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A TPP REDUX?

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The newly negotiated NAFTA replacement is strikingly similar to the sovereignty-destroying TPP, according to former Obama trade officials.

by Christian Gomez

Heralded as a "big win" for President Trump, the newly negotiated NAFTA replacement, the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA), appears to have all the earmarks of Obama-era trade agreements, with former Obama officials seeing stark similarities.

"Throughout the campaign I promised to renegotiate NAFTA, and today we have kept that promise," Trump said from the Rose Garden on October 1, 2018, as he spoke about the "incredible new U.S.-Mexico-Canada agreement called USMCA."

Unbeknownst to most of Trump's base and strongest supporters is that much of the USMCA's text is virtually identical to that of President Obama's Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) — a "free trade" agree-

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Same faces: At the Rose Garden, President Trump heralds the newly revised NAFTA (renamed USMCA) as a "big win," while behind him stand many of the same State Department career service diplomats and USTR negotiators who also worked on Obama's Trans-Pacific Partnership.

ment negotiated among 12 Pacific Rim nations (Australia, Brunei, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore, the United States, and Vietnam) and at the time representing 40 percent of the world's GDP.

During the 2016 presidential elections, Trump staunchly opposed TPP, making it the centerpiece of his belief in "Americanism, not globalism." Yet now, much in the same manner that NAFTA was a beachhead for globalism, the USMCA does not disappoint globalists.

It's important to remember that Trump did not personally negotiate the USMCA, nor did he pen any portions of the document. Trump's lead NAFTA/USMCA negotiator was U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) Robert Lighthizer, who's been a longtime member of the globalist, one-world-government-building Council on Foreign Relations, and who previously applauded the Obama administration's TPP agreement. In addition to Lighthizer, another of Trump's negotiators was his son-in-law Jared Kushner, who has had business ties with the Deep State, including Goldman Sachs and George Soros.

In addition to Lighthizer and Kushner, many of the negotiators working within both the State Department and USTR office are career diplomats and employees, having also worked in the Obama administration.

According to the online Huffington Post, "At least half of the men and women standing behind Trump during his Rose Garden ceremony praising the new deal were the same career service staff who negotiated nearly identical provisions in TPP, which Trump had railed against."

Trevor Kincaid, the USTR spokesman for the Obama administration, told the Post that it's the same USTR team that worked under Obama. "Ironically, he called them horrible negotiators when running for office," Kincaid said, later adding, "It's really the same with a new name. It's basically the '22 Jump Street' of trade deals."

"New" NAFTA or Copycat TPP?

Appearing on CNBC's *Squawk Box*, former U.S. Ambassador to Canada Bruce Heyman praised the USMCA. "It's obviously welcome news. This is welcome news for North America; it's welcome news for the markets obviously this morning," Heyman said.

Heyman — a Democrat, former Goldman Sachs vice president, and board member for the pro-one-world-government Chicago Council on Global Affairs — was appointed U.S. ambassador to Canada by President Obama in 2013. Upon his Senate confirmation in 2014, Heyman served in that capacity for the duration of Obama's term.

The night the text of USMCA was released on the USTR website, Heyman reviewed various portions and chapters of the agreement, only to discover that they were identical to those in the TPP. Ironically, Trump has repeatedly lambasted the TPP as the worst trade deal ever negotiated. "[From] some of the reads I got over night, two-thirds of this agreement is essentially going back to TPP," Heyman explained. "All they did was take so much of the language of TPP and implement it here, as it pertains to Canada."

Speaking on the same program, Fordham Law Professor Matthew Gold elaborated how Trump's "big win" in regard to the USMCA/NAFTA renegotiations with Canada comes directly from the TPP. "He got a large number of small updates most of which were in the TPP agreement, which he pulled out of. He got us back to a small increased access in the Canadian dairy market, almost all of which was in the TPP," Gold said.

The TPP was rejected because the ends didn't justify the means; in the case of the USMCA, they are being celebrated.

