

Soros Bids To Buy Up The Democratic Party

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Mega-speculator and dope-legalizer George Soros, and a group of like-minded billionaires, are pumping hundreds of millions of dollars into networks in and around the Democratic Party, on behalf of the British oligarchical interests that he has served for decades. Following the Democratic Party's defeat in the 2004 Presidential race, and amidst the successful intervention of Lyndon LaRouche to orient the Party around FDR-style solutions to the economic collapse, Soros et al. created the Democracy Alliance, to literally buy up the Party.

The Democracy Alliance was founded in 2005, after semi-secret meetings in 2003 and 2004. It is a coalition of billionaires and multi-millionaires, whose membership list is secret, as are the recipients of its funding. Much has been written about it by right-wing partisans, and we can get some picture of its founding and operations from Rob Stein, its executive director. Stein told the Hudson Institute in November 2006, that the idea was germinating in 2003 and 2004, as he travelled the country showing wealthy "progressives" a slide show, "The Conservative Message Money Machine Matrix," and arguing that the left was disorganized, and needed a coordinated and disciplined grouping of financiers who would match the right, both in organization and funding. His ideas picked up steam as the Democrats went down to defeat in the 2004 election, and out came the Democracy Alliance, with 100 partners investing together for the first time.

Axiomatic to the founding of the Alliance was the myth that the Democratic Party had no mission to lead it to victory, and was in a state of chaos following the 2004 defeat. However, this was emphatically not the case. LaRouche and the LaRouche Youth Movement had intervened in the Democratic Party 2004 convention with a platform for the party, based on FDR principles for dealing with the onrushing economic breakdown crisis. Following the election defeat, LaRouche and the LYM imme-

diately launched the successful fight against the Bush-Cheney plan to privatize and destroy Social Security, which not only defeated the proposal, but reoriented segments of the Party to the notion that victory was possible if the Party fought for the general welfare. There is no doubt that LaRouche's intervention was recognized by the financial oligarchy which Soros serves, as the key threat to its plans for fascism.

When Stein, at the Hudson Institute meeting, was quizzed on the secrecy of the Alliance's membership and donations, he explained that the Alliance itself does not make donations, except in rare cases. Most of the hundreds of millions of dollars are donated directly by the Alliance partners, to a list of organizations approved by its executive board. To be a partner, an individual must put up \$25,000 yearly for the administrative costs of the Alliance, and donate at least \$200,000 annually to approved organizations. In 2006, the Alliance had a list of some 400 organizations that had been approved, but only 23 had actually received funding. Stein argued that the Alliance's secrecy was entirely legitimate, since as a taxable organization, it is not legally required to publish a list of its members. He did divulge that, in 2006, the Alliance was funding four areas: civic engagement, the media, policy think-tanks, and leadership development groups—in short, all the organizations orbiting around the Democratic Party.

The 2008 Election

One can only imagine the grubbing around that took place among potential recipients of the Alliance's largesse. This whoring atmosphere, in which ideas—particularly the ideas of LaRouche and FDR—count for nothing, helped to create an environment in which the vacuous populist campaign of the British Empire's expendable candidate, Barack Obama, could emerge as a leading contender in the Democratic Party, and reinforced the message that Hillary Clinton represents the "old politics," and lacks "charisma."

Soros highlighted this when he discussed his endorsement of Obama in an April 4 interview with Bloomberg News. Obama is "more likely to bring in new blood," he said. "I have a very high regard for Hillary Clinton, but I think Obama has the charisma and the vision to radically reorient America in the world. We need to have a greater discontinuity than Hillary Clinton would bring."

Still, it is likely that the Democracy Alliance, hoping to maintain levers of control in both camps, is also funding elements generally associated with the Clintons. Administrator Stein is a former official in Bill Clinton's Commerce Department, and Soros has long been associated with the Center for American Progress, headed by former Clinton Administration chief of staff John Podesta.

Who Is George Soros?

Soros is, primarily, a sophist, as shown by the proclamation in his book *The Age of Fallibility* (2006): "In financial markets I take positions in order to win. In the social sphere I

Lyndon LaRouche Comments on Soros

On the known record since early in his life, George Soros' predatory inclinations are doubtlessly professional, but, his competence in matters of real economy is virtually nil.

take positions because I believe in them whether I succeed or not. That is the difference between financial markets which are not governed by moral considerations and the social sphere where morality ought to play a role.” The assertion that morality plays no role in his financial dealings is incontestable.¹ He has been involved in financial speculation since the late 1960s, when he established the Quantum Fund, NV, a hedge fund which has managed the money of top British and Swiss financiers, including the British royal household, and has successfully devastated entire nations, including Italy, Malaysia, and Thailand, through manipulation of their currencies. Anyone taking his money should consider that it was acquired from the misery of people around the world.

