

Bilderberg Group gathers for annual meeting in UK

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This secretive group of the world's elite are gathering to determine future trends and to solve the many problems the world faces today -- ***BUT LET'S NOT FORGET THAT IT IS PRECISELY THIS GROUP THAT CREATED ALL THE PROBLEMS THE WORLD FACES TODAY! Expect no viable solutions from PROVEN DUNCES, that is common sense.*** The best approach we could take with those attending this notorious group is to shoot the fuckin' lot of 'em before they do more harm (you think I jest?)

The famed—and much derided—Bilderberg Group is meeting this week in Britian to discuss whatever it is the world's super elite discuss at their secretive annual gatherings.

Held this year at the five star Grove Hotel near Watford, England, the 61st Bilderberg Group meeting will host some of the world's most powerful individuals—including heads of banks, fossil fuel company CEOs, former heads of state, powerful government ministers and officials, academics, and media moguls.

Among certain notable attendees, IMF Chief Christine Lagarde is attending this year's meeting as well as US Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner, (Ret.) US Army General David Petraeus, former US Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, former Nixon adviser and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, and Bush-era neoconservative titan Richard Perle.

Long shrouded in secrecy, the Bilderberg Group has long been the focus of conspiracy theorists who look on the cadre of global elites as the puppet masters of the "new world order."

As it turns out, however, the group's likely deliberations have always been rather obvious given that the power structures and policy prescriptions of the neoliberal consensus that its attendees represent are well known to the world.

This year, though they didn't fail to double down on security efforts around the meeting, Bilderberg did set up a press office and even put out a media release.

But, as is often said when it comes to the machinations of power, the largest crimes of authority are not those hidden in dark rooms, but the ones perpetrated—without apology—in plain sight.

If one is looking for the crimes of Bilderberg, the full list of this year's attendees includes the institutions, governments, and organizations represented:

Chairman: Henri de Castries, Chairman and CEO, AXA Group

- Paul M. Achleitner, Chairman of the Supervisory Board, Deutsche Bank AG
- Josef Ackermann, Chairman of the Board, Zurich Insurance Group Ltd
- Marcus Agius, Former Chairman, Barclays plc
- Helen Alexander, Chairman, UBM plc
- Roger C. Altman, Executive Chairman, Evercore Partners

- Matti Apunen, Director, Finnish Business and Policy Forum EVA
- Susan Athey, Professor of Economics, Stanford Graduate School of Business
- Asli Aydintasbas, Columnist, Milliyet Newspaper
- Ali Babacan, Turkish Deputy Prime Minister for Economic and Financial Affairs
- Ed Balls, Shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer
- Francisco Pinto Balsemão, Chairman and CEO, IMPRESA
- Nicolas Barré, Managing Editor, Les Echos
- José Manuel Barroso, President, European Commission
- Nicolas Baverez, Partner, Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP
- Olivier de Bavinchove, Commander, Eurocorps
- John Bell, Regius Professor of Medicine, University of Oxford
- Franco Bernabè, Chairman and CEO, Telecom Italia S.p.A.
- Jeff Bezos, Founder and CEO, Amazon.com
- Carl Bildt, Swedish Minister for Foreign Affairs
- Anders Borg, Swedish Minister for Finance
- Jean François van Boxmeer, CEO, Heineken
- Svein Richard Brandtzæg, President and CEO, Norsk Hydro ASA
- Oscar Bronner, Publisher, Der Standard Medienwelt
- Peter Carrington, Former Honorary Chairman, Bilderberg Meetings
- Juan Luis Cebrián, Executive Chairman, Grupo PRISA
- Edmund Clark, President and CEO, TD Bank Group
- Kenneth Clarke, Cabinet Minister
- Bjarne Corydon, Danish Minister of Finance
- Sherard Cowper-Coles, Business Development Director, International, BAE Systems plc
- Enrico Cucchiani, CEO, Intesa Sanpaolo SpA
- Etienne Davignon, Belgian Minister of State; Former Chairman, Bilderberg Meetings
- Ian Davis, Senior Partner Emeritus, McKinsey & Company
- Robbert H. Dijkgraaf, Director and Leon Levy Professor, Institute for Advanced Study
- Haluk Dinçer, President, Retail and Insurance Group, Sabanci Holding A.S.
- Robert Dudley, Group Chief Executive, BP plc
- Nicholas N. Eberstadt, Henry Wendt Chair in Political Economy, American Enterprise Institute
- Espen Barth Eide, Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs
- Börje Ekholm, President and CEO, Investor AB
- Thomas Enders, CEO, EADS
- J. Michael Evans, Vice Chairman, Goldman Sachs & Co.
- Ulrik Federspiel, Executive Vice President, Haldor Topsøe A/S
- Martin S. Feldstein, Professor of Economics, Harvard University; President Emeritus, NBER
- François Fillon, Former French Prime Minister
- Mark C. Fishman, President, Novartis Institutes for BioMedical Research
- Douglas J. Flint, Group Chairman, HSBC Holdings plc
- Paul Gallagher, Senior Counsel
- Timothy F. Geithner, Former Secretary of the Treasury
- Michael Gfoeller, US Political Consultant
- Donald E. Graham, Chairman and CEO, The Washington Post Company
- Ulrich Grillo, CEO, Grillo-Werke AG
- Lilli Gruber, Journalist - Anchorwoman, La 7 TV
- Luis de Guindos, Spanish Minister of Economy and Competitiveness
- Stuart Gulliver, Group Chief Executive, HSBC Holdings plc
- Felix Gutzwiller, Member of the Swiss Council of States
- Victor Halberstadt, Professor of Economics, Leiden University; Former Honorary Secretary General of Bilderberg Meetings

