

George Soros, John D. Rockefeller IV, and the Koch brothers are funding an Iranian influence operation that tipped off the New York Times about the attack on Quds commander Qassem Soleimani

In a New York Times article that was published hours before the American bombing of Iranian Quds Force commander Qassem Soleimani, Quincy Institute analyst Steven Simon posits this scenario:¹

> What if the former commander of Iran's Revolutionary Guards, Qassem Soleimani, visits Baghdad for a meeting and you know the address?

Given that Soleimani was not the subject of the article, observers have noted that this looks like a last-minute attempt to leak information about the airstrike to the Iranians. Let us take a closer look at Simon's organization, the Quincy Institute.

The Quincy Institute was only founded late last year but already had a stable of experts.² That means that they were already organized.³ Its funding comes from the Open Society Foundation of George Soros, the Charles Koch Foundation, and other individual donors. The five co-founders are Andrew Bacevich, Eli Clifton, Suzanne DiMaggio (Chairman), Trita Parsi, and Stephen Wertheim.

- Trita Parsi was accused of being an Iranian agent⁴ after Parsi's National Iranian-American Council (NIAC) was caught coordinating its work with an Iranian ambassador and two agents of Iranian intelligence.⁵ This is public information and Parsi's poor reputation is well known, so the financiers have reason to know that they are funding an Iranian propaganda shop.
- Eli Clifton is another jihad propagandist who has followed the hardline Islamist party line through his career, often working with Ali Ghraib⁶ to denounce the political opponents of Iran and its client terrorist organizations as "Anti-Islam".

The other members do not have such an obvious and well-documented affiliation for America's enemies. The Quincy Institute can therefore be seen as an Iranian influence operation in which the propagandists are hired to persuade the others within the organization to see them as fellow experts in their field and follow the Iranian agenda.

One of the Quincy Institute's fellows, Asli Bali, is on the Middle East Studies Association⁷ which is another vehicle to legitimize extreme views. The association's board includes jihadist propagandist Lisa Hajjar⁸ and jihadist activist Ted Swedenburg⁹ who has actively worked to have Jewish speaker Phyllis Chesler banned for opposing antisemitism. Board members Jillian Schwedler and Beth Baron work for the Graduate Center of the City University of New York whose fellow Katherine Cross is a board member of Feminist Frequency.

1 <https://www.zerohedge.com/political/nyt-floated-soleimani-assassination-scenario-baghdad-hours-killing>

2 <https://www.antiwar.com/blog/2019/06/30/quincy-institute-a-think-tank-dedicated-to-peace-and-restraint/>

3 Their early history traces back to Lobe Log and Inter Press Service

4 <https://www.tabletmag.com/jewish-news-and-politics/239003/parsi-niac-advance-irans-agenda>

5 <http://iraniansforum.com/lobby/index.php/niac/91-niac-collaborated-with-agents-of-iranian-intelligence-ministry>

6 <https://www.algemeiner.com/2016/03/21/the-truth-about-muslim-no-go-zones-and-ali-gharib/>

7 https://990s.foundationcenter.org/990_pdf_archive/136/136220175/136220175_201612_990.pdf

8 <https://www.discoverthenetworks.org/individuals/lisa-hajjar/>

9 <http://www.theaugeanstables.com/2017/04/26/intellectual-corruption-of-intersectional-academics-ted-swedenburgs-palestinian-anthropology/>

Eli Clifton’s organization had a large number of financiers ten years ago when it was the **American Independent News Network**.¹⁰

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arca Foundation • Arcus Foundation • Arkay Foundation • Bauman Family Foundation • Bohemian Foundation • Boston Foundation • Carnegie Corporation of New York • Carsey Family Foundation • Community Foundation of North Florida • Dallas Foundation • Denver Foundation • Dwoskin Family Foundation • Dyson Foundation • Educational Foundation of America • Foundation to Promote Open Society • Gill Foundation • H. van Ameringen Foundation • Jon L. Hagler Foundation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Loeb Family-Third Point Foundation • Nick and Leslie Hanauer Foundation • Mai Family Foundation • Mark & Susan Torrance Foundation • McKay Foundation • Open Society Institute • Oppenheimer Brothers Foundation • Pacific Foundation • Park Foundation • Pritzker Family Foundation • Pritzker Innovation Fund • Rockefeller Brothers Fund • Schooner Foundation • Silicon Valley Community Foundation • Stoneman Family Foundation • Streisand Foundation • Surdna Foundation
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Of the members of AINN’s board:

