance of a private-school and Oxbridge educated elite at the top of UK journalism, and the trend has been getting worse. The recent Social Mobility and [Child Poverty study](#) found out that nearly half of UK national newspaper columnists graduated from Oxford or Cambridge (as opposed to [less than 1 per cent](#) of the population) and that 54 per cent of the nation's "top 100 media professionals" attended private schools (compared to around [7 per cent](#) of the population).

This creates an upper middle-class worldview in much of the media – as well [as in many other professions](#) – which is divorced from the wants and needs of large parts of the population. As Oxbridge educated journalist, *Frank Cottrell Boyce*, has written [in The Independent](#):

“Only 25 percent of the population earns more than £30,000 a year. Most media commentators (including me) do. For people like me, the country basically works. Politics doesn't affect me. Politics, for me, is about how other people are treated. It's easy inside my echo-chamber to believe that I am the norm, or the middle. Easy to forget that there are voices outside.

“To people in my position, austerity can be read as regrettable but pragmatic. But to my friends and family, who live outside the bubble, it's not regrettable, it's terrifying. It's also not pragmatic. The crackpot, gimcrack ideological nature of austerity becomes more apparent the closer you get to the point of delivery.” Mark Mardell, a privately educated journalist, echoed a similar but tamer view [for the BBC](#):

“It is hardly surprising that Westminster journalists crave the ideologically soft centre. None is on the minimum wage, let alone tax credits, nor are any, to my knowledge, owners of third homes on the Cayman Islands, or running big corporations. They are nearly all university educated and live in London or the South East of England (Yes, all that goes for me, too). There is group-think in the muddled middle, a fear of thinking outside a comfortable box.”

It is not just [private and Oxbridge](#) education which dominates the media. Due to the under-representation of Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) journalists, as well as the frequent racist portrayal of [BAME people](#) in the media, [Media Diversified](#) was set up to try and combat this.

Women are also heavily under-represented, both in journalists employed but also in the amount of coverage received. Research on the UK media by [Professor Lis Howell](#) found that between April 2014 and September 2015 the number of male experts interviewed on flagship news programmes outnumbered female experts by 3.16: 1, with ITV News at 10 having 4.9 male experts for every woman.

In previous research, Prof Howell also found ten times as many UK male politicians featured on the news [as female politicians](#). Research by [Women in Journalism](#) and [others](#) in 2012 also found that men dominated news stories in a wide range of ways, such as front page stories being about or written by men around 80 per cent of the time.

Even if they wanted to, these privileged and predominantly white, male, privately educated, Oxbridge graduates often can't truly understand, let alone accurately represent in the media, the situations and choices faced by most people as they are outside their own life experiences. How many have strong links with working class communities?

How many of these influential journalists have been long-term unemployed, on low incomes, on benefits or tax credits, with long-term health conditions or have faced racism or sexism? How many fall back into repeating ideas to each other within the “echo-chamber” of the privately and/or Oxbridge educated, while falsely believing they are in the “muddled middle”?

4) The political use of supposedly neutral sources

The sources which are used by journalists and the range of debate published within the UK media can show us another way in

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which the corporate media is deeply compromised. There have been academic studies proving that systemic bias exists in how the media covers events. Three events can be used as examples – the Scottish referendum, the 2008 financial crisis and the second Iraq war.

A team of academics studied the coverage of the Scottish independence referendum between 17 September 2012 and 18 September 2013, looking at 730 hours of evening TV news output broadcast by BBC 1, Reporting Scotland, ITV and Scottish TV (STV), and found them all to be biased against Scottish independence.

As Professor Robertson of the University of the West of Scotland (UWS) has [outlined](#), anti-independence statements were aired over pro-independence statements at a ratio of around 3:2 on most channels. The research also showed a clear tendency to use anti-independence over pro-independence ‘expert’ sources, including from organisations presented as independent and/or impartial despite their linkages to UK government departments with a vested interest in maintaining the union.

