

Soros Money Matters

by Jeffrey Steinberg

Aug. 17—The African-American community in the United States today is facing grave challenges and threats. Black unemployment, particularly youth unemployment, is the highest among all identity groups in the nation. Cities across the country are being hit with an epidemic of heroin addiction and deaths, hitting the African-American community above all others. The militarization of local police, accelerated following Sept. 11, 2001, at the initiative of then-Vice President Dick Cheney, who started the program of arming local police with surplus Pentagon equipment when he was Secretary of Defense under George H.W. Bush, has contributed to a skyrocketing number of incidents of police use of excessive force, targeted, most often, against African-American youth.

There is no question that, in many parts of the Southern United States, racism is on the rise and is compounding all of the larger social and economic crises confronting the African-American community.

Since the killing of Trayvon Martin in Florida in February 2012, a national movement has “spontaneously” emerged under the Twitter hashtag #BlackLivesMatter.

In recent months, the movement has received widespread and controversial media coverage for its disruptions of campaign events by two leading Democratic Party presidential candidates, Bernie Sanders and Martin O’Malley.

Recently the group attempted to disrupt a campaign event by Republican candidate Jeb Bush.

The group’s tactics of singling out the two most progressive Democratic challengers to Hillary Clinton, both of whom have earned Wall Street’s fury for promoting the return to Glass-Steagall bank separation, have raised questions about the group’s hidden agenda, integrity, and possible secret backers.

On Jan. 14, 2015, before the start of the presidential campaign season, the *Washington Times*’ Kelly Riddell published a fairly in-depth review of the

history—and finances—of “Black Lives Matter.” Her findings, while not surprising for those who have studied the so-called “color revolutions” in Eastern Europe, North Africa and the Middle East, were dramatic: Billionaire hedge fund speculator and fanatical drug-legalization promoter George Soros has been the biggest single financier of the protest movements that began with the Trayvon Martin killing, and escalated following the police killing of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri on Aug. 14, 2014. Soros-funded groups, including his own Open Society Foundation and Drug Policy Alliance, have poured an estimated \$33 million into the cause in recent years.

While the motives of the grass-roots protesters who have been riled up, legitimately, against police brutality and racism, are not in question here, the motives and actions of Soros, who was an early and critically important supporter of Barack Obama’s presidential quest, and who is one of the nastiest of the London-trained and sponsored ravenous speculators, can and must be put under a microscope.

The facts, as documented by Riddell and corroborated by public documents filed by the Soros front groups under IRS requirements, are clear. As Riddell described it: “There’s a solitary man at the financial center of the Ferguson protest movement. No, it’s not



Why are black activists concentrating their attacks on the most progressive Democratic candidates? Here, a protestor from #BlackLivesMatter interrupts Martin O’Malley at the Netroots Convention on July 20, 2015.

victim Michael Brown or Officer Darren Wilson. It's not even the Rev. Al Sharpton, despite his ubiquitous campaign on TV and the streets. Rather, it's liberal billionaire George Soros, who has built a business empire that dominates, across the ocean in Europe, while forging a political machine powered by nonprofit foundations that impact American politics and policy, not unlike what he did with MoveOn.org."

Riddell reported, "In all, Mr. Soros gave at least \$33 million in one year to support already-established groups that emboldened the grass-roots, on-the-ground activists in Ferguson, according to the most recent tax filings of his nonprofit Open Society Foundations."

Who Is George Soros?

Soros became a household name in 1992, when his Quantum Fund made a \$2 billion killing in just 48 hours, betting on the breakup of the European Rate Mechanism (ERM), a quasi-fixed exchange rate system, regulating currencies among the major European nations. The collapse of the ERM created the preconditions for the launching of Europe's deeply flawed Maastricht single-currency system, a system that is now in the process of disintegrating. While Soros was charged with busting the British Pound Sterling, the reality is that his breaking of the ERM was done on behalf of his patrons in the City of London and the Anglo-Dutch offshore financial havens. Like the British actions in the late 1960s, preceding the end of the Bretton Woods System, Soros' actions served British strategic interests, which were concealed by the temporary hit that the British currency experienced.¹

The goal of Maastricht, as envisioned by then-British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, French President François Mitterrand, and U.S. President George H.W. Bush, was to straight-jacket Germany in continental Western Europe, to prevent any potential future German-Russian economic "Ostpolitik" that could open the door for genuine Eurasian economic cooperation, as has recently emerged with the BRICS New Development Bank and China's "One Belt, One Road" program. Former German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, in his memoirs, acknowledged that he was politically blackmailed by the Thatcher-Mitterrand-Bush combination into accepting the single-currency swindle as a



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Billionaire George Soros, shown here at the Munich Security Conference in 2011, is the moneybags for peaceful and violent upsurges worldwide—from Ferguson, Missouri to Kiev, Ukraine.

precondition for European acceptance of German reunification.