- David Brock, a former antagonist of Hillary Clinton, co-authored *The Benghazi Hoax* with Ari Rabin-Havt. The book denies that there was any American support for the al-Qaeda forces that captured Libya or any secret motive for Ambassador Chris Stevens to be in Benghazi, and condemns the Republicans for investigating the situation.
- Ari Rabin-Havt, CEO of AINN, is executive vice president of Media Matters, vice president of ad agency O'Brien McConnell & Pearson,¹¹ is on the advisory board of the New Organizing Institute, and is on the board of SumOfUs, the PR agency of Islamic extremist Linda Sarsour. Rabin-Havt attended a secretive summit in May 2012 with George Soros and Tom Perriello.¹²
- Scott Nielsen is a program officer of the MacArthur Foundation which funds the Data & Society research group of Joichi Ito, Microsoft Research, and the Berkman Center. Neilson is also a member of the Proteus Fund which was one of the top grantees of Soros’s National Security and Human Rights (NSHR) project.

10 <https://www.discoverthenetworks.org/organizations/american-independent-news-network-ainn/>
 11 <http://www.spoke.com/people/scott-mcconnell-3e1429c09e597c1003d4029e>
 12 <http://freebeacon.com/national-security/the-soros-summit/>

The power behind the Quincy Institute can be found through its chair Suzanne di Maggio who is Vice President of Global Policy for the Asia Society.¹³ The board of the **Asia Society** includes:

- Charles Rockefeller and John D. Rockefeller IV
- Strive Masiyiwa of the Rockefeller Foundation
- Nicolas Berggruen of the Berggruen Institute
- Stephen Bird and Lewis Kaden, respectively CEO and vice chair of Citigroup
- J. Frank Brown, COO of General Atlantic
- Michael Chae, CFO of Blackstone Group
- Chan Heng Chee, Singapore's ambassador to the United States
- Albert Chao, billionaire scion of Westlake Chemical
- Pernendu Chatterjee of the Chatterjee Group and Soros Fund Management
- Betsy Cohen, founder of Bancorp
- Henry Cornell, former VP of Goldman Sachs' Merchant Banking Division
- Beth Dozoretz, director of the Art In Embassies program, past finance chair of the Democratic National Committee, and a close friend of Mark Rich's wife¹⁴
- J. Michael Evans, president of Alibaba and former vice chairman of Goldman Sachs
- Henrietta Holsman Fore, executive director of UNICEF
- Thomas E. Freston, former CEO of Viacom¹⁵
- Toyoo Gyohnten, former president of the Bank of Tokyo's Institute for International Monetary Affairs
- Omar Ishrak, CEO of Medtronic
- Liang Xinjun, formerly of Fosun Group
- Asheet Mehta, senior partner of McKinsey
- Thomas R. Nides of the Defense Business Board, vice president of Morgan Stanley, chair of the Woodrow Wilson Center, former deputy Secretary of State, and member of National Security Action and International Rescue Committee
- Gaoning Frank Ning of COFCO, one of China's largest conglomerates
- Indra K. Nooyi, CEO of Pepsi and on the managing board of the World Economic Forum
- Richard Plepler, former chairman of HBO
- Nicholas Rohatyn of Rohatyn Group, which is part of the Bronfman family's Endeavor Investor Network and is advised by New America Foundation treasurer Liaqat Ahamed
- Charlie Rose, the TV host
- James E. Rogers of Akin Gump, Aspen, and Brookings
- Kevin M. Rudd, former Prime Minister of Australia
- Denise Saul, whose husband Andrew Saul is commissioner of the Social Security Administration
- Stephen A. Schwarzman of the Blackstone Group
- Viswanathan Shankar, former CEO of Standard Chartered
- Josette Sheeran, special envoy to Haiti
- Neil Shen of Sequoia Capital China
- Sandiaga Salahuddin Uno of Indonesia