After Robertson’s research was published it was stonewalled and mostly unreported by the BBC.

The BBC then went above Robertson’s head to his Principal at the UWS to try (unsuccessfully) to discredit the research and colleagues of his were even warned to [“stay away” from him!](#) Robertson followed up this research with a one-month intensive study of BBC Scotland’s extended ‘flagship’ politics show, Good Morning Scotland, which found similar bias around the [independence campaign](#).

Paul Mason, former economics editor for the BBC’s Newsnight and economics editor for Channel 4 News, confirmed this bias when he later told his Facebook followers of the BBCs referendum coverage: "Not since Iraq have I seen BBC News working at propaganda strength like this. [So glad I'm out of there.](#)"

Other studies of the media have found similar results of bias in relation to the financial crisis. Dr Mike Berry, of Cardiff University, authored such a study – *The Today programme and the banking crisis* ([not open access](#)). The table below, from the study, shows the sources featured during the intense six weeks of coverage on the BBC’s Today programme following the collapse of Lehman Brothers in 2008.

These numbers are even likely to be skewed. Mike Berry points out that many of the individuals classified as politicians, regulators, academics and business representatives “also have close links with the City and broader financial services community,” and therefore the prominence of ‘City voices’ is “very conservatively estimated.”

He continues:

“Since the main three British political parties during this period were all committed to free markets and ‘light touch’ regulation, there is a narrowness in the range of opinion available to listeners. This is magnified by the presence of other groups such as business lobbyists, neoclassical economists and journalists from the financial press who all tend to share a similar laissez-faire outlook on how the economy should be managed. Organised labour is almost completely absent from the Today programme with only a single appearance from one union leader (0.4%).”

Considering the impact of the financial crisis on the UK workforce, and that trade unions represent the largest mass democratic organisations in civil society, such invisibility shows the BBC is not truly committed to impartial and balanced coverage.

As Mike Berry points out [in The Conversation](#), opinion of the financial crisis: “was almost completely dominated by stockbrokers, investment bankers, hedge fund managers and other City voices. Civil society voices or commentators who questioned the benefits of having such a large finance sector were almost completely absent from coverage. The fact that the City financiers who had caused the crisis were given almost monopoly status to frame debate again demonstrates the prominence of pro-business perspectives.”

The choice of sources used not only influences whether countries become independent, or how financial sectors are regulated or

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nationalised, but whether they go to war or not. The practice of uncritically using (anonymous) government sources is often used to justify war and state oppression, as Glenn Greenwald points out [in The Intercept](#):

“Western journalists claim that the big lesson they learned from their key role in selling the Iraq War to the public is that it’s hideous, corrupt and often dangerous journalism to give anonymity to government officials to let them propagandize the public, then uncritically accept those anonymously voiced claims as Truth. But they’ve learned no such lesson.

That tactic continues to be the staple of how major U.S. and British media outlets “report,” especially in the national security area.” Greenwald goes on to say of an article in the Sunday Times, which was used to smear whistleblower Edward Snowden: “The whole article does literally nothing other than quote anonymous British officials.

It gives voice to banal but inflammatory accusations that are made about every whistleblower from Daniel Ellsberg to Chelsea Manning. It offers zero evidence or confirmation for any of its claims. The “journalists” who wrote it neither questioned any of the official assertions nor even quoted anyone who denies them. It’s pure stenography of the worst kind.”

This kind of reporting increases the likelihood of war and state oppression. A 2013 UK [ComRes poll](#) – which was almost entirely ignored by the media when it was published – showed how the media had completely failed to educate the population about the devastating human death toll of the war.

Most people vastly underestimated how many people died in the Iraq war, with two-thirds (66 per cent) of the public estimating that 20,000 or fewer civilians and combatants died as a consequence of the war in Iraq since 2003, with around 40 per cent thinking 5,000 or less had died.

