

THE POWER BEHIND SARAH PALIN

**SOME COLD, HARD FACTS THAT NEITHER
SARAH'S FANS NOR HER CRITICS UNDERSTAND**

INTRODUCTION

WHO'S REALLY BEHIND THE SARAH PALIN PHENOMENON?

There's more to the story than meets the eye!

Although it is undoubtedly true that many self-styled “liberal” writers and self-perceived “grass-roots” activists of the liberal stripe have hammered away at Sarah Palin and contributed to a wide-ranging array of misinformation about her, particularly during the heat of the 2008 presidential campaign, the fact remains—hard as it may be for both Palin’s liberal critics and her conservative defenders to understand—that, at the higher, decision-making levels of the elite circles who own and control the big print and broadcast media, the word has obviously been sent down to promote Palin’s money-making and publicity-seeking ventures. **AND THAT’S PRECISELY WHAT WE NOW SEE HAPPENING!**

While Palin has most definitely carved out a niche in the American political pantheon as a “maverick” with a traditional conservative bent, highly regarded by many for her devotion to family values (and she has a most attractive family at that), the point remains that the big money power brokers who control the mass media have actually lent their support to Palin by giving her an **AVALANCHE OF PROMOTION**.

What role the big money interests behind the scenes perceive for Palin in the future remains to be seen, but the evidence assembled here—uncomfortable though it may be for many, both on the “left” and the “right”—suggests indeed that high-level forces are laying the groundwork for a future national political endeavor by Palin. You won’t find this in-depth analysis anywhere else in print today. Although Mrs. Palin’s new memoir, entitled *Going Rogue*, promulgates the theme that Palin is “free and independent” in the Alaskan spirit with which she is identified, the truth is that Mrs. Palin is not “rogue” at all when it comes to the big issues that concern those who are now giving “Galloping Palinism” free rein in the big money-controlled big media in America. ★



Yes, 'Liberal' Media Promotes Palin—Why?

By Michael Collins Piper

In case you haven't figured it out for yourself, here is the cold, hard truth: the tightly-knit clique of families and financial interests who control the mass broadcast and print media in America are providing a major boost to the political fortunes of former Alaska Governor Sarah Palin, the failed 2008 Republican vice presidential candidate.

"Oh no, that's not true," cry many naïve conservative supporters of Palin, who contend that "the liberal media is biased against Sarah."

In fact, every time liberal media commentators mention Palin in even a negative way, it's actually good publicity, underscoring the old catchphrase asserting that "Bad publicity is better than no publicity at all."

Not only is the publicity (both good and bad) helping boost sales of Palin's new book, *Going Rogue*, which she is promoting in a cross-country tour, largely visiting medium-sized cities and areas where the Republican Party scored best in the last election, but it also helping rally Palin's "conservative" base behind her all the more so.



And, at the same time, ironically, those naïve grass-roots "liberals" who don't like Palin—and who enjoy seeing her skewered by liberal commentators—don't understand the big picture: that is, by giving Palin publicity in her national book tour, the big money-controlled big media is not only helping build up the former Alaska governor's bank accounts (both personal and political) but also keeping the once-obscure figure's national political aspirations in the forefront of the public eye.

Don't forget: two of the most powerful voices in the American media today—whether you like them or not—are billionaire Black feminist icon Oprah Winfrey (said to be the richest single woman in America) and ABC's aggressive celebrity-interviewing celebrity in her own right, Barbara Walters. They were among the first of the major media titans to lend a hand to Palin's money-making and publicity-seeking ventures of recent weeks. Winfrey featured Palin as a guest on her talk program, guaranteeing a major boost in Palin's book sales. Then Walters conducted an interview with Palin that was not broadcast once but, instead, drawn out over several broadcasts, assuring an even bigger audience for Sarah's efforts.

Big Money, Powerful Families Behind Big Push for Palin

By Michael Collins Piper

Many conservatives and liberals alike will be astonished by the fact-filled series of articles in this special report on Sarah Palin, particularly the clear demonstration that the "liberal" *Washington Post* and its sister publication, *Newsweek*, have been—for a long time—promoting the political and personal fortunes of "right wing maverick" Sarah Palin.

To understand that Palin is not at all "going rogue" as she would like to suggest (and *Going Rogue* happens to be the title of Palin's new much-hyped memoir) it is critical to understand the nature of the Washington Post Company and those who control it.

While the *Post* and *Newsweek* invariably convey a culturally liberal, "politically correct" outlook, often aligned with the Democratic Party—and certainly contrary to what is perceived to be the world view of Sarah Palin—the bottom line agenda for both publications is the maintenance of the American political system as it exists today, dominated by a tightly knit clique of families and financial groups, international in scope, hardly at all concerned with the needs and concerns of grass-roots Americans.

So, in a sense, neither the *Post* nor *Newsweek* is, in the bigger picture, really "liberal" at all. Rather, instead, they are a combined and powerful force for the most secretive and yet most powerful interests operating on American soil.

To understand the *Post-Newsweek* connection to the

banking elite is to understand why even an ostensible "rogue" such as Sarah Palin is considered useful to the designs of the global money masters.

In fact, the publishers of the *Post* and *Newsweek* have been intimately and directly linked, for almost a century, to the privately-owned Federal Reserve System, the Rothschild-dominated international-banker-controlled money monopoly that controls the American economy, a point many Americans are just now beginning to realize, thanks to the efforts of genuine mavericks such as Rep. Ron Paul (R-Tex.) and former Rep. Jim Traficant (D-Ohio).

You see, the *Post* was purchased at firesale prices, facing bankruptcy, in 1933 by Wall Street manipulator Eugene Meyer who earlier made a vast fortune as a World War I-era war profiteer under the administration of Woodrow Wilson.

But—more significantly—Meyer was named as one of the earliest chairmen of the board of governors of the Federal Reserve System and later as head of the World Bank, along with the Fed one of the primary sources of financial manipulation (on behalf of big money interests) on the face of the planet today. In addition, through his family relationship to the grand rabbi of France and to the Levi-Strauss garment empire (like the Meyer family, one of the biggest of America's Jewish fortunes) Meyer was certainly one of the most powerful figures in America, especially after he began utilizing the *Washington Post* as a foremost political force in the nation's capital.

Meyer's daughter, Katharine Meyer Graham, later emerged as a major power broker on her own and, with her

son Donald Graham, became a regular attendee at the international Bilderberg meetings. Sponsored jointly by the billionaire Rockefeller family of America and their senior partners, the even wealthier Rothschilds of Europe, Bilderberg is an annual, heavily-guarded gathering of a select and secretive group of global financiers, industrialists, politicians, policy makers and others who—despite their claims to the contrary—work directly to shape the course of world affairs through the high-level influence in the nations of the West.