And Gold should know the details of the TPP. He served in the Obama administration as a leading figure on North American affairs and was involved in the TPP negotiations, according to his bio:

> Professor Gold previously held an appointment within the Executive Office of the President as the Deputy Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for North America, in which he was the United States' lead negotiator and policy advisor focused on North American trade. In that capacity, he was a trade advisor to the President for the North American Leaders Summit, and ... was a participant in the talks that brought Canada and Mexico into the Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations.

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For example, just how the TPP's Chapter 27 — entitled "Administrative and Institutional Provisions" — establishes and outlines the functions for a TPP Commission, USMCA's Chapter 30 — likewise entitled "Administrative and Institutional Provisions" — also establishes a "Free Trade Commission," with extensively broad powers. Like the TPP Commission, the USMCA's Free Trade Commission can also "consider proposals to amend or modify" the agreement.

The USMCA Free Trade Commission, again like the TPP Commission, would be comprised of ministerial or senior-level officials from all three governments. And it would likewise oversee and direct a vast bureaucracy of subordinate committees (each related to a particular chapter of the USMCA), which the commission could merge or dissolve "in order to improve the functioning" of the agreement. The Committee on Competitiveness, or the North American Competitiveness Committee as it is also called, established in Chapter 26 of the USMCA, is intended for "promoting further economic integration among [all three countries]."

The USMCA also establishes a brand-new Environment Committee — subordinate to the Free Trade Commission — in order to achieve the United Nations Agenda 21 objective of "sustainable development." In virtually the exact same wording as the TPP's Article 20.13 on "Trade and Biodiversity," the USMCA's Article 24.15 on "Trade and Biodiversity" states: "The Parties recognize the importance of conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity, as well as the ecosystem services it provides, and their key role in achieving sustainable development."

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Identical wording from the TPP is found all throughout the USMCA agreement. In fact, according to *Roll Call*, USTR Lighthizer admittedly said that the USMCA is "built on" many aspects of the TPP.

USMCA: Basis for a New TPP?

Instead of calling it the USMCA, the new agreement could have easily been called the "TPP group of three" (TPP-3), with the United States, Mexico, and Canada as the three. In fact, Jared Bernstein, former Vice President Joe Biden's top economic advisor, told the Huffington Post, "It's not the slightest bit credible to argue that NAFTA or TPP were massive disasters but that USMCA is perfection."

Following the release of the USMCA, Richard N. Haass, president of the Council on Foreign Relations, tweeted his praise for the agreement and told about his aspirations for it: that it would be the basis for future U.S. participation in the TPP. "The USMCA looks to be the trade pact formerly known as NAFTA plus 10-20%. Hope it becomes a precedent for TPP. I suggest the US-Pacific Trade Agreement (USPTA)," Haass said on Twitter, adding, "What matters is that the US joins it; doing so would bolster our strategic position vis-a-vis China and our economy."

The next day, Haass again took to Twitter, where he reiterated his renewed hope of the United States rejoining TPP. Haass tweeted:

> USMCA is NAFTA plus TPP plus a few tweaks. Whatever ... if @realDonaldTrump and the Congress are now prepared to embrace a pro-trade agenda, it is all to the good. Ideally, US participation in TPP by another name would be next; failing that, a US-Japan FTA would be second best.

The only major differences between the TPP and the USMCA are its geographic scope and accession chapter. Unlike the TPP, which allowed for the accession of

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Look out when globalists gloat: Richard N. Haass, president of the pro-world-government Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), tweets his glowing approval for the USMCA, hoping that it will lead to the United States re-entering the TPP.

new member countries — requiring only the approval of the TPP Commission, rather than the governments of each country deciding — the USMCA does not appear to include a provision for adding new members to the agreement.

However, considering how much of its text is taken straight out of the TPP and how both Mexico and Canada are TPP members, the USMCA may serve as the basis for the United States rejoining the TPP or, at the very least, as a potential backdoor for U.S. entry into the Pacific Rim agreement that Trump withdrew from.

