

Bluebloods behind Bush and Dukakis

by Joseph Brewda

That Vice President George Bush and Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis represent the same policies is not surprising, given the fact that both are funded by the same group of Wall Street and Boston Brahmin interests. The same small, incestuous group which put together the National Economic Commission and the American Agenda, and which funds the New York Council on Foreign Relations, also funds Dukakis and Bush.

The Bush campaign's fundraising efforts are directed by Nicholas Brady, chairman of the powerful investment house of Dillon, Read. Brady had chaired the presidential commission that studied the October 1987 stock market collapse, which claimed that the economy was fundamentally sound. Other top campaign organizers for Bush include, Robert Mosbacher of Mosbacher Energy in Texas; John Hennessy, chairman of Crédit Suisse White Weld; John Massey, managing director of Salomon Brothers; Louis Eisenberg, partner of Goldman, Sachs; Seymour Knox, chairman of Kidder, Peabody; Morris Zuckerman, managing director of Morgan Stanley; R. I. Ireland, partner of Brown Brothers Harriman.

Clark Randt, Hong Kong representative of the Democratic National Committee's law firm of Gibson, Dunn, Crutcher, handles Bush's fundraising in Asia. The firm is directed by lifelong DNC figure, mob lawyer Paul Ziffren. Donald Kendall, the chief executive officer of Pepsico, and the leading advocate of expanding U.S. trade with the U.S.S.R., is also an official Bush organizer.

Bush's elite family is key to his backing and fundraising. Bush is a graduate of Yale, and member of the elite, secret Skull and Bones Society; his maternal grandfather founded Brown Brothers Harriman with the late Averell Harriman. Harriman's widow, Pamela Churchill Harriman, is the patron of former DNC chairman Robert Strauss. Both are controllers of the Dukakis campaign. Together with Lazard Frères' Eugene Meyer, Brown Brothers Harriman financed Bush's Texas oil career. Meyer is the father of the *Washington Post's* Katharine Meyer Graham, who is another primary controller of the Dukakis campaign.

Bush's brother-in-law Scott Pierce is the former chairman of E.F. Hutton, and currently directs the real estate division of Prudential Life Insurance Company.

Michael Dukakis's political and financial backing is centered at the powerful Harvard Law School, and the top Boston law firms of Hale and Dorr, Hill and Barlow, and Mintz,

Levin. All of Dukakis's key advisers are based at Harvard Law School or Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. While depicting himself as a frugal man of the people and an immigrant's son, Dukakis downplays the fact that he graduated from Swarthmore College, the elite Quaker school, and Harvard Law. He is a former partner in Hill and Barlow.

Paul P. Brontas, chairman of the Dukakis campaign and of every other campaign the governor ever ran in, graduated with Dukakis in the Harvard Law School class of 1960. He is now a senior partner at Hale and Dorr and director of its corporate division. Dukakis's chief economic adviser, Harvard Prof. Lawrence Summers, is a protégé of Bush economic adviser Martin Feldstein. Summer's wife works under Brontas at Hale and Dorr. Partner Thomas Herman left the law firm last January to work on the Dukakis campaign full time.

One of the most powerful law firms in Boston, Hale and Dorr clients include: Prudential Life Insurance, W.R. Grace and Co., both of which are associated with the Bush campaign; and other powerful interests such as John Hancock insurance, A.D. Little, and most of the high-technology firms of New England.

Senior partner James St. Clair has been the longtime attorney for the leftist radical Rev. William Sloane Coffin. Coffin was a member of Skull and Bones with Bush at Yale. Both were later active in the CIA.

Hill and Barlow senior partner and hiring director Daniel Taylor is the Dukakis campaign counsel. Dukakis was a partner in the firm between 1960-64 and 1971-73. Hill and Barlow is also one of the most powerful law firms in Boston. While at the firm, Dukakis supervised the work of William F. Weld, then fresh out of Harvard Law School. Weld, who was Assistant Attorney General until last spring, was at one time considered a likely choice for Attorney General in a Bush administration. While a U.S. Attorney in Boston, Weld allowed the powerful First National Bank of Boston to evade prosecution for laundering \$2.1 billion, by imposing a minor fine. Weld is now a partner at Hale and Dorr.

Mintz, Levin is another major Boston firm that heavily backs Dukakis, financially and politically. Senior partner Francis X. Meaney had been in the same Harvard Law class as Dukakis and Brontas. He has been Dukakis's top fundraiser for several campaigns.

Mintz, Levin clients handled by Meaney include Crédit Suisse White Weld, the family firm of William Weld that is financially linked to the Bush campaign, and the First National Bank of Boston, which Weld let off the hook. Brown Brothers Harriman; Goldman, Sachs; Kidder, Peabody; and Salomon Brothers are all Mintz, Levin clients. All are also financially linked to the Bush campaign. Meaney is also the bond counsel to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, appointed by Dukakis.

Michael del Giudice, a former chief of staff to Gov. Mario Cuomo of New York and a partner in Lazard Frères, is also a top Dukakis fundraiser.

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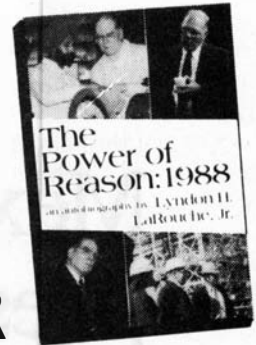
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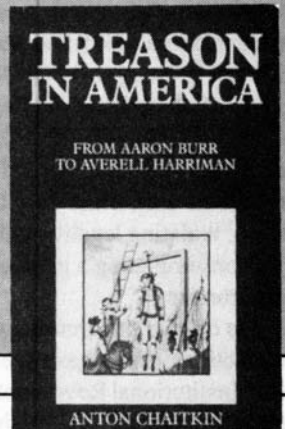
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