

# Leading Promoters of The New McCarthyism

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## **American Council of Trustees and Alumni (ACTA)**

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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

<http://www.campus-watch.org>

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.