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Why him? Robert Lighthizer, a globalist, is the U.S. trade representative and chief negotiator of the new USMCA, which he touts as a model for proposed "bilateral free trade agreements" with the European Union, United Kingdom, Japan, and Communist Vietnam, among others.

Backdoor Entry to TPP

Moving beyond NAFTA and the USMCA, on October 16, 2018, Lighthizer notified Congress of the Trump administration's intent to negotiate three new trade agreements, with Japan, the European Union, and the United Kingdom. Lighthizer also wants to negotiate new bilateral free-trade agreements with Colombia, the Philippines, Vietnam, and additional countries in sub-Saharan Africa.

Both Japan and Vietnam are also in the TPP (renamed the CPTPP, for Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership), with Japan having ratified it on July 6, 2018. The United States already has a Trade and Investment Framework Agreement (TIFA) with Vietnam. According to BusinessDictionary.com, TIFA is a "trade pact between countries that seeks to develop the necessary structures or frameworks, such as committees and trade councils, that will move the trading countries closer to a free trade agreement."

At present, the United States has "free trade agreements" with the following CPTPP signatory countries: Australia, Canada (NAFTA), Chile, Mexico (NAFTA), Peru, and Singapore. And the United States has TIFAs with the following CPTPP signatory countries: Brunei, Malaysia, New Zealand, and Vietnam. This accounts for all 11 CPTPP countries.

The United States also has a trade promotion agreement with Colombia, which reportedly "tops a list of Latin American deals the Trump administration plans to reopen," according to *Inside Trade*. On October 2, 2017, Lighthizer said that once the "NAFTA problem" is resolved, the United States would be able to shift its focus to modernizing its trade agreements with countries in Central and South America, such as Colombia.

The path through the back door to entering the TPP is clear: Globalists on Trump's trade team will create new trade pacts that have the same features as the TPP — agreements with countries that are already in the TPP — and, assuming Trump is earnest about being against globalism, deceive Trump as to the contents of the agreements, letting Trump sell the pacts to his followers. The end result is our participation in the TPP in everything but name.

As of November 1, 2018, the following six countries have deposited their instrument of ratification for the CPTPP: Mexico, Japan, Singapore, New Zealand, Canada, and Australia. As the sixth country, Australia's ratification on October 31, 2018, "triggers the 60-day countdown to entry into force of the Agreement and the first round of tariff cuts," according to New Zealand Trade Minister David Parker.

The globalist web widens from there. Colombia formally requested to join the CPTPP. In August 2018, South Korea, with whom the United States also has a free trade agreement (KORUS, the Korea-United States Free Trade Agreement), announced its decision to join the CPTPP. On July 19, 2018, negotiators from the 11 CPTPP countries agreed to start accession talks for new members in 2019, when the agreement is scheduled to go into effect.

Despite President Trump's executive action to pull out of the TPP, his trade representative Robert Lighthizer appears to be rebuilding U.S. participation in the TPP piecemeal.

Lighthizer and his team of Obama-era negotiators and career diplomats within the USTR office and State Department are making it easy for a future president, who belongs to the Deep State, to officially and seamlessly rejoin the United States back into the greater Pacific Rim TPP trade order, and further subsume American sovereignty in the process.

Let us take globalist CFR President Richard Haass at his word when he describes the USMCA as NAFTA plus the TPP, with an additional 10 to 20 percent, and let's stay out of it. ■

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If you want to trust, verify: U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer, a veteran CFR member, played a crucial role in developing the newly negotiated NAFTA, renamed the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA).

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE USMCA?

The USMCA — the NAFTA replacement — represents the next globalist step toward the economic integration of the United States, Mexico, and Canada into an EU-style North American Union.

by Christian Gomez

By making "Americanism, not globalism" the centerpiece of his 2016 presidential campaign, Donald Trump unexpectedly won the presidency, sending shockwaves throughout the United States and cold chills through the globalist elitists who comprise the Deep State. Trump's election highlighted the American people's rejection of globalist "integration" schemes, such as President Barack Obama's Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), which the Democratic presidential nominee, Hillary Clinton, helped to negotiate in her capacity as secretary of state during Obama's first term.

