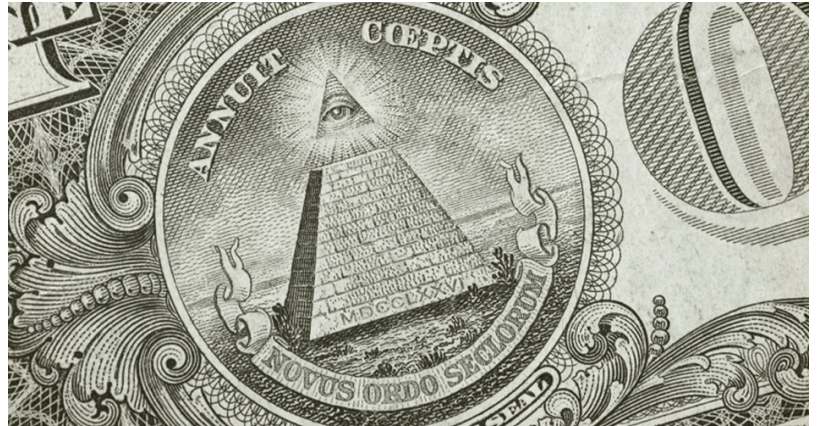




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# Deep State Secret Societies: Skull & Bones, Bohemians, Illuminati

Secret societies such as the Bohemian Grove and Skull and Bones play a major role in American affairs and have for generations; that much is clear and well-documented. But most Americans have paid little attention to what happens outside of the media spotlight — until now. In recent months, public perceptions have started to change as [the “Deep State” exposes itself publicly in its war against America, the Constitution, humanity, and President Donald Trump.](#) And in fact, thanks to hacked e-mails and public statements by members, it is now proven that many of the swamp creatures involved in the occult secret societies of America see Trump as a “disaster.”



Amid an unprecedented and highly coordinated campaign to destroy Trump, first as a candidate and later as a president, a fast-growing segment of the American electorate has realized that “We The People” have not been getting the full story. As part of that awakening, the concept of a “Deep State” or shadowy “swamp” working behind the scenes has captured the public imagination. The idea is now as “mainstream” as can be: [Even establishment-media polls show](#) about half of Americans now recognize definitively that the Deep State exists. Even the establishment press — a key component of the Deep State — has now acknowledged that the Deep State exists, if only to muddy the waters about its true nature. But in this series, *The New American* magazine plans to connect the dots.

It is true that the [entrenched, anti-Trump federal bureaucracy](#) — and [especially the self-styled “intelligence community”](#) — are crucial elements of the Deep State. But behind that Deep State is another Deep State; the “Deep State Behind the Deep State,” if you will, or the ruling establishment. Parts of this network are not quite secret. For example, in a recent article in this series on the Deep State, *The New American* [highlighted the enormous role played by the semi-secret Council on Foreign Relations, the Trilateral Commission, the Bilderberg meetings,](#) and other such outfits. But beyond those organizations, which operate websites and even release full or partial lists of members, are other organizations that are even more secretive. They remain largely unknown to the American people. But such “secret societies” have been working to spread their lawless doctrines in America since before it was even formally an independent self-governing nation.

## The Historical Illuminati

Even America’s first president, George Washington, was deeply concerned about the insidious machinations and influence of one particular secret society, and its infiltration in America. “It is not my intention to doubt that the doctrine of the Illuminati and the principles of Jacobinism had not spread in the United States,” [Washington wrote in a letter to a friend.](#) “On the contrary, no one is more satisfied of this fact than I am.” America’s most prominent founding father also warned of the Illuminati’s “diabolical tenets” being spread in America in a 1798 letter to Reverend G. W. Snyder, [who had sent him a book on the society.](#) Also in 1798, then-Yale President Timothy Dwight warned that the Illuminati was willing to use “murder, butchery, and war” to overthrow religion, government, and civilization.



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More than a few scholars recognized that the goals of these conspirators included overthrowing all the governments and religions of Europe to build a cosmopolitan so-called “brotherhood of man” while undermining family and property rights.

