

lytical tools they need to become informed citizens.”

Indeed, the ACTA report named 40 prominent academics and cited 117 purported “incidents” of “anti-Americanism. In one instance, ACTA attacked the president of Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut, for having circulated an open letter warning that “disparities and injustices” in American society can spawn hatred and violence.

Gonzalez concluded that “the report represents a kind of academic terrorism designed to strike fear into the other academics by making examples of respected professors. . . . This is not patriotism, but fascism. . . . The targetting of scholars who participate in civic debates might signal the emergence of a new McCarthyism directed at the academy. Before it escalates into a full-blown witch-hunt in the name of ‘defending civilization,’ faculty, students, and citizens should speak out against these acts of academic terrorism.”

- On Dec. 14, 2001, the *National Catholic Reporter* editorialized against “A ‘Defense’ That Civilization Can Do Without.” “It is difficult,” the editorial began, “to tell exactly what Lynne V. Cheney, Sen. Joseph Lieberman, and others who constitute the American Council of Trustees and Alumni are trying to accomplish with their project. . . . The title is as overblown as the sentiment that drives the effort: No one should ask questions of the American war effort.” The editorial concluded with a stern warning: “It would be absurd, indeed, if this ‘report’ were not indicative of a dangerous fervor stalking the country, a fervor intolerant of questions and dependent on ignorance of recent history.”

- On March 15, 2002, Jim Lobe warned, in the online publication *Foreign Policy in Focus*, that “The War on Dissent Widens.” Lobe, who has written a series of well-researched exposés of the Paul Wolfowitz-Lewis Libby-Richard Perle neo-conservative cabal inside the Bush Administration, targeted the ACTA spawn, Americans for Victory Over Terrorism, which had published a full-page *New York Times* advertisement on March 10, attacking “radical Islam” and an amorphous “enemy within” which “promulgates their agenda of ‘blame America first.’” AVOT extended their blacklist beyond academe, naming a number of leading elected officials and prominent editorialists as enemies within. Among the targets: Rep. Maxine Waters (D-Calif.), who dared to criticize President Bush for “going crazy” with the authority to go after terrorists; former President Jimmy Carter, who attacked G.W.’s “axis of evil” formula as “overly simplistic and counter-productive”; Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D-Ohio), who accused the President of “cancelling, in effect, the First, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Eighth Amendments”; *American Prospect* editor Robert Kuttner, for criticizing “Bush’s dismal domestic policies” and his “dubious notion of permanent war”; and Lewis Lapham, the respected editor of *Harper’s* magazine, who reminded his readers that, during the 1990s, the United States had engaged in terror tactics in the Balkans and in Iraq.

Lapham responded to the AVOT assault by denouncing

Bennett as a “wrong-headed jingo” who launched AVOT as a “front organization for the hard neo-con right,” which has gained tremendous power inside the Bush Pentagon and in the Office of Vice President Dick Cheney. “This is the warmonger crowd,” he charged, noting that AVOT gurus Bennett and Gaffney were signators to an open letter to President Bush, issued within days of the 9/11 attack, demanding that the United States not only bomb Osama bin Laden and al-Qaeda to oblivion, but also launch war on Iraq, Iran, Syria, Lebanon, and the Palestinian Authority.

At the Washington, D.C. press conference launching AVOT, Frank Gaffney, who was investigated in the 1980s as a suspected co-conspirator of Jonathan Jay Pollard, the American convicted of espionage for Israel, mustered up his best Joe McCarthy imitation, ranting to the small audience that any criticism of the Bush Administration’s conduct of the war could be “interpreted in such a way as to hurt national resolve . . . [and] embolden the enemy.” He urged, “We must pay special attention to friends like Saudi Arabia and Egypt whose ongoing use of media are creating problems for our allies”—an obvious reference to Israel. Weeks after the press conference, Ariel Sharon ordered the full-scale Israeli Defense Forces invasion of the West Bank, which, by the admission of Sharon’s spokesman Ra’anan Gissen, was explicitly modelled on the Nazi massacre of the Jewish resistance in the Warsaw Ghetto in the Spring of 1943.

In the crazed world of ACTA and AVOT, a criticism of Sharon’s Nazi actions is tantamount to treason against America.

Leading Promoters of The New McCarthyism

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Founded in 1995 by Lynne Cheney and Sen. Joe Lieberman, who was described as “one of the most active members” of its advisory board by the *New York Times* of Aug. 24, 2000. Released *Defending Civilization: How Our Universities are Failing America and What Can Be Done About It*, on Nov. 11, 2001, with funding from the Randolph Foundation, the William and Karen Tell Foundation, and Jane H. Fraser. ACTA said it would send its blacklist to 3,000 trustees at

colleges and universities across the nation.