To the Deep State, however, the election of Donald Trump represented a threat to their aspirations for a "new world order," or "world order 2.0," as Richard N. Haass, president of the pro-world-government Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), fondly calls it in his book *A World in Disarray*.

Globalists' fears were shortly justified when three days after his inauguration, President Trump issued a memorandum directing the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) to withdraw the United States as a signatory to the TPP and "to permanently withdraw the United States from TPP negotiations." Understandably, in light of Trump keeping his campaign promise on this topic, the Deep State became anxious at Trump's repeated threats to pull out of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) amid the renegotiation talks with Mexico and Canada.

Unfortunately, with the NAFTA trade talks concluded, those with a propensity for reading trade pacts have found it is the American people who should be concerned with the renegotiated NAFTA — renamed the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). Building on the previous North American Free Trade Agreement, the USMCA represents the next globalist step toward the economic integration of the United States, Mexico, and Canada into a European Union-style arrangement, or North American Union. The USMCA "ends" or "kills" NAFTA only in the sense of pushing *forward* toward more globalist integration, rather than away from it toward a policy of national sovereignty. In other words, it leaves step one of regional integration because it takes us to step two.

The USMCA is being championed as a "better deal" by President Trump, and if Americans don't show their disapproval, the Deep State may ride the Trump train to congressional approval for the USMCA and derail American sovereignty in the process. Both President Trump and USTR Robert Lighthizer, a veteran CFR member, have touted the USMCA as a model of all future trade agreements, underscoring its importance.

While it is possible that Congress could vote on the USMCA in the lame-duck session, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has stated otherwise, indicating that the incoming 116th Congress will address it in 2019. "That will be a next-year issue because the process we have to go through doesn't allow that to come up before the end of this year," McConnell said on Bloomberg Television on October 16, 2018.

After less than two years of negotiations, the USMCA was released early on October 1, 2018 on the USTR website for the public to read. It runs for 1,809 pages — 1,572 pages for the treaty chapters, 214 pages for additional annexes, and 23 pages of side letters. Obviously, the mammoth size of the agreement should set off alarm bells that much more is involved than "free trade," which should mean the absence of government intervention.

Of course, President Trump does not see it that way — at least not yet. "This is a terrific deal, for all of us," he announced later that morning from the Rose Garden. "Once approved by Congress, this new deal will be the most modern, up-to-date, and balanced trade agreement in the history of our country, with the most advanced protections for workers ever developed." Taking the president's

words at face value, one might think that NAFTA is dead and that the USMCA is a huge win for America that will safeguard its national sovereignty. Unfortunately, his rhetoric belies the reality. The pact is even worse than NAFTA regarding undermining American sovereignty and self-determination, in favor of North American integration extending beyond trade to include labor and environmental policies. It is, in fact, so bad that the globalists who had lambasted Trump for renegotiating NAFTA praised him afterward. (See the article on page 1.)

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"A Very Progressive Trade Agreement"

A top-ranking member of Canada's socialist government, Canada's Foreign Affairs Minister Chrystia Freeland, touted the USMCA as "a very progressive trade agreement," which, according to the Canadian Press news agency, was "aimed at ensuring the benefits of trade-fuelled economic growth are more equitably shared among citizens in the three countries." The agreement is "very progressive," according to Freeland, and is intended to equally redistribute the wealth it generates among the citizens of all three countries — as if the United States hasn't already provided enough incentives under NAFTA for companies to move to our neighbors.

Similarly, Democratic lawmakers in the U.S. Congress have also heaped adulations on the agreement. Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer — Freedom Index score of 15 percent — congratulated the president, saying that Trump "deserved praise" for his efforts to "improve" NAFTA. "As someone who voted against NAFTA and opposed it for many years, I knew it needed fixing. The president deserves praise for taking large steps to improve it," Schumer said. He added that his final support for the USMCA would largely depend on dairy and labor provisions. "Labor provisions are good, but too often they are written into trade bills and never enforced," Schumer said. "If a final agreement is signed by all three countries, I also look forward to working with my colleagues in Congress to write 'implementing legislation' to ensure the deal actually achieves these goals," he said.