Yet, despite the Meyer-Graham family's close attention to promoting the Rothschild-Rockefeller Bilderberg agenda in the pages of the *Post* and *Newsweek*, reports about Bilderberg itself never appear in Meyer-Graham publications or in any of the other major American media voices controlled by the inter-connected elite of Bilderberg.

And while the *Post-Newsweek* empire is most publicly identified with the Meyer-Graham heirs, the truth is that another major figure behind the publishing giant is Nebraska-based investor Warren Buffet who—while portrayed as a "maverick" himself—has long cultivated close financial ties to other institutions (with substantial stock holdings in the *Post-Newsweek* holding company) that are, like Buffet himself, closely intertwined with the Rothschild empire.

The point of all of this is to demonstrate the nature of the influential corporate interests that are now promoting Sarah Palin. They hardly constitute the "grass roots" Americans that many might believe have fueled the interest in Palin's political future. ★

Then, of course, *Newsweek* magazine (owned by the publishers of the powerful *Washington Post*, the daily “liberal” newspaper in the nation’s capital) featured Palin in a cover story including a glamorous “sex appeal” image of Mrs. Palin in running shorts, her notably attractive legs bared to the world, posed next to an American flag.

In fact, the picture itself was not even a *Post* exclusive. Rather, the *Post* dragged out a six-month-old photograph of Mrs. Palin that had originally been taken for *Runner’s World* magazine.

So although Palin loudly announced her grief that *Newsweek* had acted in a “sexist” fashion by publishing that cover illustration, *Palin was crying all the way to the bank, knowing full well that she had eagerly posed for the original photograph in the first place.*

As if to drive home the idea of the former Alaska governor’s apparent sex appeal, *Newsweek* included inside the magazine several other images of the same sort, including a rear view of Palin’s legs, from the knees down, with several young men in an audience in front of her looking up at her with expressions of favor. (This picture, too, was nothing new. It was last widely featured when she resigned from the Alaska governorship in July.)

Another image featured a Sarah Palin doll, wearing a high-cut skirt and a low-cut blouse. And yet another *Newsweek* image of Palin—harkening back to the lyrics of a sexually suggestive 1931 jazz song popularized by the late blues singer Bessie Smith, cannot even be described in a family newspaper.

Kathleen Parker, one of the token in-house “conservatives” at *The Washington Post*, admitted that *Newsweek’s* coverage made Palin “the luckiest woman on the planet.” Parker, who has been one of Palin’s few conservative critics, summarized it all quite well:

Hats off to the girl from Wasilla who, slightly more than a year ago, was virtually unknown and is now on the cover of *Newsweek*, hawking a book for which she was paid a few million dollars, drawing huge crowds and getting the kind of free publicity most celebrities have to jump on Oprah’s couch to get. Oh, and yes, she got to sit on Oprah’s set as well.

And we’re supposed to defend/feel sorry for/protect Sarah from . . . what? Wild success, popularity and riches? You must be joking.

As long ago as the early days following Palin’s surprise selection as John McCain’s 2008 GOP vice presidential running mate, *American Free Press* (AFP) told its readers that Palin was, in fact, getting unusually favorable support from the mass media. As AFP then warned the voters: “Don’t let the rhetoric from the Republican camp fool you. The fact is that powerful forces in the American mass media—led by the ostensibly ‘liberal’ *Washington Post*—are acting as not-so-subtle cheerleaders for the McCain-Palin campaign.”

In truth, in recent weeks, in the wake of Palin’s book tour, the *Post* has once again emerged as a cheerleader for Palin. One of its key political correspondents, Chris Cillizza, opined on November 20, 2008 that “After last week, it’s impossible to argue about Palin’s influence in the [Republican Party]. She can draw big crowds, sell books and command the biggest media stages—it doesn’t get much bigger than Oprah and Barbara Walters. . . . We dubbed



Palin the “prime mover” in Republican politics moons ago—she acts, others react—and we are sticking by it.” Cillizza ranks Palin as the number one contender for the 2012 GOP presidential nomination and that’s saying a lot.

To assure its readers that Palin is a very serious contender, the *Post* followed up just four days later on November 24 with a prominently-placed opinion page commentary by Matthew Dowd, now a political analyst for ABC but who in 2004 was chief strategist for George W. Bush’s reelection campaign. Directly titled: “Yes, she can: Palin has a shot at the presidency,” Dowd’s commentary concluded: “Like it or not, if Sarah Palin decides to seek our nation’s highest office, she has a shot.”

What makes Dowd’s opinion so interesting is the fact that in 2008 Dowd was a Palin critic and today still has questions about her qualifications. However, he nonetheless says she has “a shot” at winning in 2012.

And on November 29, as if to put Palin’s liberal “feminist” critics in their place, the *Post* trumpeted a review of a new book about Palin’s role in “the shaping of the new American woman” alongside two other influential women of the day, liberal icons Hillary Clinton and new first lady Michelle Obama—a slap by the *Post* at traditional feminists.

The *Post’s* headline over the book review was starkly direct: “From Gloria Steinem to Sarah Palin.”

Steinem—for those who have forgotten—was a major star of the “feminist” movement and remains one of its *grande dames* today. But the *Post* was clearly suggesting that Palin is now the new leader of America’s feminists.

The aforementioned book touting Palin is entitled *You’ve Come a Long Way, Maybe: Sarah, Michelle, Hillary, and the Shaping of the New American Woman*, notably mentioning Palin in its title even before the other two big-name female political figures.

The author of the Palin-touting book is a major media figure herself, Leslie Sanchez, whose political commentary has appeared in *The Wall Street Journal*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *U.S. News & World Report*, as

well as NBC, ABC, CBS, CNN, Fox News Channel, MSNBC, Univision, Telemundo and other major outlets.

Another point should not go unmentioned: Palin’s memoir is published by HarperCollins, owned by billionaire Rupert Murdoch, a “front man” for the even more wealthy international Rothschild family banking dynasty. A hard-line supporter of Israel, Murdoch and his neo-conservative magazine, *The Weekly Standard*, played a major part in pushing for the war against Iraq (and continue to campaign for war against Iran). And as the accompanying stories note, Murdoch’s associate, William Kristol, is the behind-the-scenes intriguer who essentially “invented” Palin as the 2008 GOP vice presidential nominee.

In addition, another Murdoch-Kristol henchman at *The Weekly Standard*, Matthew Continetti, is promoting Palin in a new book entitled *The Persecution of Sarah Palin*. Recounting how “liberal” bloggers and others have spun negative stories about Palin, the book essentially misdirects grassroots voters—and Palin’s more unsuspecting supporters—from the fact that, *in the bigger picture*, Palin has actually received much support from powerful media outlets from the beginning of her national debut.