The real figures of how many people died in the Iraq war are several hundred thousand, with it highly likely to be at least 500,000, which different large academic studies [have confirmed](#) (e.g. [The Lancet](#), [PLOS Medicine](#)). As Alex Thomson, one of the very few prominent journalists that commented on the poll, wrote on the [Channel 4 blog](#):

“If we believe the results, then war-makers in government will take great comfort, as will the generals who work so hard to peddle the lie of bloodless warfare, with all the cockpit video propaganda video news releases and talk of “collateral damage” instead of “dead children”.

“Equally – questions for us on the media that after so much time, effort and money, the public perception of bloodshed remains stubbornly, wildly, wrong.”

Joe Emersberger was even more damning, [writing at SpinWatch](#):

“The poll results are a striking illustration of how a “free press” imposes ignorance on the public in order to promote war. Future wars (or “interventions”) are obviously far more likely when the public within an aggressor state is kept clueless about the human cost.”

5) The intelligence services manipulate the press

While it is almost impossible to distinguish between conspiracy theories and to prove the extent to which intelligence services and specialised [police units](#) have infiltrated the media, Richard Keeble, professor of journalism at the University of Lincoln, thinks “from the limited evidence [their influence] looks to be enormous.”

Keeble has written on the history of the links between journalists and the intelligence services in the book chapter – *Hacks and Spooks – Close Encounters of a Strange Kind: A Critical History of the Links between Mainstream Journalists and the [Intelligence Services in the UK](#)*. He quotes Roy Greenslade, who has been a media specialist for both the Telegraph and the Guardian, as saying: “Most tabloid newspapers – or even newspapers in general – are playthings of MI5.”

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Keeble goes on to say:

“Bloch and Fitzgerald, in their examination of covert UK warfare, report the editor of “one of Britain’s most distinguished journals” as believing that more than half its foreign correspondents were on the MI6 payroll. And in 1991, Richard Norton-Taylor revealed in the Guardian that 500 prominent Britons paid by the CIA and the now defunct Bank of Commerce and Credit International, included 90 journalists.”

Keeble has given many more examples in his book chapter of the intelligence services infiltrating the media and changing the politics of the time, including around the miners strikes and Arthur Scargill in the 1980s and during the lead up to the Iraq war in 2003.

The recent revelations by former CIA [employee Edward Snowden](#) showed the extent of coordination between the spy agencies of the UK and America – especially between GCHQ and the NSA. They showed, for example, that western intelligence agencies attempt to manipulate and control online discourse with various tactics of [deception](#) and [reputation-destruction](#).

David Leigh, former investigations editor of The Guardian, wrote about a series of instances in which the secret services [manipulated prominent journalists](#). He claims reporters are routinely approached and manipulated by intelligence agents and identifies three ways – providing examples for each in his article – in which they do it:

- They attempt to recruit journalists to spy on other people or themselves attempt to go under journalistic “cover.”
- They allow intelligence officers to pose as journalists “to write tendentious articles under false names.”
- And “the most malicious form”: they plant intelligence agency propaganda stories on willing journalists who disguise their origin from readers.

Leigh partly concludes that:

“We all ought to come clean about these approaches and devise some ethics to deal with them. In our vanity, we imagine that we control these sources. But the truth is that they are very deliberately seeking to control us.”