Likewise, Representative Rosa DeLauro (D-Conn.) said, "The final deal must remove the current outsourcing incentives, raise wages for American workers, and include strong labor and environmental standards with swift and certain enforcement mechanisms for Democrats to approve it."

She wants a lot and to do little: If the USMCA is the vehicle to implement these changes, Congress is unconstitutionally delegating its powers to foreigners.

She further praised Lighthizer for his work on those areas, saying, "I appreciate United States Trade Representative Lighthizer's sustained efforts to address some of these concerns throughout this renegotiation." After examining how "very progressive" the new USMCA is, as Freeland touted, Democrats like Schumer and DeLauro will not be disappointed.

Among some of the new chapters included in the USMCA that were not in the original 1994 NAFTA are chapters on labor and the environment. The USMCA's Chapter 23 on "Labor" subordinates the United States to the International Labor Organization (ILO), affirming all three countries' commitment to the ILO's *Declaration on Fundamental Principles and Rights at Work* (1998) and *Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization* (2008).

Article 23.3 of the USMCA's Chapter 23 obligates each country to "adopt and maintain in its statutes and regulations, ... the effective recognition of the right to collective bargaining." It is unclear how such provisions could conflict with states that have "right-to-work laws," potentially opening the door to their abolition or repeal either through the USMCA's implementation legislation or a future decision from a USMCA dispute resolution panel.

International regimes have already sought to overturn U.S. domestic laws in the name of "free trade." In 2008, when Congress amended the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 to require meat products such as beef and pork sold in the United States to have country of origin labels (COOL), Canada claimed the law violated WTO (World Trade Organization) rules. As a result, Canada and other countries, including Mexico, took the United States to arbitration under a WTO Dispute

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What's to like? Canada's Foreign Affairs Minister Chrystia Freeland touted the USMCA as a "very progressive trade agreement," in reference to the agreement's strong labor, environmental, and gender-identity provisions.

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Settlement Body (DSB). The WTO DSB ruled in favor of Canada and Mexico stating that they could retaliate by imposing over $1 billion in tariffs on U.S. products unless the United States repealed the law. On June 10, 2015, the Republican-dominated House of Representatives voted 300 to 131 in favor of repealing COOL, in compliance with the WTO DSB's decision. COOL's repeal was also included in the $1.4 trillion omnibus-spending bill passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama in December 2015.

In the interest of "freeing world trade," a supranational tribunal of the WTO ruled against the freedoms and rights of every American to make an informed decision about where the beef, pork, or chicken products they wish to purchase and eat come from. In light of the USMCA's strong labor provisions in favor of the "right to collective bargaining," who's to say that the same could not happen to U.S. right-to-work laws?

Sujata Dey, a trade campaigner for the Council of Canadians, said the USMCA's labor provisions are "better than the original NAFTA," despite what she described as their lack of "enough teeth to really fight against the globalizing impulses which are bringing wages down and bringing in more inequality." Such "teeth" could be added in the form of Congress' USMCA implementation legislation. In the case of the auto industry, at least 40 percent of automobiles made in North America will have to be made by workers earning a minimum of $16 per hour, which is significantly higher than the current average wages for autoworkers in Mexico. The original 1994 NAFTA did not contain such wage provisions. While such wage requirements for traditionally low-wage paying countries such as Mexico might seem good for Americans, these wage regulations set a bad precedent. For example, this opens the door for the creation of transnational wage regulations — a power that even the U.S. Congress should not be exercising and does not possess under the U.S. Constitution.