As the other stories in this special report demonstrate, all of this media-generated support for Palin is really no surprise, since—prior to being anointed as the GOP vice presidential candidate—Palin already had the backing of powerful figures little known to the grassroots Americans who mistakenly thought Palin was “just like them.” ★

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Palin Praised Big-Time Gangster; People Ask: 'Why Did She Do It?'

By Michael Collins Piper

In her new memoir, *Going Rogue*, Sarah Palin goes out of her way to help perpetuate the mass media's long-standing and determined effort to sweep under the rug the very clear—and very ugly—high-level organized crime history of the Arizona mob fortune that paved the way for John McCain's political career and thus laid the path for Palin's own rise to fame in 2008.

In question are Palin's gratuitous (and actually unnecessary) words of praise for the late father of McCain's wife Cindy, one Jim Hensley, who was a major figure in the organized crime syndicate and whose beer and liquor fortune—said to be worth \$100 million—bankrolled John McCain's political career.

In her memoir, Palin wrote—quite falsely—that Cindy McCain has long been victimized and painted in an unpleasant manner by the mass media, when absolutely nothing could be further from the truth. Writing of Mrs. McCain, Palin claimed that:

"In Cindy's case, the press had been pretty merciless over the years. Because of her upmarket elegance, she's almost been ostracized from working class people, but I loved her life story, which began with her dad starting out poor. He'd pulled himself up by his bootstraps, and made a great life for his family."

As we shall see in a moment, contrary to Palin's romanticized version of the truth, the public record demonstrates that Palin's suggestion that the media has somehow savaged Cindy McCain is anything but the truth. Likewise, Palin is parroting media lies—and helping cover up—the McCain family's mob blood money.

The fact that Palin helps continue a false rendition of history, rather than simply avoiding the subject altogether (which she could, of course, do) raises the question as to why *Palin went out of her way to praise a top organized crime henchman and whitewash his career* and also raises the concern as to whether anything Palin says can actually be believed by the voters.

Critics are inclined to suggest that Palin almost certainly knew the real "story behind the story" of the mob figure that she praised but—as part of her effort to further ingratiate herself with the proverbial "powers that be," that the Alaska "maverick" played along with the official cover story regarding the McCain family link to the most powerful organized crime syndicate in American history, one with international connections and even bigger than the so-called "Mafia" that's been immortalized by Hollywood and the mass media in America.

Perhaps not by surprise, two of the biggest major media voices which have helped cover up the McCain-mob connection—*The Washington Post*, the powerful



SARAH PALIN:
Gratuitously praised top mob henchman.

daily in the nation's capital, and the national magazine, *Newsweek*, owned by the Washington Post Company—are the crown jewels in the *Post-Newsweek* media empire which is now playing a central role (alongside other major media outlets) in promoting Sarah Palin's book-selling enterprise and her bid for a front-line presence in the politics of 2012. (See accompanying stories).

The Washington Post covered up the McCain-Hensley mob connection in its July 22, 2008 edition when it provided readers a glowing account of Mrs. McCain's family, ignoring the more unpleasant facts regarding the Hensley family's source of wealth. The *Post* declared:

Cindy Lou Hensley grew up as an only child, and a privileged one, on a large ranch in an upper-class section of Phoenix.

Her dad, Jim Hensley, founded what became a large Anheuser-Busch distributorship, and her mom, Marguerite, was a proper belle who emphasized impeccable manners.

The *Post* added, almost lovingly, that Mrs. McCain was "the apple of her father's eye."

As if to underscore the legend, the *Post*-owned *Newsweek* magazine followed up on June 30, 2008 by echoing the *Post* and suppressing the big "story behind the story." Reporting that Mrs. McCain's family "was deeply rooted in Arizona," and that her father "was one of the most prominent men in the state," who was "a World War II bombardier . . . shot down over the English Channel"—in other words, a war hero like McCain, *Newsweek* said Hensley "borrowed \$10,000 to start a liquor business" which became one of the largest Anheuser-Busch distributorships in the country but did point out that the vast Hensley influence and fortune "got [McCain] access to money and connections."

(This came after McCain dumped his ailing first wife and married his then-mistress, Cindy Hensley, and set-



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tled in Arizona where he first ran for office in 1982.)

So what is the big untold story covered up by McCain and Palin's promoters—and now by Palin herself?

Contrary to the “bootstraps” version of history told by Sarah Palin and *The Washington Post* and *Newsweek* and other big-time media voices, the truth is that Mrs. McCain's father was a highly-placed fixture in the Arizona branch of the national organized crime syndicate: He was the chief henchman of the late Kemper Marley, Arizona point man for infamous mob chief Meyer Lansky and his powerful partners-in-crime, the Bronfman family of Montreal who have “gone legit,” so they say.

In that capacity—for 40 years until his death in 1990—Marley was undisputed political boss of Arizona, acting as the behind-the-scenes power over both the Republican and Democratic parties. As such, his money and connections played the primary role in advancing John McCain's political career from the start.

Although in 2008 some Democrats muttered that Mrs. McCain's fortune could impact on her husband's decision-making were he elected president, none dared publicly refer to the fact this wealth was spawned by what others have indelicately (although correctly) called “the Jewish Mafia.”

Virtually alone among the media, *American Free Press* told and retold the story of the McCain family's intimate ties to the Lansky crime syndicate and, in particular, Lansky's longtime (and quite pivotal) allies, the Bronfman family of Canada (who are now important figures in the World Jewish Congress).

During Prohibition, the Canadian-based Bronfmans supplied—and thus controlled—the “spigot” of liquor funneled to Lansky syndicate functionaries in the United States, including Al Capone in Chicago. After Prohibition, Lansky-Bronfman associates such as Marley got control of a substantial portion of liquor (and beer) distribution across the country. Marley's longtime public relations man, Al Lizanitz, revealed it was that the Bronfmans who set Marley up in the alcohol business.



JOHN McCain
Married to the mob.



CINDY HENSLEY McCain
Daughter of mob kingpin.



JIM HENSLEY
Mob man bankrolled McCain.



KEMPER MARLEY
Hensley's Mob boss.

In 1948, 52 of Marley's employees (including Jim Hensley, the manager of Marley's company) were prosecuted for federal liquor violations. Hensley got a six-month suspended sentence and his brother Eugene went

to prison for a year. In 1953 Hensley and (this time) Marley were prosecuted by federal prosecutors for falsifying liquor records, but young attorney William Rehnquist acted as their “mouthpiece” (as mob attorneys are known) and the two got off scot-free. Rehnquist later became chief justice of the Supreme Court and presided over the “fix” that made George W. Bush president in a rightly disputed election.

