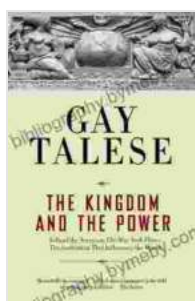


# The Institution That Influences The World: Unveiling the Secrets of Global Power

In a world of interconnectedness and globalization, the role of institutions has become increasingly significant. Among these institutions, one stands out as the most influential, yet often misunderstood and shrouded in secrecy: the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR).



## The Kingdom and the Power: Behind the Scenes at The New York Times: The Institution That Influences the World by Gay Talese

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The CFR is a private, non-profit organization founded in 1921 by a group of influential Americans, including financiers, academics, and politicians. Its stated mission is to "promote the study of international relations and to encourage discussion and debate on foreign policy issues." However, critics argue that the CFR is much more than a mere think tank; they believe it is a powerful elite organization that exerts undue influence on U.S. foreign policy.

The CFR's membership is exclusive and by invitation only. Its members come from various sectors of society, including government, business, academia, and the media. According to the CFR's website, its members are "leaders in their respective fields, and they bring a wide range of perspectives to the CFR's work."

The CFR's activities include hosting conferences, publishing reports, and organizing study groups. It also maintains a presence in Washington, D.C., where it interacts with policymakers and government officials. Critics argue that the CFR's close ties to the government and its influence on foreign policy are a threat to democracy.

One of the most controversial aspects of the CFR is its secrecy. The CFR does not disclose its membership list, and its meetings are closed to the public. This lack of transparency has led to accusations that the CFR is a "shadow government" that operates beyond the reach of public scrutiny.

Despite the controversy, the CFR remains a powerful and influential organization. Its members have played key roles in shaping U.S. foreign policy for decades. For example, CFR members were instrumental in the development of the Marshall Plan, the Truman Doctrine, and the Cold War containment policy.

The CFR continues to play a role in contemporary foreign policy debates. Its members have been involved in discussions on issues such as the war in Iraq, the rise of China, and the future of the transatlantic alliance.

Whether you believe the CFR is a force for good or evil, there is no doubt that it is an important institution that influences the world. If you are

interested in learning more about the CFR, I encourage you to read the book "The Institution That Influences The World" by Stephen D. Krasner.

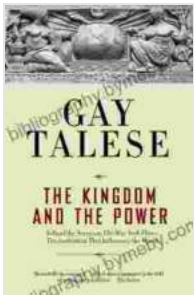
Krasner's book provides a comprehensive overview of the CFR's history, membership, and activities. He argues that the CFR is a "public-private partnership" that plays a vital role in shaping U.S. foreign policy. Krasner also addresses the controversy surrounding the CFR, arguing that it is a "transparent and accountable" organization.

Whether you agree with Krasner's assessment or not, "The Institution That Influences The World" is a must-read for anyone who wants to understand the role of institutions in global affairs.

### **Further Reading**

- The Council on Foreign Relations
- The Institution That Influences The World: Globalization and the Council on Foreign Relations by Stephen D. Krasner
- CFR Members Are Steering the World by Richard N. Haass
- The Shadow Government: The Council on Foreign Relations by John Coleman

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