Although the USMCA does not include a separate chapter on gender-related issues, as was originally outlined among Canada's goals, such language is sprinkled throughout the labor chapter, further advancing the LGBTQ agenda. For example, under "Sex-Based Discrimination in the Workplace," in the USMCA's labor chapter, all three countries are required to promote and "implement policies" protecting "gender identity." And under Article 23.12, all three countries agree to cooperate on "addressing gender-related issues in the field of labor and employment," as well as on "addressing the opportunities of a diverse workforce, including: … promotion of equality and elimination of employment discrimination in the areas of age, disability, race, ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, *gender identity* … and protection of *migrant workers*." (Emphasis added.) In other words, if a man applies for a job and goes to the interview dressed as a woman with a demand to be addressed as if he were a lady and demonstrates even the mildest aptitude to do the job, the employer would be required to hire that individual or risk a lawsuit. Unfortunately the same protections are seldom applied to victims of "Christophobic," or anti-Christian, discrimination.

Migration Roadmap

Chapter 23 of the USMCA could also serve as a beachhead for a cross-border migration invasion similar to that experienced in the European Union. In language that is virtually identical to that found in the TPP, Article 17.5 of Chapter 17 of the USMCA states: "No party shall adopt or maintain … a measure that … imposes a limitation on … the total number of natural persons that may be employed in a particular financial service sector or that a financial institution or cross-border service supplier may employ … in the form of numerical quotas or the requirement of an economic needs test." This opens the door for Mexico and its incoming radical socialist government or for a Mexican, a Canadian, or even a U.S.-based company to sue the U.S. government for restricting the number of employees that such a company would want to bring across the

Schumer sides with Trump? In a rare display of bipartisan support, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer (D-N.Y.) praised President Trump over the new USMCA, signaling possible support from Democratic lawmakers in the incoming 116th Congress in 2019.

border into the United States. As well, provisions from USMCA's Chapters 17 and 23 have the potential to undermine President Trump's border security measures and further open our nation's borders. Article 23.8 on "Migrant Workers" requires each country to "ensure that migrant workers are protected under its labor laws, whether they are nationals or *non-nationals*" of the country they are residing in. (Emphasis added.)

Such provisions could also further serve to help Democratic lawmakers retain President Obama's unconstitutional executive action for Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, commonly known as DACA. In fact, any adjudication on this matter could very well fall under the judicial jurisdiction of a USMCA bi-national panel for dispute resolution, rather than under the legal control of the United States.

Globalists are counting on Americans not reading it: The full text of the USMCA was released and posted on the USTR website, where the public can read it, on October 1, 2018.

Nascent North American Union

The USMCA also contains language that will undoubtedly be exploited to merge the three countries into a regional economic union, much like the EU — language that non-globalist Republicans fought against in the past. In June 2015, then-Senator Jeff Sessions (R-Ala.) exposed how buried within the still-secretive Trans-Pacific Partnership's more than 5,500 pages was language for creating an entity similar in makeup to what he described as a "nascent European Union" — he was referring to the TPP Commission. He said, speaking from the Senate floor: "Even more significant to me is that it [the TPP agreement] creates something that is a non-trading entity, a commission, a transPacific international commission." He explained: "This commission will meet regularly. It will be … entitled to make the TPP say different things, eliminate provisions it does not like, and add provisions it does like. In fact, the commission is required to meet regularly and to hear advice for changes from outside groups and from inside committees of the commission so that they can update the situation to change circumstances."

Delving deeper, Sessions further elaborated, "It says it is designed to promote the international movement of people, services, and products — basically the same language used to start the European Union."

Everything Sessions said about the TPP could also accurately be said about the USMCA. Chapter 30 of the USMCA establishes the creation of a "Free Trade Commission," which is broader in scope and power than the original 1994 NAFTA Free Trade Commission. According to Article 30.2, the USMCA reads, "The Commission shall":

> (a) consider matters relating to the implementation or operation of this Agreement;
> (b) consider proposals to amend or modify this Agreement;
> (c) supervise the work of committees, working groups, and other subsidiary bodies established under this Agreement;
> (d) consider ways to further enhance trade and investment between the Parties;
> (e) adopt and update the Rules of Procedure and Code of conduct; and
> (f) review the roster established under Article 31.8 (Roster and Qualifications of Panelists) every three years and, when appropriate, constitute a new roster.