The historical Order of the Illuminati Washington and Dwight warned of was a secret society founded in Bavaria on May 1, 1776, by Adam Weishaupt, a professor of law at Ingolstadt University. According to Abbé Augustin Barruel in his book [Memoirs Illustrating the History of Jacobinism](#), Weishaupt had been inspired by the teachings of 18th-century anti-Christian fanatics from France styling themselves “philosophers” such as Voltaire, Rousseau, and Diderot. The Illuminati’s operations were first widely exposed to the public in the 1797 book [Proofs of a Conspiracy Against All the Religions and Governments of Europe Carried on in the Secret Meetings of Freemasons, Illuminati and Reading Societies](#) by John Robison, a university professor, Freemason, and the first general secretary to the Royal Society of Edinburgh. Even Washington had a copy of the important book in his library, [according to the National Archives](#). Professor Robison documented, among other actions by the conspirators, the Illuminati’s lead role in [the murderous, barbarous French Revolution that tore France apart so badly that she never fully recovered](#).

The secret society of self-styled “Illuminated” ones became incredibly influential by attracting influential men and infiltrating the Masonic lodges of Europe, according to scholars who have studied it. Officially, though, the historical outfit known as the Illuminati, based on concentric circles of influence and secrets surrounding an inner core of conspirators, was said to have been disbanded after its wicked scheming was discovered by Bavarian authorities. The authorities informed their counterparts in other jurisdictions, some of whom also attempted to suppress the society. However, the Illuminati’s subversive doctrines and ideas — described as “diabolical” by America’s first president — clearly survived. Virtually the same evil principles articulated by Weishaupt and his band of criminals were articulated in *The Communist Manifesto* by Karl Marx and Fredrich Engels, for example. Today, many of those doctrines are taught as “truth” in American universities. And as Robison documented, the conspirators continued spreading their subversion across Europe.

More than a few prominent individuals have highlighted the role of Weishaupt (his Illuminati code-name was “Spartacus”) and the movement he founded in laying the groundwork for the modern-day global effort to bring down Christianity, liberty, and civilization. “From the days of Spartacus-Weishaupt to those of Karl Marx, and down to Trotsky (Russia), Bela Kun (Hungary), Rosa Luxembourg (Germany), and Emma Goldman (United States) ... this worldwide conspiracy for the overthrow of civilisation and for the reconstitution of society on the basis of arrested development, of envious malevolence, and impossible equality, has been steadily growing,” [wrote](#) future Prime Minister Winston Churchill in the U.K. *Illustrated Sunday Herald* in February of 1920. “It has been the mainspring of every subversive movement during the 19th century; and now at last this band of extraordinary personalities from the underworld of the great cities of Europe and America have gripped the Russian people by the hair of their heads and have become practically the undisputed masters of that enormous empire.”

## **Skull and Bones: Brotherhood of Death**

By their very nature, “secret” societies are secret, and hence, difficult for outsiders to track and understand — that is, after all, the point of being “secret.” And so the relationship between historical organizations such as the Illuminati and modern-day secret societies, assuming there is a relationship, is murky at best. But secret societies that bear striking similarities in terms of practicing occultism, totalitarian ideology, subversive practices, obsessive secrecy, hatred of Christianity, and more continue



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to exist — even in America, today. One such organization operating in the United States today is known as the Skull and Bones society. It exists at Yale University, and is sometimes known as the “Brotherhood of Death.” It was founded in 1832 by William H. Russell, whose family was in the opium business, shortly after his return from Germany. The German connection has led many analysts to speculate that Skull and Bones may be an American branch of an international movement — potentially even the Illuminati. But that is simply speculation at this point.

Among other concerns expressed by critics are the deeply occult rituals the society is known to engage in. These include bizarre, death-obsessed ceremonies that initiates are required to participate in if they wish to join. For instance, it has been widely reported, thanks to investigations and secret video tapes, that initiates are required to lie in a coffin while engaging in acts that cannot be repeated here while detailing their sexual history to their fellow “bonesmen,” as members are known. Footage of some of the society’s bizarre rituals, which take place at a location known as “The Tomb,” has emerged in recent years. In film that was aired in 2001 by ABC News, for example, bonesmen can be seen and heard engaging in occult rituals involving, among other things, kissing human skulls, followed by what was described by the ABC host as a mock killing. The screams caught on tape are bloodcurdling.

While the society has largely operated from the shadows since its founding, it did earn some attention during the 2004 presidential election between then-President George W. Bush and then-Senator John Kerry (D-Mass.). Both were members of the society. In separate interviews, late *Meet the Press* host Tim Russert asked them about it, but got no real answer. “It’s so secret we can’t talk about it,” Bush responded. Kerry, when asked what it means that both he and Bush are members of Skull and Bones, said: “Not much, because it’s a secret ... I wish there were something secret I could manifest, there are all kinds of secrets.” Bush also mentioned it in his autobiography: “My senior year I joined Skull and Bones, a secret society, so secret I can’t say anything more.” In other words, Americans were given a choice between two members of the same occult secret society, and neither candidate would say a word about it what the implications were.