WILL PALIN RETRACT PRAISE FOR MOBSTER?

Supporters of Sarah Palin should bring the details about John and Cindy McCain's ties to organized crime to Mrs. Palin's attention and urge her to retract her praise for top mob henchman Jim Hensley. This would help clear up questions about Mrs. Palin herself.

Arizona insiders say Hensley “took the fall” for Marley in 1948 and Marley paid back Hensley by setting him up in his own beer distribution business. *Newsweek* implied Hensley's company was a “mom and pop” operation that became a big success, but the real story goes to the heart of the history of organized crime.

Hensley's sponsor, Marley, was also a major player in gambling, a protégé of Lansky associate Gus Greenbaum who, in 1941, set up a national wire for bookmakers. After Lansky's longtime partner “Bugsy” Siegel was “whacked” for stealing from the Flamingo Casino in Las Vegas—financed in part by loans from an Arizona bank chaired by Marley—Greenbaum turned the wire over to Marley while Greenbaum took Siegel's place tending to the interests of “the Jewish Mafia” in Las Vegas.

In 1948 Greenbaum was himself murdered in a mob “hit” that set off a series of gang wars in Phoenix, but Marley survived and prospered as did Jim Hensley.

McCain's father-in-law also dabbled in dog racing and expanded his fortune by selling his track to an individual connected to the Buffalo-based Jacobs family, key Prohibition-era Lansky network distributors of Bronfman liquor from across the border in Canada.

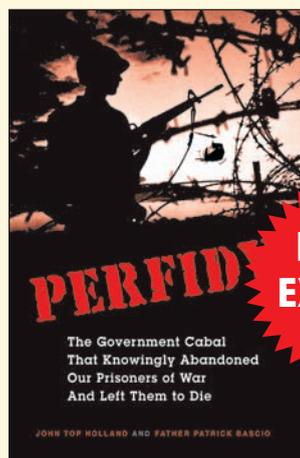
Expanding over the years, buying up race tracks and developing food and drink concessions at sports stadiums, Jacobs enterprises were described as being “probably the biggest quasi-legitimate cover for organized crime's money-laundering in the United States.”

In 1976, Hensley's mentor—Marley (at the height of his power)—was the key suspect behind the contract murder of journalist Don Bolles who was investigating the mob in Arizona. But Marley was never prosecuted.

Since McCain's career was sponsored by the Lansky-Bronfman syndicate, it was no coincidence that, during the 2008 campaign, McCain traveled to London where Lord Jacob Rothschild of the international banking empire raised money for McCain among American expatriates. Like the Bronfmans, Rothschild has long been a major force on behalf of Israel among the global elite.

In light of her own devotion to Israel, this may be why Sarah Palin is so enamored of the Jewish mob-connected family that advanced her own patron—John McCain—in the seamy politics of mob-dominated Arizona. ★

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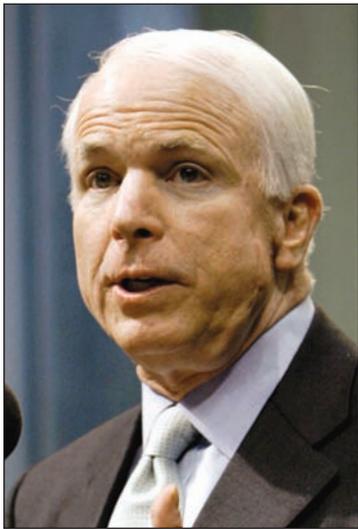
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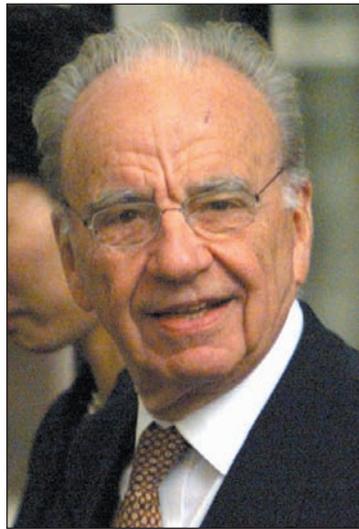
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Did as he was told.



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The creature who “invented” Palin.



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Key Palin campaign advisor.



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Helped conjure up Palin.

Sordid Group of Top-Level Intriguers Paved Palin's Way Onto 2008 Ticket

By Michael Collins Piper

It turns out that one of the chief neo-conservative tacticians—William Kristol, editor of Zionist billionaire Rupert Murdoch's *Weekly Standard*, and one of Mrs. Palin's foremost cheerleaders in the mass media—is the very person who hand-picked Palin as John McCain's running mate in 2008.

Not by coincidence, Kristol has been a participant in the secretive international Bilderberg meetings regularly attended by major players in the global financial elite, including members of the Meyer-Graham family whose *Washington Post-Newsweek* empire has been promoting the fortunes and political future of Sarah Palin (see accompanying stories).

Both the Bilderberg-connected *Washington Post* and *The Telegraph* of London revealed Kristol's pivotal role in ushering the previously-little-known Palin to national prominence as the GOP's vice presidential candidate. For its part, the *Telegraph* noted on September 16, 2008:

Sources in the McCain camp, the Republican Party and Washington think tanks say Mrs. Palin was identified as a potential future leader of the neoconservative cause in June 2007. That was when the annual summer cruise organized by the right-of-center *Weekly Standard* magazine docked in Juneau, the Alaskan state capital, and the pundits on board took tea with Governor Palin.

The *Post* reported that the meeting between Palin and Kristol, along with Kristol hanger-on Fred Barnes, was initiated by a member of Palin's staff.

In any event, the *Telegraph* added, “her case as John McCain's running mate was later advanced vociferously by William Kristol,” whose *Weekly Standard* touted Palin—immediately after their meeting—as “The Most Popular Governor” and mentioned her, in subsequent issues of *The*

Weekly Standard, no less than 40 additional times.

In fact, as early as June 30, 2008—at a time when McCain was said to be resisting pressures from those who opposed McCain's choice of Sen. Joe Lieberman as his running mate—Kristol appeared on Rupert Murdoch's Fox News and predicted Palin would be McCain's choice, this at a time when Palin was hardly known outside Alaska.

Writing at the *dailybeast.com*, Internet blogger Scott Horton pointed out further that:

Kristol is one of the few conservative columnists whose support of Palin has been unflinching. He has used his space as a *New York Times* columnist to tout her candidacy repeatedly. But in the process Kristol has never bothered to disclose his role in the decision making process that led to the Palin pick. Kristol's *Weekly Standard* has figured as Palin's chief defender, and its writers have gone after even those who dare to pose questions about Palin's candidacy. Bill Kristol, it seems, has much at stake in the Palin candidacy.