In other words, the USMCA's Free Trade Commission can make changes to the agreement itself, implement changes to the agreement, change the rules by which it operates, approve who serves on its lower subordinate committees, and oversee the work of those committees like an international bureaucracy or government — all without the consent or approval of Congress. The Free Trade Commission will also oversee committees on Agricultural Trade, Rules of Origin and Origin Procedures, Textile and Apparel Trade Matters, Customs and Trade Facilitation, Technical Barriers to Trade, Government Procurement, Transportation Services, Financial Services, Telecommunications, Intellectual Property Rights, State-Owned Enterprises and Designated Monopolies, the Environment, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Issues, North American Competitiveness, Good Regulatory Practices, and Private Commercial Disputes.

The committees will meet regularly or on an annual basis, depending on the committee, and like the Free Trade Commission, unelected government representatives from each of the three countries will comprise them.

Committees can propose changes or revisions to the chapter in the agreement that corresponds to their area. All of the committees' work, discussions, findings, and recommendations are to be submitted to the Free Trade Commission for further consideration. And much like the TPP Commission, the Free Trade Commission can make changes to the agreement without the consent of Congress. In fact, the agreement completely undermines Congress' constitutional Article I, Section 8 power to regulate trade with foreign nations, such as Mexico and Canada, and to impose tariffs on them should the need arise, as in the case of national security.

Tariffs to remedy problems would be out of U.S. hands. Steel and aluminum tariffs

for national security such as those imposed by President Trump on Canada and the European Union are not permitted by individual EU member-states, states that are bound together by a regional entity similar to one that the USMCA would create to bind America. One of the purported aims of the EU was to avert another world war on the continent by making all of its member countries economically interdependent, meaning that even Germany's and France's national security is intertwined with that of the other EU member nations. The thought is that no single country in the EU should be able to be economically and, in turn, militarily self-sufficient, lest it become a threat to its neighboring countries and the continent as a whole. However, the very ideology hoisted to prevent the rise of another Nazi Germany may also prevent a European country from being able to defend itself from such a threat in the future.

Rather than preventing another Nazi Germany from arising, power is concentrated at the EU level. The same arguments in favor of the EU also work in reverse against the collective body. Furthermore, at the EU level, regulations have a direct and immediate effect on EU member states, and EU directives, which are a bit broader than regulations, set EU objectives, which the member countries are then expected to translate into new national legislation.

Individual European nations sacrifice or "trade" their individual autonomy and security — in turn sacrificing the freedoms of their citizens — to be part of a supposedly stronger whole. However, if one country chooses to leave the group, the other countries oppose it and try to stop it, as was the case with Brexit. Hence why membership in such transnational economic (and eventually political) unions is unquestionably more detrimental than beneficial.

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***Mi casa, su casa*:** Chapters 17 and 23 of the USMCA potentially open borders of the United States to the migration of foreign nationals, and provide legal protection for illegal aliens employed in the United States.

Toward Global Union

Though there are often short-term economic advantages of "free trade agreements," such as the USMCA's new access to the Canadian dairy market allowing U.S. farmers to sell their cheese and milk products to Canadian retailers and consumers, the pluses pale in comparison to the long-term cost and consequences of losing national sovereignty — sovereignty lost to unelected and unaccountable transnational and global governing bodies that are far removed from the influence of the nation's people.

In fact, a North American Competitiveness Committee is to be established with "a view to promoting further *economic integration* among the Parties" (i.e., the United States, Mexico, and Canada) and "enhancing the competitiveness of *North American exports*." (Emphasis added.) It reads as though the purpose is to make the North American bloc competitive with other trade blocs such as the EU, ASEAN, and Eurasian Economic Union, but of course, this is simply a ploy by the Deep State to abolish the modern international system of sovereign nation-states to, in turn, replace it with a transitional world order composed of interdependent transnational unions, with the view of further global integration toward a socialistic one-world economic union. (See article on page 13.)