ACTA contributed \$3.4 billion to colleges and universities in 2000—the largest private source of support for higher education. It has created a network of agents through its Advisory Committees—Trustees’ Council, Presidents’ Council, Alumni Leadership Council, Scholars Council (including Irving Kristol’s wife, Gertrude Himmelfarb), and Donors Working Group. Funding: From 1995 through 2000, ACTA received \$1.3 million from the Olin Foundation, Bradley Foundation, Sarah Scaife Foundation, Earhart Foundation, and Castle Rock Foundation.

The Olin, Bradley, and Sarah Scaife Foundations fund the nexus of neo-conservative think-tanks such as Daniel Pipes’ Middle East Forum (see Campus Watch, below), and Samuel Huntington’s Olin Institute for Strategic Studies at Harvard. They promote: war on Iraq as the trigger for Huntington’s Clash of Civilizations war with Islam; Sharon’s genocide against the Palestinians; and attacks on American Muslims culminating in U.S. Attorney General Ashcroft’s assault on Constitutional rights.

National Council members (board of directors): **David Riesman** (honorary chairman, 1996-2002)—Henry Ford II Professor of Social Sciences, Emeritus, Harvard University; **Lynne Cheney** (chairman emeritus and co-founder)—senior fellow, American Enterprise Institute; **Richard Lamm** (vice chairman and co-founder)—Director, Center for Public Policy and Contemporary Issues, University of Denver; **William Bennett**—see below; **Irving Kristol**—Zionist father of neo-conservative movement, senior fellow, American Enterprise Institute (AEI), publisher, *The National Interest*, co-editor, *The Public Interest*, father of **William Kristol**—editor of the *Weekly Standard* and chairman of the imperial Project for the New American Century (PNAC) created in 1997; **Martin Peretz**—editor-in-chief and chairman, *The New Republic*, advocate of war against Iraq, and specialist on fascist Vladimir Jabotinsky; **Laurence Silberman**—U.S. Circuit Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit; member of U.S. Solicitor-General Ted Olson’s “salon” for the impeachment of former President Clinton.

Americans for Victory Over Terrorism

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Launched on March 12, 2002 by PNAC members William Bennett and Frank Gaffney, and James Woolsey. (All three signed an April 3, 2002 PNAC letter to President Bush to “stand with Israel” and overthrow Saddam Hussein.) In a full-page ad in the *New York Times* on March 10, 2002, AVOT

called radical Islam “an enemy no less dangerous and no less determined than the twin menaces of fascism and communism we faced in the 20th Century,” and denigrated those who “are attempting to use this opportunity to promulgate their agenda of ‘blame America first.’ ”

It recommends as sources on the Mideast, the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI), Bernard Lewis, and Samuel Huntington. In September 2002, AVOT began a series of campus teach-ins and lectures.

Senior Advisers: **William Bennett**—co-director, Empower America, ACTA National Council, former chairman, National Endowment for Humanities; **William Barr**—former U.S. Attorney General; **L. Paul Bremer**—chairman and CEO of Crisis Consulting Practice of Marsh, Inc., former managing director at Kissinger Associates, former U.S. Ambassador, member of the International Institute of Strategic Studies; **Frank Gaffney**—founder and president of the Center for Security Policy, suspected “X Committee” member, former Assistant Secretary of Defense; **Lawrence Kadish**—real estate investor, founding chairman of the Committee for Security and Peace in the Middle East; **Walid Phares**—associate professor of political science and comparative politics, Florida Atlantic University; **Ruth Wisse**—professor of comparative literature, Harvard University; **R. James Woolsey**—CIA Director 1993-95, current member of the Defense Policy Board and leading agitator for war against Iraq; trustee of the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

Campus Watch

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Created and sponsored by Philadelphia-based Middle East Forum (MEF), Campus Watch was launched on Sept. 18, 2001, listing “dossiers” on 8 professors and 14 universities, now expanded to 21 universities. Encourages students and faculty members to provide names of Middle Eastern studies professors who criticize Israel. MEF spun off from the Foreign Policy Research Institute (FPRI), which houses some of the leading right-wing Zionist networks in the U.S. foreign policy apparatus. MEF publishes *Middle East Quarterly*, promoting Islam as an enemy image and embracing Huntington’s policy.

Daniel Pipes—director of FPRI (1986-93); director of MEF; columnist for *Jerusalem Post* and *New York Post*; member, AEI’s New Atlantic Initiative; author of a book on conspiracies that slanders Lyndon LaRouche. **Khalid Duran**—MEF editorial board member who worked with Steven Emerson to produce “Jihad in America,” for the Public Broadcasting System, promoting the idea of Islam as the enemy. **Martin Kramer**—*Middle East Quarterly* editor, Tel Aviv University. **Patrick Clawson**—director of research of the pro-Likud Washington Institute for Near East Policy.