Underscoring the role of the “neo-cons” in grooming Palin, the small-circulation (but highly influential) *New Yorker*—published by the billionaire Newhouse family (hard-line Zionists known for neo-conservative sympathies)—featured an eye-opening cover story on Oct. 27, 2008 entitled “How McCain Found Palin,” subtitled “She wanted the nomination—and Washington insiders helped her get it.” The detailed account demonstrated that Palin's national prominence (and her path to the vice presidential nod) was entirely the result of concerted propaganda and tactical maneuvering by Kristol and his closest collaborators. And Joe Lieberman himself lent his own support to his “replacement”—Palin—by becoming the guru of her foreign policy advisors during the campaign.

Perhaps more disturbing was the revelation that the sordid political operative Dick Morris—who earlier helped

PALIN DIDN'T RISE FROM ‘GRASS ROOTS’

Although Sarah Palin—and the media outlets promoting her—put forth the idea that Sarah Palin's rise to prominence came simply because she was a dynamic force representing grass-roots populist “conservative” concerns in Republican Party ranks, the totality of the information now available indicates, beyond any question, that no matter how sincere Mrs. Palin may be, from the very beginning (and today) she has been under the thumb of international big money elements that hardly represent America's grass-roots voters in any way, shape or form, sad as that may be.

launch Bill Clinton's rise in Arkansas—was a key player in laying the stage for the until-then-obscure Palin's introduction to the GOP. Morris was among another group of neocons—associated with the *National Review* magazine—who landed in Alaska on their own cruise just shortly after the Kristol-*Weekly Standard* clique held court. *The New Yorker* said that “according to several accounts . . . no connection made that day was more meaningful than the one struck between Palin and Dick Morris.”

It is interesting the *New Yorker* should unveil the Palin-Morris connection resulting from the *National Review* stop-over in Alaska: S.I. Newhouse, publisher of *The New Yorker*, was a longtime and intimate friend of Morris's cousin, devout pro-Israel political operative and “mob lawyer” Roy Cohn, who was also a close friend of *National Review* founder William F. Buckley, Jr.

As far back as the mid-1950s—working with Cohn—Buckley was a godfather of the modern-day neoconservative movement, a transmogrification of the old-line Trotskyite communists (for strategic reasons) into a “new” brand of “conservative internationalism” in opposition to traditional American nationalism.

Today, as the accompanying stories in this special report show, the neo-conservatives, working hand in glove with a closely tied array of powerful international financial interests and their controlled media organs, are playing a major role in advancing Palin's political aspirations. ★

Many Christians Fear Palin Foreign Policy Views

By Michael Collins Piper

Sarah Palin's views on U.S. policy toward Israel are so extreme—so biased in favor of Israel—that even peace groups inside Israel and Jewish groups on American soil that are critical of all-out U.S. favoritism for Israel are taking Palin to task. This comes as no surprise to longtime readers of AMERICAN FREE PRESS, who learned during the course of the 2008 presidential campaign that Palin was a hard-line supporter of Israel.

A firm advocate for the interests of Israel, Palin, as Alaska governor, was so energetically pro-Israel that she displayed an Israeli flag in her office, a point that received widespread attention in the Israeli press and was enthusiastically discussed in Jewish community journals and newspapers in the United States and worldwide.

Most recently—in late 2009—Palin made her extremist views known when—in an interview with a fervently pro-Israel journalist ABC's Barbara Walters that was widely promoted throughout the mass media—the former Alaska governor denounced the Obama administration for urging the Israeli government to stop expansion of Jewish settlements in the occupied West Bank—a major thorn of contention in the Israeli-Palestinian dispute.

Palin said: "I believe that the Jewish settlements should be allowed to be expanded upon, because that population of Israel is, is going to grow. More and more Jewish people will be flocking to Israel in the days and weeks and months ahead. And I don't think that the Obama administration has any right to tell Israel that the Jewish settlements cannot expand."

In fact, although the United States has long overwhelmingly favored Israel in various aspects of the conflict in the region, Palin's view is effectively a repudiation of 40 years of established U.S. policy regarding the Israeli expansion into the West Bank (Arab territory Israel occupied during the 1967 Arab-Israeli War). *The Christian Science Monitor's* Dan Murphy aptly summarized the U.S. stance (being repudiated by Palin) in an article of Nov. 18:

WARS & MORE WARS PLANNED

In the 2008 campaign, President Peres of Israel met with Gov. Sarah Palin and Sen. John McCain. "I wanted to meet you for many years," Ms. Palin told Peres, according to an aide to the president. "The only [foreign] flag at my office is an Israeli flag," she was quoted as saying, "and I want you to know and I want Israelis to know that I am a friend."

Following the lead of the influential pro-Israel big money forces that put her on the GOP ticket, Mrs. Palin has endorsed U.S. involvement in foreign wars on Israel's behalf and now shakes the saber at Iran, the next target of the pro-Israel elements that are now promoting Palin's money-making and political ventures.



SMALL BUT POWERFUL

Behind Sarah Plain's desk she displays a symbol of her devotion to Israel in the form of a small but very meaningful Israeli flag (circled). Although liberal-minded Jewish folks (and many non-Jews) didn't like Palin's stands on social issues, some powerful pro-Israel hard-liners who bankroll influential pro-Israel organizations and publications were actually behind Palin's selection as John McCain's running mate in 2008, bypassing even pro-Israel Jewish-American Sen. Joe Lieberman who was McCain's first choice.

The administrations of Presidents Nixon, Johnson, Ford, Carter, and Clinton all considered the annexation of land seized in 1967 illegal. President Ronald Reagan took a position that some might be legal, but opposed their expansion. Prior to becoming president, as the U.S. ambassador to the UN, George H.W. Bush called the settlements illegal. His son, President George W. Bush, thought natural growth for existing settlements was fine, but was opposed to new ones.

What makes Palin's stance so particularly galling to those who are rightly disturbed by Israel's actions in illegally occupied territories is that Palin is actually encouraging increased and continuing expansion and population growth at a time even when Israeli peace groups are asking their own government to curtail such expansion and growth. So Palin is even more hard-line in her position than many Jews in Israel.

In addition, there are many who doubt Palin's claim that "more and more Jewish people will be flocking to Israel in the days and weeks and months ahead," suggesting that such rhetoric sounds more religiously- and theologically-founded than based on current geopolitical realities.