Aside from the two presidential candidates in 2004, many “Bonesmen,” as they are known, have served at the highest levels of government, ranging from cabinet secretaries and senators to CIA bosses and Supreme Court justices and presidents. Among the prominent members: former President George H.W. Bush; James Jesus Angleton, credited with “mothering” the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA); neocon journal *National Review* founder William F. Buckley, Jr., a CIA agent and CFR member who advocated the denial of voting rights to black people while purporting to “purge” true conservatives from the “conservative” movement; Secretary of War Henry Stimson; Austan Goolsbee, chairman of President Barack Obama’s Council of Economic Advisors; leftist *Washington Post* columnist Dana Milbank; George H.W. Bush’s father, Senator Prescott Bush, who was embroiled in legal troubles for financing the Nazi war machine; multiple CFR founders and leaders; Frederick Smith, the founder of FedEx; Harold Stanley, founder of Morgan Stanley; international mega-banker Averill Harriman; Secretary of Defense Robert Lovett; and both President William Howard Taft and his son, Senator Robert A. Taft. Multiple Rockefellers have also been involved. While not all members go on to powerful positions, many certainly do.

Still today, little is known about the group, which unsurprisingly uses a skull and crossbones as a logo along with the number 322. But multiple investigations have been carried out by researchers over the years. Perhaps the most important was the book [America’s Secret Establishment: An Introduction to the Order of Skull and Bones](#) by Stanford University historian Antony Sutton. In essence, the book argues



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that Skull and Bones is a “recruiting ground for a global conspiracy for world government,” as history professor, author, and *The New American* writer Steve Byas [explained](#). Sutton explains how the Bonesmen and their co-conspirators use the Hegelian dialectic to advance their agenda. “In this [dialectical] process change requires conflict, and conflict requires the clash of opposites,” he explains. “You can’t just have a ‘right,’ you must have a ‘right’ and a ‘left.’” Sutton wrote other incredible books exposing the Deep State behind the Deep State’s role in promoting communism, including *Wall Street and the Bolshevik Revolution*. He also wrote the book *Wall Street and the Rise of Hitler*. And with researcher Patrick Wood, he wrote *Trilaterals Over Washington*, focusing [on the Trilateral Commission](#). Each book offers crucial insight into the Deep State behind the Deep State.

### **Bohemian Grove**

Another secret cabal operating in America is the Bohemian Grove, which attracts American presidents, cabinet secretaries, Big Business titans, mega-bankers, central bankers, “intelligence” agency bosses, military brass, and other leading Deep State characters. The outfit was founded after the Civil War by Henry Harry Edwards, originally as a club for artists, writers, journalists, and other “Bohemians” to get together and relax. Since then, though, the outfit has grown to include more than 2,500 of the world’s richest and most powerful men — and only men are invited. While total secrecy is demanded from members, the membership rolls have included every GOP president (except Trump) since the early 1920s, along with many Democrats such as Jimmy Carter, as well as countless cabinet secretaries, leaders of Big Business, CIA chiefs, banking magnates, media barons, and more.

During the United Nations’ 1945 founding conference (chaired by Soviet spy Alger Hiss) in San Francisco, delegates from around the world were invited, too. “The Club and its members were major players in hosting the UN Delegates,” [wrote](#) scholar Peter Phillips in his dissertation for his doctorate in philosophy at the University of California, Davis. “Receptions for UNCIO delegates and key dignitaries were held at the Bohemian Club on May 17th, May 29th, June 4th and June 5th. Towards the end of the UN conference the Club invited all delegates to a program at the Grove.”

While the club’s motto is “Weaving Spiders Come Not Here,” it is a known fact that plenty of official business is conducted there, especially at the lodges and camps. To get a sense of just how important in public affairs this occult confab is to the Deep State behind the Deep State, consider that former President Richard Nixon boasted of how crucial a speech he gave at the event was on his journey to the White House. “If I were to choose the speech that gave me the most pleasure and satisfaction in my political career, it would be my Lakeside Speech at the Bohemian Grove in July, 1967,” he explained. “Because this speech traditionally was off the record, it received no publicity at the time. But in many important ways it marked the first milestone on my road to the presidency. It was an emotional assignment for me and also an unparalleled opportunity to reach some of the most important and influential men.”