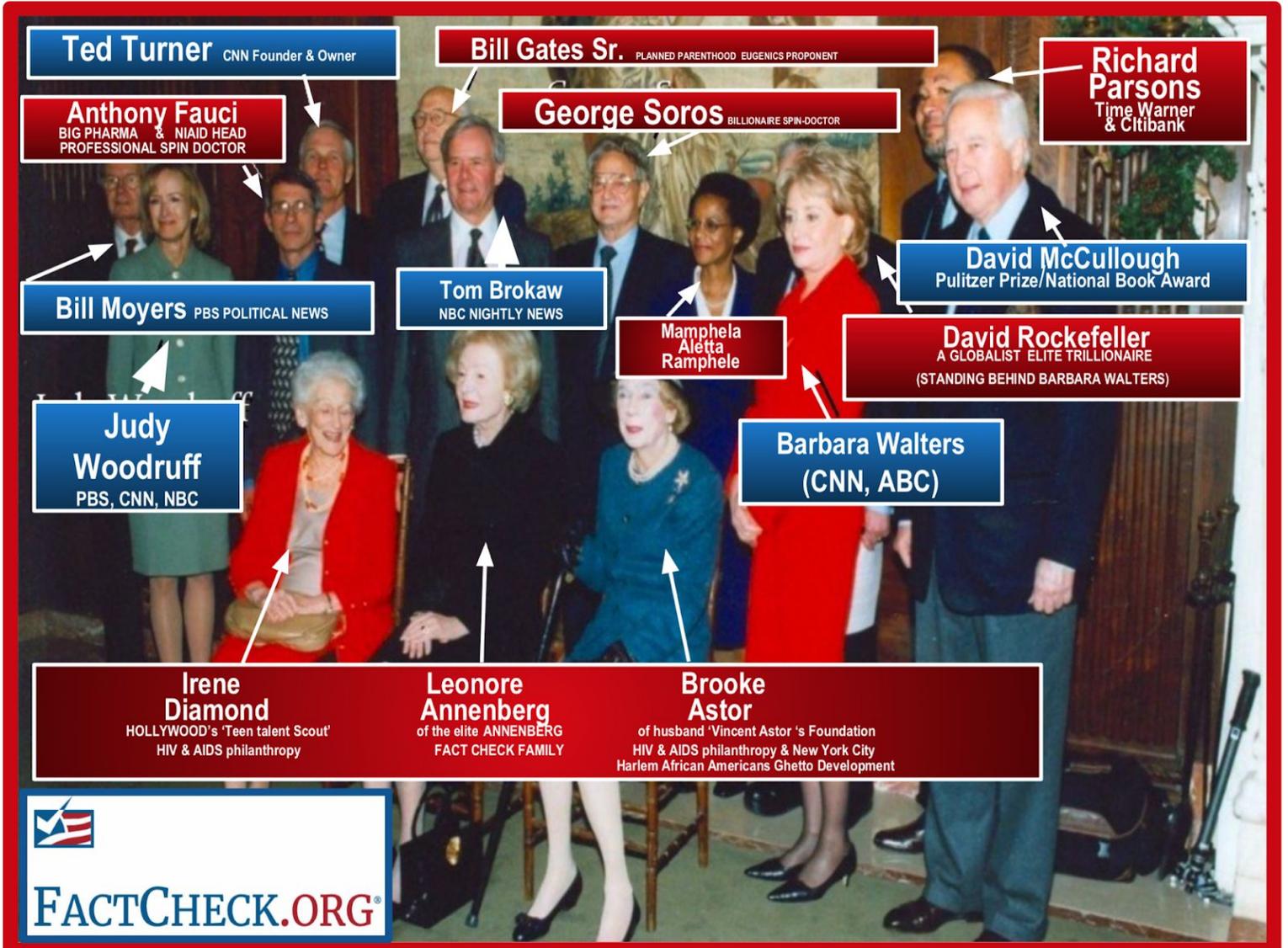
So why do many journalists continue to be duped by the intelligence services? And why are they not open about these attempts to manipulate them? David Rose, a journalist who admitted he had been the victim of a “calculated set-up” devised to foster the propaganda case for the war in Iraq, wrote [in the New Statesman](#):

“One reason, aside from the lunches and the limos, is that editors are extremely reluctant to lose the access they have: the spooks’ stories may be unreliable, but they often make good copy, and if everyone is peddling the same errors, it doesn’t much matter if they turn out to be untrue. Another, as a seasoned BBC correspondent put it to me, may be a judgment that if MI5 and MI6 sometimes peddle disinformation many viewers and readers may not very much care as ‘we’re all on the same side.’”