And this, of course, points back to the fact that critics have noted that Palin's worldview—most especially her over-the-top bias in favor of Israel over the Christians and Muslims of the Arab world—is shaped by her own particular religious grounding.

Mrs. Palin's religious point of view and her determined support for Israel is apparently shaped at least in part by the fact that she and her family are longtime worshippers in the ranks of the Assemblies of God which has been solidly in the controversial camp of so-called "dispensationalism," which many mainstream Protestant denominations consider un-biblical in origin. Dispensationalism places the Jewish people (and now the state of Israel, created in 1948) at the center of its religious teachings. Some critics say Jesus Christ and his teachings are, in many respects, almost an afterthought.

In fact, dispensationalism was crafted in the late 18th

century and only came into widespread support in the early years of the 20th century, blossoming in the United States in the 1970s under the leadership of a host of television evangelists such as the late Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson, Tim LaHaye and others who were boosted to wealth and power through the egis of the American media monopoly which has historically been firmly in the hands of a small network of families and financial interests known for their fealty to Israel.

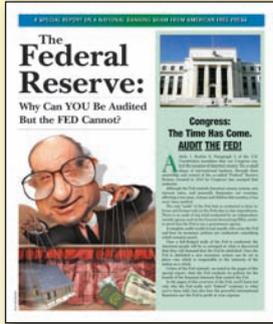
The staunchly pro-Israel conservative daily, *The Washington Times*, formally unveiled Palin's enthusiasm for Israel in an admiring article about Palin on September 4, 2008. Declaring that "Palin's evangelical faith drives pro-Israel view," the *Times'* religion writer, Ralph Z. Hallow, pointed out that Palin was a disciple of the theme that the preservation of the modern-day state known as Israel is what Hallow described as "a biblical imperative."

Hallow noted that Palin's religious ideology "makes her a favorite with the staunchly pro-Israel neoconservative elements in the Republican Party."

Tucker Eskew, counselor to Palin's campaign effort, affirmed to the *Times* that Mrs. Palin "would describe herself as a strong supporter of Israel's, with an understanding of Israel's fear of an Iran in possession of nuclear weapons."

Matt Brooks, the executive director of the Republican Jewish Coalition, trumpeted Palin's display of the Israeli flag in her governor's office (noted earlier) pointing out that "it is very telling" and that it demonstrates that "she has Israel in her heart."

In a more practical and down-to-earth sense, however, it is abundantly clear that Palin's point of view toward Israel has very much helped advance her politically, inasmuch as those who were central to getting Palin placed on the GOP national ticket in 2008 were among an elite group of pro-Israel elements with powerful influence within the highest ranks of the Republican Party—hardly close at all to the grassroots folks who think that Palin is "one of us" (See accompanying stories.) ★



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Power Lobby Met With Palin; Gave Her Marching Orders in '08

By Victor Thorn and Michael Collins Piper

Although, during the 2008 campaign, pro-Israel circles in the United States were initially worried by reports that Sarah Palin had supported a previous Republican presidential aspirant—Pat Buchanan—who was an outspoken critic of Israel, it turned out the reports were wrong. Today Mrs. Palin's admirers are quick to assure folks that the story that she admired Buchanan were just "ugly rumors" put out by the opposition.

In fact, the first formal group Palin met with after joining John McCain's campaign was the American Israel Public Affairs Committee (AIPAC), the lobby (one of many for Israel) which observers say may well be the most influential lobby in official Washington.

To ensure that she properly bowed at AIPAC's altar, Mrs. Palin was shepherded to this meeting by Sen. Joseph Lieberman—a Jewish Democrat turned independent whose "neoconservative" views and war-monger aims made him a strong McCain ally.

Following her 45-minute initiation, AIPAC spokesman Joshua Block commented, "Gov. Palin expressed her deep, personal and lifelong commitment to

the safety and well-being of Israel."

Larry Greenfield, director of the California Republican Jewish Coalition, concurred. "Gov. Palin has a close relationship with the Jewish community of Alaska, with Chabad (Rabbi Greenberg), and with AIPAC."

Others in her home state were equally pleased. Terry Gorlick of the Alaskan Republican Jewish Coalition said, "Sarah's absolutely pro-Israel." Alaskan AIPAC Chairman David Gottstein was trying to arrange a trip to Israel for the governor and, in fact, she and her running mate did eventually visit Israel.

No sooner had Mrs. Palin met officially with AIPAC, *The Washington Post* reported on September 5, 2008 that a special group of foreign policy "experts" had been assigned to tutor Mrs. Palin.

In charge of the group—not surprisingly—was the aforementioned Sen. Joe Lieberman, whom Mrs. Palin, in her new memoir, *Going Rogue*, now proudly describes as a "friend." Under Lieberman's direction were two veteran foreign policy specialists, a Jewish-American known for his hard-line pro-Israel views, Stephen E. Biegun, and Randy Scheuneman, a figure in so-called "neoconservative" circles known for his boisterous advocacy of the U.S. war against Iraq, a pet project of the

pro-Israel lobby and its "insider" friends such as Lieberman.

In short time, Mrs. Palin's public pronouncements on U.S. Middle East policy began to correctly reflect the views of the "experts" surrounding her, although, in all fairness to Mrs. Palin, it appears that their viewpoints dovetailed in most respects with hers in the first place.

Essentially, the "experts" were sent in to fine tune Palin's point of view in terms of geopolitical realities rather than on the more sentimental and religious and theologically-based foundation that seems to direct Mrs. Palin's strong devotion to Israel.

In her memoir, Palin describes how she was looking forward to debating her Democratic rival, Joe Biden, so that she could express the importance of U.S. cooperation with its allies, "especially Israel," she added, underscoring Israel's preeminence in her world view which, sadly, does not seem to have changed. ★

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Big Buck Elite Ensures Sarah Palin Remains in Limelight

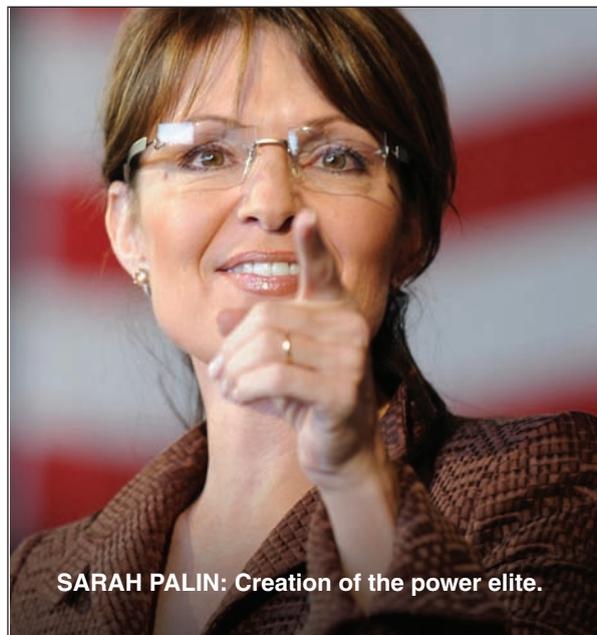
Phony 'Palin phenomenon' shows why liberals & conservatives must unite to defeat darlings of the plutocracy