13 https://990s.foundationcenter.org/990_pdf_archive/133/133234632/133234632_201506_990.pdf

14 <http://www.allgov.com/officials/dozoretz-beth?officialid=29282>

15 <https://www.nytimes.com/2006/09/06/business/06sumner.html>

The board of Nicolas Berggruen's **Berggruen Institute** includes:

- former Pakistani prime minister Shaukat Aziz
- Eric Schmidt of Google
- Boris Nikolic, science advisor to Bill Gates and the executor of Jeffery Epstein's will
- David Bonderman of TPG Group who is one of three American billionaires scrubbed from the website of Russia's state development fund¹⁶ at the time of 2014's Gamergate scandal in which video game fans discovered that a foreign spy ring affiliated with al-Qaeda's Safa Group was attempting to monopolize news coverage of the video game industry and establish a 'casting couch' culture for women developers
- Geoffrey Cowan of USC Annenberg, the Shorenstein Center, and Integrity Initiatives International
- International Monetary Fund deputy director Mohammed El-Erian, who serves on the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
- Reid Hoffman of LinkedIn and the Endeavor Group of Edgar Bronfman Jr.
- Arianna Huffington, founder of the Huffington Post
- Margaret Levi of Stanford University's Center for Advanced Study in the Behavioral Sciences
- Sara Miller McCune of SAGE Publications
- Dawn Nakagawa of the Pacific Council on International Policy
- former Mexican president Ernesto Zedillo

The Berggruen-led **Council for the Future of Europe** and **21st Century Council** include:

- former UK prime minister Tony Blair
- former Swedish prime minister Carl Bildt
- former Chilean president Ricardo Lagos
- Prince Turki bin Abdullah bin Abdulaziz Al-Saud
- French prime minister Nicolas Sarkozy
- Jack Dorsey of Twitter
- Chad Hurley of Youtube and FWD.us
- Mo Ibrahim of the TPG Group's Rise Fund
- Walter Isaacson of the Aspen Institute
- Alexei Kudrin, former Russian finance minister
- Pascal Lamy, director of the World Trade Organization
- Eric X. Li of Chengwei Capital and the International Institute for Strategic Studies
- Dambisa Moyo of Barclays Bank and Barrick Gold
- Elon Musk of Tesla
- Pierre Omidyar of Paypal and the Omidyar Network
- Peter Schwartz of Global Business Network and the Highlands Forum
- Stephen A. Schwarzman of Blackstone Group, the US-China Strong Foundation, and the Atlantic Council which runs the Digital Forensics Research Lab. Schwarzman is one of the three Americans scrubbed from the website of Russia's state development fund.

16 <https://www.wsj.com/articles/names-of-u-s-billionaires-vanish-from-russian-funds-website-1409747234>

Integrity Initiatives and the Shorenstein Center

Geoffrey Cowan's Integrity Initiatives International¹⁷ includes Atlantic Council vice chair Robert J. Abernathy, Shorenstein Center director Nicco Mele, Richard Goldstone of the infamous Goldstone Report, and Mark L. Wolf, the Chief Judge of Massachusetts.

Nicco Mele's Shorenstein Center includes United States Chief Information Officer Vivek Kundra, Deputy Chief Information Officer Nick Sinai, Akamai director Paul Sagan, Joan Donovan of the MacArthur Foundation's Data and Society group, Department of Homeland Security advisor Juliette Kayyem, Susan Crawford of the Center for Democracy and Technology and the Internet's governing board ICANN, former Democratic National Committee chair Donna Brazile, Arab Spring leader Wael Ghonim, New Organizing Institute and ActBlue co-founder Zack Exley, and former BBC news director Helen Boaden. The Shorenstein Center operates in concert with Harvard's Berkman Center and the MIT Media Lab.

Conclusion

These relationships between billionaires, business leaders, politicians, and government officials form a very powerful network that could be described as a "Deep State". Through the financing of disinformation campaigns like the Quincy Institute and the funding of black operations disguised as political activism, such a well-connected network can establish its own relations with foreign powers and impose foreign laws on its American partners.

17 <http://www.integrityinitiatives.org/bios/>