It is Soros’s affirmation of “morality” in the social sphere of his work, that is an outright lie. Take his well-known campaign to decriminalize drug use, on which he has spent millions to finance state ballot referenda.

Where does Soros stand on the most crucial issue facing the nation today: the bankrupt banking system? He is currently peddling his new book, *The New Paradigm for Financial Markets: The Credit Crisis of 2008 and What It Means*. In it, he is at pains to deny that there is any economic collapse, stipulating that while bubbles might be bursting, the world does not face a “replay of the 1930s,” and, “It is the job of the authorities to prevent the system from collapsing. They know how to do it and they are doing it.”

While a massive world food shortage is resulting in the threat of mass starvation—a crisis worsened by the ethanol craze—Soros counsels that he is investing in the “clean fuel sector” (he has just made major investments in ethanol production in Brazil). According to a recent article in *The Hill*, a Washington newspaper serving Congress, Soros is among a group of billionaires who stand to profit handsomely, if the 54-cent-per-gallon tariff on foreign-produced ethanol is not extended (the tariff has been crucial for deluded U.S. ethanol producers, many of them small farmers). The tariff provision, which is part of the farm bill currently before Congress, is now considered unlikely to be extended, thereby opening the floodgates to cheaper Brazilian ethanol. In the preface to his 2006 book, Soros held up the genocidalist World Trade Organization (WTO) as the model for international institutions, because, despite charges that it has treated developing nations unfairly, it has an effective “enforcement” mechanism.

In *The New Paradigm*, he renewed his commitment to the drug decriminalization drive that he initiated as far back as 1994. Throughout the 1990s, Soros funded the drive to legalize cocaine in Colombia and Bolivia. The Drug Policy Alliance, which he founded, currently lists numerous U.S. states in which it is pushing to weaken anti-drug laws; it has state-wide initiatives now in Massachusetts and California. Opponents of the Massachusetts initiative were recently quoted in the press, stating that

Soros-linked organizations had supplied \$400,000 of the \$430,000 used to place the pro-drug referendum on the ballot.

Soros Teams Up with Bloomberg

The dirty duo of New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and Soros are joining forces to “deal with” the home-foreclosure crisis, by shuttling its victims into the dead end of “self-help.” The first move was made by Mayor Bloomberg in September 2002, when he vetoed an attempt by the New York City Council to pass legislation prohibiting the city from doing business with institutions that engaged in predatory mortgage-lending practices. The declaration accompanying the legislation noted that subprime lending practices were heavily concentrated in lower-income and minority areas of the city. Bloomberg immediately vetoed the legislation, when it passed, and when the Council overrode his veto, he filed suit in state court, succeeding in 2004, in having the legislation thrown out, on the grounds that it exceeded the powers of the City Council.

In 2008, Soros and Bloomberg are teaming up, creating the Center for New York City Neighborhoods (CNYCN), a partnership between public and private not-for-profit institutions, to aid those facing foreclosures. Offering only band-aid remedies such as coordination of counseling and referral services, legal assistance, loan remediation, outreach, and education, the CNYCN is being promoted as the city’s front line of defense against foreclosures, and a national model for public-private collaboration. Since the Center dispenses money to existing community organizations, its design follows the Soros *modus operandi* of using money, in this case much of it public, to buy up and subvert constituency organizations. Soros is heavily engaged on the “private partnership” side, both through funding and by lending out a senior advisor to his Open Society Institute, Herb Sturz, to chair its board of directors.

A list of funders for the Center reads like a roster of pro-British oligarchical institutions: the Rockefeller Foundation, Bank of America, Countrywide, Deutsche Bank, J.P. Morgan Chase, HSBC, and Freddie Mac. Meanwhile, New York City taxpayers are being soaked through a \$1 million contribution from the Mayor’s Office and \$1.6 million from City Council. The first executive director of the Center is Michael Hickey of Deutsche Bank, described as an expert in “high risk,” innovative community development.

Soros clearly intends to spread this apparatus around the United States. In his 2008 book, he writes that local governments must come to terms with the fact that a significant share of homeowners will lose their homes, and that this will be a fertile field for “philanthropy,” in combination with matching funds from the Federal and state governments. He expresses the hope that the CNYCN will serve as a model for other communities.

Drugs, homelessness, starvation, chaos, and genocide—in short, a new dark age—are what George Soros has in store for the world. No Democrat can have any reason to doubt it, to take his money, or to lend him credence.

1. For more details, see *EIR*’s April 1997 Special Report, “The True Story of Soros, the Golem: A Profile of Megaspeculator George Soros.”