By Michael Collins Piper

Many Americans—both "liberal" and "conservative" alike—often unfortunately become so tied up in their particular differences over issues—usually domestic affairs—that they fail to understand that very powerful and often very covert international financial forces are at work behind the scenes, manipulating American policy for its own ends. These policy matters usually affect the conduct of foreign affairs. In other words, these big money groups don't care how much or how often the "liberals" and "conservatives" fight among themselves over domestic issues. Rather, the concern of the big money forces is to ensure that all major American political figures and political parties adhere in lock-step to the particular agenda of these international interests.

The international money powers who control the Federal Reserve System that has a stranglehold on the American economy—the very elements who are now lending their influence to the efforts to build up "Mrs. Maverick" (that is, Sarah Palin)—do not mind if "liberals" (who oppose Mrs. Palin) and "conservatives" (who support Mrs. Palin) fight over domestic issues that do not have a direct impact on the elites who have a financial stranglehold over the grass-roots people of this country.

In fact, the elite power brokers relish such conflict for it has the direct and vital impact of splitting the opposition to their influence: it is the classic policy of "divide and conquer" that ruling elites have historically exploited



SARAH PALIN: Creation of the power elite.

for the purpose of maintaining their control.

Through the mass media—both print and broadcast—which they dominate (a fact that remains largely unknown to the broad numbers of the American people)—the behind-the-scenes manipulators of money and power direct the course of American political debate: they decide which political figures (such as Sarah Palin) are publicized and promoted to the voters and, on the other hand, work energetically to suppress the work of genuine political dissidents—the real "populists" and "independents"—who actually pose a threat to the dominance and power of the lords of money who control the mass media.

This is precisely why the "liberal" *Washington Post* and *Newsweek*—two of the foremost forces of power for the global elite—have put their considerable resources behind the promotion of Sarah Palin.

It is part of their bigger game plan (above and beyond their conventional "liberal" agenda): that is, ensuring that the power elite always continues to have a lock on the political debate, guaranteeing their influence over not only the two major political parties—the "liberal" Democrats and the "conservative" Republicans—but also ensuring that they control any "dissident" elements in those parties, and, even further, over any "independent" forces that they choose to create—to fabricate—as a "controlled opposition" in the American political arena.

You are now warned: in the year ahead, "maverick" figures such as Sarah Palin—joined by so-called "rogues" such as Glenn Beck and Lou Dobbs (both of whom just happen to be creations of the big media)—will be portrayed by the mass media as up-and-coming "leaders" who are "representatives of grass-roots opposition" to the "insiders" who dominate the major political parties.

In fact, Palin, Beck, Dobbs and others of their ilk are no more than Judas goats—false prophets—attractive and alluring demagogues who are no more than big-time phonies—it is as simple as that—who will always remain loyal to the big-money forces that desire to ensure their continuing domination of the American political process. Don't let these frauds lead you astray. ★

Sarah's Strategist Key Figure in Global Group

Although Sarah Palin has strong appeal among “Christian conservatives,” it turns out that John Coale, Palin’s key political tactician and fundraising specialist, has long-standing high-level professional connections to a controversial “new religion” known as the Church of Scientology.

Coale—who also happens to follow Scientology’s teachings—is joined in his enthusiasm for both Scientology and for Palin by his wife, Fox News correspondent Greta Van Susteren, who has emerged as a not-so-subtle Palin promoter in her own right.

Not only did Coale establish the Alaska Fund Trust, which has helped pay Palin’s legal bills resulting from a variety of ethics investigations that have swirled around Palin relating to her activities as governor of Alaska, but he has also been a prime mover behind Palin’s political action committee known as Sarah PAC. Coale is, in short, the “brains” behind Palin’s national efforts.

But more than a few critics are suggesting that Coale is linking to Palin to promote the political influence of Scientology. This claim is based on the fact that some years ago Coale actually authored a secret memorandum—later leaked by a whistleblower—that outlined a plan by the Church of Scientology to advance its own political influence. As the Internet’s lively blogger known as “Gawker” described Scientology’s plan for power:

The idea was to launch a political action committee that would attract donations from Scientologists but could be plausibly distanced from the cult, which claims to be a church and therefore barred from engaging directly in political activities.



The PAC was to be called FLAGG PAC, which stood for “Freedom, Liberty, and Good Government Political Action Committee,” but would act as a sort of dog whistle for Scientologists, who would hear an

echo of “Flag Land Base,” the group’s international headquarters in Clearwater, Florida.

In January 1986, Coale spoke at a Scientology “government awareness seminar” in Washington, D.C., to pitch parishioners on the idea and begin raising money.

Attendees were given detailed surveys from the church’s Office of Special Affairs—the arm that handles public affairs and conducts covert operations—asking for personal data on any powerful political, media, or financial figures they may know so that the OSA could “better coordinate our activities.”

The documents identify Coale as the force behind the PAC idea, and as the point man for people interested in contributing.

So why are Coale’s ties to Scientology worth mentioning in the context of Sarah Palin’s affairs?

While most people consider Scientology nothing more than “just another weird cult” that happens to have some big name Hollywood supporters—such as actors Tom Cruise and John Travolta, among others—there’s much more to Scientology than meets the eye.

The truth is that the Church of Scientology is actually a quietly influential (and very rich) political institution with worldwide financial operations and a secret intelligence network that reaches far and wide.

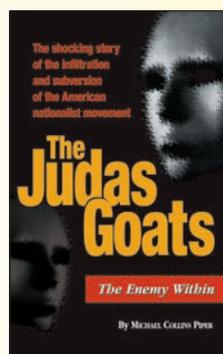
But, more significantly, an array of evidence suggests, in fact, that it may well be connected, financially and politically, to some of the powerful interests that actually helped place Sarah Palin on the GOP ticket in the year 2008 in the first place.