- Olli Heinonen, Senior Fellow, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School of Government
- Simon Henry, CFO, Royal Dutch Shell plc
- Paul Hermelin, Chairman and CEO, Capgemini Group
- Pablo Isla, Chairman and CEO, Inditex Group
- Kenneth M. Jacobs, Chairman and CEO, Lazard
- James A. Johnson, Chairman, Johnson Capital Partners
- Thomas J. Jordan, Chairman of the Governing Board, Swiss National Bank
- Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., Managing Director, Lazard Freres & Co. LLC
- Robert D. Kaplan, Chief Geopolitical Analyst, Stratfor
- Alex Karp, Founder and CEO, Palantir Technologies
- John Kerr, Independent Member, House of Lords
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- Klaus Kleinfeld, Chairman and CEO, Alcoa
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- Mustafa V Koç, Chairman, Koç Holding A.S.
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- John Micklethwait, Editor-in-Chief, The Economist
- Thierry de Montbrial, President, French Institute for International Relations
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- Alberto Nagel, CEO, Mediobanca
- H.R.H. Princess Beatrix of The Netherlands
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- Jorma Ollila, Chairman, Royal Dutch Shell, plc
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- George Osborne, Chancellor of the Exchequer
- Emanuele Ottolenghi, Senior Fellow, Foundation for Defense of Democracies
- Soli Özel, Senior Lecturer, Kadir Has University; Columnist, Habertürk Newspaper
- Alexis Papahelas, Executive Editor, Kathimerini Newspaper
- Safak Pavey, Turkish MP
- Valérie Pécresse, French MP
- Richard N. Perle, Resident Fellow, American Enterprise Institute
- David H. Petraeus, General, U.S. Army (Retired)
- Paulo Portas, Portugal Minister of State and Foreign Affairs
- J. Robert S Prichard, Chair, Torys LLP
- Viviane Reding, Vice President and Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship,

European Commission

- Heather M. Reisman, CEO, Indigo Books & Music Inc.
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- Jacek Rostowski, Minister of Finance and Deputy Prime Minister
- Robert E. Rubin, Co-Chairman, Council on Foreign Relations; Former Secretary of the Treasury
- Mark Rutte, Dutch Prime Minister
- Andreas Schieder, Austrian State Secretary of Finance
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- Martin Taylor, Former Chairman, Syngenta AG
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- Peter A. Thiel, President, Thiel Capital
- Craig B. Thompson, President and CEO, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center
- Jakob Haldor Topsøe, Partner, AMBROX Capital A/S
- Jutta Urpilainen, Finnish Minister of Finance
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- Martin H. Wolf, Chief Economics Commentator, The Financial Times
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