While we will never know the true extent of secret service influence on the media, there is no doubt that it does happen. And while some BBC correspondents may think that “we’re all on the same side” and that it doesn’t matter if MI5 and MI6 sometimes peddle disinformation, the truth is that it can sometimes have disastrous consequences, such as making war much more likely. The recent Iraq war showed us that the secret services are not always acting in the public interest.

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6. Below is an image from the CARNEGIE MEDAL OF PHILANTHROPY 2001 - some espouse that there is a high probability that the Deep State, elite bankers, Big Pharm, Big Tech & Big Media are extremely cooperative & probably completely integrated with regards to their political, business, personal & social interactions - what do you think?



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8. Is there a globalist World Order managing the American Empire & mainstream media?

The Council on Foreign Relations: The Imperial Council of the United States

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- Membership by invitation only
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Notes: M: married to CFR member; S: son of CFR member. Chart includes term members, former members, and subsequent members (after serving in office).

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Harwood continues: "The membership of these journalists in the Council, whatever they may think of themselves, is a confirmation of their active and important role in public affairs and their rise to the ruling class of America. They not only analyze and interpret the foreign policy of the United States; they help them to do so. They are part of the establishment, whether they like it or not, and they share most of its values and views.

Media researcher Noam Chomsky explained this aspect in a [1997 essay](#) : "The crucial point is: these journalists would not be there if they had not long ago proved that no one has to tell them what to write - since they are the" right thing to do " "Be written. In other words, these journalists are going through a process of socialization. "

However, media personalities make up only around five percent of the extensive CFR network. As the following picture shows, the members of the private Council on Foreign Relations count and count among others:

- multiple U.S. presidents and vice presidents of both parties;
- almost all Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Defense and Finance;
- most of the Chiefs of Staff and Commanders of the US Military and NATO;

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- some of the most influential congressmen (including foreign and security politicians);
- virtually all National Security Advisers, CIA Directors, UN Ambassadors, Presidents of the Central Bank (Fed), World Bank Presidents, and Directors of the National Economic Council;
- numerous prominent academics, especially in political science and economics;
- numerous directors of banks, think tanks, universities, NGOs, and Hollywood;
- as well as the key members of the 9/11 Commission and the Warren Commission (JFK)

Princeton professor and former CFR member Stephen F. Cohen [described](#) the council as "the most important non-governmental foreign policy organization in the United States", which defines the "accepted, legitimate and orthodox discussion parameters". The CFR responded, "what the Soviets called the highest level of the nomenclature." And John J. McCloy, the former chairman of the CFR, High Commissioner for Germany, co-founder of the Atlantic Bridge, president of the World Bank and adviser to several US [presidents](#) , [stated in](#) retrospect: " [Whenever we](#) needed a man in Washington, we simply flipped through through and made a phone call to New York [the CFR headquarters]. "

Rarely do they fail to bring one of their members, or at least one of their allies, into the White House. In fact, they usually succeed in making the candidates of both parties acceptable to them from their point of view. " Until recently, this assessment was widely used. In 1993, former CFR director George HW Bush was replaced by CFR member Bill Clinton as US president, followed by the 2001 CFR "family member" George W. Bush. In 2008, CFR member John McCain submitted to CFR candidate Barack Obama, who already a month before his election received the list with the names of his future cabinet from CFR *Senior Fellow* Michael Froman, who [negotiated](#) the free trade agreements TTIP and TPP under Obama and then as *Distinguished Fellow* returned to CFR.

It was only in the 2016 presidential election that the Council apparently could not prevail. At least not yet.

- **Update 2018:** In January 2018, a few weeks conducive to him being denied Internet access, Wikileaks founder Julian Assange shared the case where the [above CFR media graphic](#) on his Twitter account.
- **Update 2019 :** 2019 it was announced that the late pedocriminal multimillionaire Jeffrey Epstein was until 2009 a member and [donor of](#) the Council on Foreign Relations and the Trilateral Commission.
- **Update 2020 :** After the four unusual years of the Trump presidency, the key positions in President Joe Biden's cabinet will once again be almost completely occupied by [CFR members](#).

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