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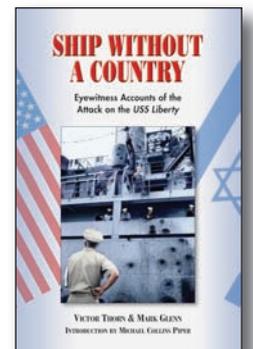
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In this respect, Scientology is much like the equally “unusual” Unification Church—the organization of Korean cult leader Sun Myung Moon—which, during the last 25 years—through publication of the daily “conservative” *Washington Times* and bankrolling “conservative” organizations—became immensely powerful in GOP ranks in Washington. Moon’s *Washington Times* network helped fund the pro-Israel circles that are promoting Sarah Palin in, ironically, the same fashion as the *Times*’ “liberal” rival in the nation’s capital, *The Washington Post* (see accompanying stories).

In short, both big name “liberal” and “conservative” forces—at the very highest levels—can come together for particular political aims on behalf of their behind-the-scenes controllers: in this case, building up Sarah Palin (for whatever their ultimate goal).

That a major Scientology figure is working closely with Sarah Palin is not surprising, considering the tragic history of the Church of Scientology.

Founded by the classically eccentric and eclectic and highly brilliant philosopher, L. Ron Hubbard, who built Scientology into one of the fastest-growing “alternative” religions, Scientology underwent major internal changes after Hubbard was forced out of his leadership role and died, under strange circumstances, not long afterward.

Setting up new “public faces” to run Scientology, a handful of mostly Jewish lawyers, all non-Scientologists—including, notably, one Lawrence Heller—took over the church and through a new set-up of holding companies—such as the Church of Spiritual Technology and the Religious Technology Center—which now dominate Scientology. Reports indicate Heller has deposited Scientology money in at least one Israeli bank even though Israel discriminates against Scientology.

But here’s where it really gets quite strange and links back to the elements promoting Sarah Palin . . .

A former American diplomat, the late Stephen J.

Koczak (stationed for many years in Israel), charged that the group that took over Scientology were operatives for Israel’s intelligence service, the Mossad, which has always had an interest in “Manchurian Candidate”-style mind control of the very type in which our own CIA and the former Soviet KGB are known to have dabbled.

Critics contend that those who control Scientology now have in their hands a virtual spy network of devoted cult members who will do what they are told.

Other investigators say it was World Jewish Congress chief Edgar Bronfman—of the Jewish crime syndicate group that bankrolled John McCain’s mobster father-in-law—who financed the covert group of Jewish lawyers who grabbed control of the Church of Scientology.

Sarah Palin’s close advisor John Coale has been such a big figure in the “new” Scientology that he even served as lawyer for one of Scientology’s biggest names, Lisa Marie Presley (daughter of Elvis Presley), when she divorced now-deceased entertainer Michael Jackson.

According to a new Jackson biography, Scientologists long hoped to snare Jackson as a member and financial benefactor—reportedly a primary church project—but Jackson vocally scorned Scientology (later converting to Islam) and his marriage with Miss Presley went asunder. In that regard it is interesting to note that in the April 2003 issue of *Vanity Fair* fervent Jackson critic Maureen Orth complained that close friends of Jackson were telling people “the child abuse allegations [against him] were the work of an American religious sect enacting revenge for his refusal to sign up,” obviously referring to Scientology.

So the evidence suggests Scientology is now a powerful part of an elite high-level network beyond the control of Scientology’s grassroots believers. And that a top Scientologist, John Coale, has been deployed to advance Sarah Palin’s aspirations of becoming a national figure is—if truth be told—really no big surprise at all. ★

Sarah Ain’t Stupid Her Critics Are Kidding Themselves

A lot of naive liberal critics of Sarah Palin got much mileage during the 2008 election campaign (and in the period since) making light of Palin’s intelligence and suggesting that she had made a lot of “stumbles” and “fumbles” in discussing the issues during the campaign.

The truth is, that’s a lot of wishful thinking on the part of the liberals, combined with a lot of what might now be called “new-fashioned” Internet rumor-mongering. Actually, a lot of the so-called linguistic pratfalls and ostensible intellectual flops by Palin were largely creative misrepresentations by her critics of Palin’s sometimes ungainly words, often taken out of context.

But in the heat of a campaign, that’s precisely what always happens (Palin or no Palin) and the truth gets lost in the dust of the partisan rhetoric and sometimes bitter repartee between the opposing sides.

The point is that Palin’s liberal critics have been focusing on silly, non-consequential matters such as the suggestion that Palin, in one famous interview with Katie Couric, was unable to name a single newspaper or magazine that she read on a regular basis, or the much-touted claim that Palin based her foreign policy experience on the fact that she could supposedly see Russia from her front porch or back yard (or variations thereof).

In fact, during the campaign—and since—there have been repetitious renderings of a variety of “nothing” stories that present Palin as a lightweight. She is anything but a lightweight. Rather, as this assembly of material on Palin’s fortunes demonstrates, she is a skilled politician, an up-and-coming figure who has been groomed by—and ingratiated herself with—some of the most powerful financial and political forces on the planet, elements which dominate major media outlets on American soil and around the globe.

Sarah Palin is no dummy. She is a quick-witted and skilled political brawler of long standing (her own history prior to 2008 proves that quite clearly) and now she has had on-the-job training on the national level. And it appears as though she intends to come back in 2012.

And the record shows that Mrs. Palin is getting some big behind-the-scenes support from some pretty strange elements that many of her grass-roots supporters might find rather disturbing, to say the least.

This special AFP report on Sarah Palin is different from anything else you will see anywhere in the mass media in America. Forget all the “liberal” and “conservative” hoopla surrounding the Palin phenomenon.

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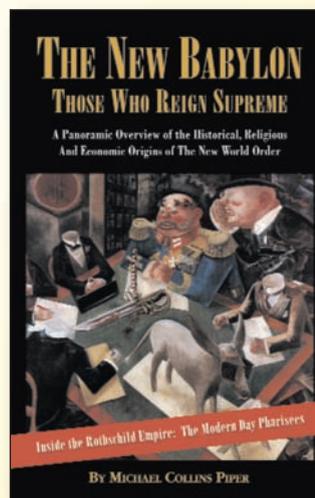
These elites have been historically able to look beyond partisan debates—designed for the entertainment of the masses—and they have a long-term agenda to ensure their power remains supreme, that they continue to be the masters, that the politicians who do their bidding remain their pliable tools. Now, in the future, whether the lords of Big Money and Big Media will continue to tout Sarah Palin remains to be seen, but the record demonstrates they have already very much done so. ★

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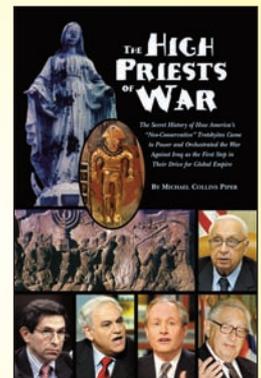
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