Aside from the power and influence are the occult ceremonies and the perversion that have become practically synonymous with the Bohemian Grove. For one, the men — among the world’s most influential — are known to prance around the redwood forest naked and inebriated, urinating at will throughout the camp. More sinister, though, are the dark rituals, widely described as pagan at best or satanic at worst, that have been documented on video as occurring there. Perhaps most infamous is the ceremony involving what members claim is a “mock” human sacrifice known as the “Cremation of Care.” During the spectacle, the robed and hooded men gather, some carrying torches, under a 40-foot-tall owl idol that is widely said to be a representation of the Canaanite demon god Moloch, to whom



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babies and children were routinely sacrificed. Amid bizarre chanting and horrifying screaming, what members claimed was an “effigy” of a child is burned up as a sacrifice to the giant concrete owl.

Conservative radio talk-show titan Alex Jones once managed to sneak into the club and capture the occult ritual on video camera. It is even creepier than you might imagine. Jones posted the video online, offering the first known footage of the ceremony to the public — and confirming the existence and occult nature of a ceremony that had long been just the subject of unconfirmed rumors. Blurry still photographs of the event from a century ago provide evidence that the occult ritual has been going on for at least that long.

Later, Jones interviewed David Gergen, a regular attendee of Bohemian Grove and a leading advisor to four different presidents of both parties. Jones mentioned that Gergen had denied in media reports that he ran around naked at the confab, as other attendees are known to do, but did admit to being a “happy member” of Bohemian Grove who likes the folks who come there. “Have you been there for the ceremony, the Cremation of Care?” Jones asked. Gergen responded: “Frankly, I do not think that is something I need to talk to you about.” Apparently Gergen was confused, believing that Jones had been a member who did not follow his pledge not to disclose what goes on there publicly. “I don’t respect you for that,” Gergen fumed. “You took an understanding that you would not do that film, and you did.” Of course, Jones took no oath and offered no “understanding,” because he went in without authorization.

Another one of the things that is known about the Bohemian Grove is that members were unsettled by then-candidate Trump and his promises to fight globalism, take on the establishment, promote Americanism, and pursue an “America First” policy. In a hacked e-mail posted by DCLeaks from former Secretary of State Colin Powell to Peter Gordon MacKay, Canada’s former minister of justice, attorney general, minister of national defense, and minister of foreign affairs, [Powell drops a bombshell](#). “I am back from the Bohemian Grove. Surprise, surprise, I sat next to [Canadian Prime Minister] Stephen Harper a couple of times and had a nice discussion,” wrote Powell, one of the leading figures in lying the American people into the Iraq war that resulted in the practical extermination of the ancient Christian communities there. “Grove attendees know that Trump is a disaster,” Powell continued, adding that “most will vote against” Trump.

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, himself affiliated with the Bohemian Grove, explained that the establishment’s disdain for Trump was related to the fact that the current president was not involved in the secret societies. Responding to Mitt Romney’s attacks on Trump, Gingrich, who did back the president, said the attacks were a signal of “the panic of the establishment wing of the (Republican) Party.” The possibility of Trump winning the GOP nomination “absolutely drives them crazy,” Gingrich added. When asked why, Gingrich dropped a bombshell. “Well because he’s an outsider, he’s not them, he’s not part of the club, he’s uncontrollable, he hasn’t been through the initiation rites, he didn’t belong to the secret society,” said the former House Speaker, who apparently was seeking a job in the Trump administration.

Beyond those secret and non-secret organizations that make up the Deep State behind the Deep State, there are almost certainly other cabals of totalitarian-minded globalists whose names and even members remain largely unknown to the public. Indeed, there are likely secret societies that are so



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secret they remain virtually unknown to any non-members. Some of the secret history these societies have tried to erase is documented in Art Thompson's book [To the Victor Go the Myths & Monuments: The History of the First 100 Years of the War Against God and the Constitution, 1776-1876, and Its Modern Impact](#).

For Christians and Jews who believe the scriptures, the Bible is clear on what is going on. And in fact, at its core, this is ultimately a battle with spiritual components that cannot be ignored. American churches can and must play a role in this battle.

But in the physical realm, there is only one national organization working to stop the Deep State behind the Deep State: [The John Birch Society](#). As JBS founder Robert Welch said, the key to stopping what late Bohemian Grove member David Rockefeller described as his "secret cabal" that was "conspiring" to form a "one world" system is to expose the agenda and its purveyors, with God's help, while organizing to stop them and educating the electorate. Nothing else will do. There are no shortcuts or magic bullets. With the rise of the Internet, thanks to the foundation laid by JBS and others, that is happening at an unprecedented rate. But all God-fearing, patriotic Americans must get involved in the fight if freedom is to survive.

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