Soros, by his own admission, developed his survival skills as a rapacious speculator, while serving in Nazi-occupied Hungary, as a teenage assistant to a Quisling government official, who confiscated Jewish properties and facilitated the extermination of Jews in the Nazi concentration camps. In interviews with PBS public television and CBS Sixty Minutes, Soros candidly acknowledged, unapologetically, his wartime experiences and how they shaped his future investment strategies.

The job of Soros' Nazi occupation-regime protector, Mr. Baumbach, by Soros' own account to PBS's Adam Smith, "was to take over Jewish properties, so I actually went with him and we took possession of these large estates. That was my identity. So it's a strange, very strange life. I was 14 years old at the time."

In a family-published autobiography, Soros' father admitted that he fretted over his son George's zealous adaptation to his role as the adopted son of a Nazi official, charged with confiscating Jewish property and sending the owners off to the death camps. George Soros, in contrast, valued the experience as a life-shaping event that taught him that, under crisis conditions, you do whatever is required to survive, regardless of the moral consequences.

Soros Assets Pour into Ferguson

George Soros has devoted his billionaire fortune to two principal causes: drug legalization and radical population reduction. His Open Society Institute has run a program on "Dying in America" for many years, and

1. 1. See EIR Special Report, "The true story of Soros the Golem: A profile of megaspeculator George Soros," April 1977.

Soros has been, for the past quarter-century, the largest single donor to the movement for total drug legalization. Soros took over the Drug Policy Foundation and launched, with his tax-exempt billions of dollars, the Drug Policy Alliance.

This author attended a Drug Policy Foundation convention several years ago, in which Soros representatives promoted the legalization of *all* drugs, including crack cocaine. During that closed-door panel, the Soros speakers lamented the lack of enthusiasm for drug legalization within the African-American community.

Drugs are such a scourge in the African-American communities across the country, that even Soros' money could not buy enough credible promoters of drug legalization to satisfy the billionaire's ambitions.

So, the Soros public relations machine developed sophisticated subterfuges to conceal the total drug legalization agenda. They launched a multi-year campaign for "medical marijuana," dodging the more controversial scheme for pot legalization, until the population had been saturated with propaganda over the virtues of marijuana as a pain reliever and appetite-enhancer for cancer patients.

Soros next launched a multi-million dollar campaign against the incarceration of far-too-many African-American youth for non-violent drug charges. It was this movement for "drug legislation reform" and "decriminalization" that perfectly intersected the Martin and Brown cases.

The Soros Octopus

Soros' flagship Open Society Foundation has spawned dozens of wholly-owned and funded front groups over the years. In the cookie-cutter recipe for "color revolutions," Soros-backed groups come together in "ad hoc alliances" on behalf of specific causes, all of which receive disproportionate volumes of mass media coverage and promotion—often, initially, through Soros-funded social media fronts.

As documented by the *Washington Times*'s Kelly



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What Soros money wrought in Ukraine: A riot scene in Kiev, February 18, 2014.

Riddell, Soros-funded groups descended on Ferguson, Missouri in droves in the wake of the Michael Brown killing.

"Buses of activists from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor Conference in Chicago; from the Drug Policy Alliance, Make the Road New York and Equal Justice USA from New York; from Sojourners, the Advancement Project and Center for Community Change in Washington; and networks from the Gamaliel Foundation—all funded in part by Mr. Soros—descended on Ferguson starting in August (2014) and later organized protests and gatherings in the city until late last month."

As recounted by Riddell, the key organization, on top of the "coalition," was the Drug Policy Alliance. The group's policy manager Cassandra Frederique, landed in Ferguson in Oct. 2014. "We recognized this movement is similar to the work we're doing at DPA. The war on drugs has always been to operationalize, institutionalize, and criminalize people of color."

Frederique functions, in effect, as a controller of the Black Lives Matter founders, including Opal Tometi, head of the Black Alliance for Just Immigration, a group that got \$100,000 from Soros in 2011, the last year for which records are available.

Another Soros-bankrolled group, Race Forward, which publishes the online newsletter Colorlines, covered the convergence on Ferguson of Soros-backed in-

surgents, and kept the Ferguson situation alive through social media reporting. Colorlines got \$200,000 from Soros in 2011 and has shamelessly promoted the #BlackLivesMatter hashtag. Other Soros-bankrolled groups that were present in force in Ferguson, included Organization for Black Struggle (OBS) and Missourians Organizing for Reform and Empowerment (MORE). All told, Soros tax-exempt funds kicked in \$5.4 million dollars for Ferguson protests alone in 2014.

Ultimately, the Ferguson protest led to the national media promotion of #BlackLivesMatter, and the formation of an all-Soros funded “coalition” called the “Hands Up Coalition,” a reference to the claim that Michael Brown had his hands up when he was shot and killed by police. OBS and MORE formed the backbone of the “Hands Up Coalition,” along with yet another Soros-bankrolled group, Dream Defenders. Hands Up Coalition launched a website and dubbed 2015 “The Year of Resistance.”

Another of the important Soros-funded groups that fed the Ferguson ferment was the Gamaliel Foundation, a nationwide network of interreligious grass roots protest groups. President Barack Obama worked for Gamaliel Foundation in Chicago at the start of his political career. In addition, the Samuel Dewitt Proctor Conference, which also flooded Ferguson with activists, lists Rev. Jeremiah Wright, President Obama’s religious advisor, on its board of trustees. The Conference received \$250,000 from Soros foundations in the last available reporting year, 2011.

The Millennial Activists United, a group that has taken the lead in social network propaganda for the Ferguson and related protests that helped launch #BlackLivesMatter as a national media phenomenon, is partnered with the Soros-backed Gamaliel Foundation and the Advancement Project, a group that received \$500,000 from Soros in 2013, according to their own website, and which is a training center for “color revolution” activists. The Advancement Project, based in Washington, D.C., arranged a face-to-face meeting between Soros’ legions of Ferguson protesters and President Barack Obama in Dec. 2014, to give the White House an inside picture of the network’s strategy for exploiting Ferguson into a nationwide movement.

In addition to Opal Tometi of the Black Alliance for Just Immigration, the other two founders of #BlackLivesMatter are Patrisse Cullors and Alicia Garza. Both come out of the Soros-funded stable of organizations. Garza, Cullors, and Tometi reportedly met while all

three were working for BOLD (Black Organizing for Leadership & Dignity). Advisory Council chairwoman Alta Starr is a fund-manager for the Ford Foundation and the New World Foundation, and an advisor to Soros’ Open Society Foundation’s Southern Initiative. She is a board member of the National Domestic Workers Alliance, an organization headed by #BlackLivesMatter founder Alicia Garza.

Patrisse Cullors, a Fullbright scholar, is director of the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights, an organization both funded by Soros and founded by Van Jones, who served in the Obama White House as the President’s Special Advisor for Green Jobs, Enterprise, and Innovation at the White House Council on Environmental Quality. In 2008, Jones launched Green for All, an effort to sell radical environmentalist schemes in the minority community. Green for All was bankrolled by the Open Society Foundation, and that funding continues to the present. Jones left the Obama White House under a cloud, and is now a senior fellow at the Soros-created and funded Center for American Progress.

‘Open System Theory’

Soros’ efforts to bankroll and employ the nexus of organizations now grouped under the #BlackLivesMatter umbrella, like his parallel efforts in Ukraine, Georgia and other nations targeted for regime-change “color revolutions,” are part of a larger effort to create social movements that can be manipulated and deployed against geo-strategic targets, usually nation-state regimes that do not adapt to the demands of the London-Wall Street financier oligarchy that Soros represents.

As early as the late 1960s, social engineers like the Tavistock Institute’s Dr. Frederick Emery wrote of the “hypnotic effects” of mass media, and the future prospects of instantly activating what he called “swarming adolescents” in “rebellious hysteria.” In 1971, as part of a UNESCO-funded Tavistock research program, Dr. Emery, along with the Wharton School’s Dr. Eric Trist, developed a concept of future mass psychological manipulation that they called “sociotechnical systems” and “Open Systems Theory.” Their objective was to conduct real-life mass social manipulations. It was a long-term scheme, which Drs. Emery and Trist summarized in an article published in Tavistock’s journal *Human Relations* under the title “Next 30 Years: Concepts, Methods and Anticipations.”

Future reports in this series will explore in-depth the larger schemes for mass social manipulation.