Entities such as the EU are dictatorial, with the executives in charge put in place by the world's wealthiest, most influential people — hardly a situation that bodes well for individual rights and freedoms, or, as leftists claim to want, "democracy."

Today the EU sees itself as a "post national" entity: It has its own flag, capital in Brussels, passports, foreign and diplomatic service, anthem ("Ode to Joy"), currency (the euro), central bank, supreme court (in the form of the European Court of Justice — ECJ), parliament, president, executive branch (the EU Commission, which elects the president), and constitution (the Lisbon Treaty). Despite what it may say, the EU possesses all the hallmarks of a nation state, but at a larger level, transcending the nation-states that make it up.

In the case of Britain, most of its laws come from or have been influenced by the decisions of the EU. According to a research study conducted by Business for Britain, "Between 1993 and 2014, 64.7 per cent of UK law can be deemed to be EU-influenced. EU regulations accounted for 59.3 per cent of all UK law. UK laws implementing EU directives accounted for 5.4 per cent of total laws in force in UK," the report stated. Further elaborating, "This body of legislation consists of 49,699 exclusively 'EU' regulations, 4,532 UK measures which implement EU directives and 29,573 UK only laws." British MEP (Member of the European Parliament) and leader of the pro-sovereignty United Kingdom Independence Party (UKIP) Nigel Farage has repeatedly stated that "75 percent of our laws are made in Brussels," the capital of the European Union. Regardless of the merits (or lack thereof) of these laws, it should be Britons through their representatives in Parliament that make their nation's laws, not a collection of foreign bureaucrats across the English Channel.

Britain's recent Brexit vote to withdraw membership from the EU should serve as a wake-up call for Americans, as the U.S. government proposes entering into a similar transnational union. As the case of the EU shows us, America's fight against globalism must be won before our globalist politicians cede away too much of our power.

The major steps in creating the EU were not met without resistance and reservation. In 1992, when Denmark rejected the Maastricht Treaty, that was not the end of Denmark's membership in the union. Denmark was forced to continue voting on it until the result was a "yes." At the time, German Chancellor Helmut Kohl told the Danes: "You are just a little people. You cannot dam the Rhine." The same happened in Ireland. The Irish people rejecting the Treaty of Nice in 2001 following a national referendum. A second referendum was held a year later, which approved the treaty. The second vote was quickly accepted as final. To the EU's ruling Deep State elite, it does not matter that the citizens of the countries in the European Union repeatedly vote against their country's continued participation in the Euro-state project, the EU will force it on them.

The new USMCA's Free Trade Commission fits the criteria of James Madison's definition of "tyranny": Writing in *The Federalist*, No. 47, Founding Father James Madison stated, "The accumulation of all powers, legislative, executive, and judiciary, in the same hands, whether of one, a few, or many, and whether hereditary, selfappointed, or elective, may justly be pronounced the very definition of tyranny." The USMCA underscores the urgent need not only to get out of the original NAFTA but to likewise reject the USMCA and all other so-called trade agreements that erode American sovereignty through the establishment of transnational executive commissions and that subordinate the United States to international regimes such as the United Nations, World Trade Organization, and ILO.

¡Viva México!

A chapter in the USMCA puts emphasis on powers that America and Canada will give up, by highlighting powers reserved to Mexico. Chapter 8, entitled "Recognition of the Mexican State's Direct, Inalienable, and Imprescriptible Ownership of Hydrocarbons," simply states that "the United States and Canada recognize that":

> (a) Mexico reserves its sovereign right to reform its Constitution and its domestic legislation; and
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> (b) The Mexican State has the direct, inalienable and imprescriptible ownership of all hydrocarbons in the subsoil of the national territory, including the continental shelf and the exclusive economic zone located outside the territorial sea and adjacent thereto, in strata or deposits, regardless of their physical conditions pursuant to Mexico's Constitution.

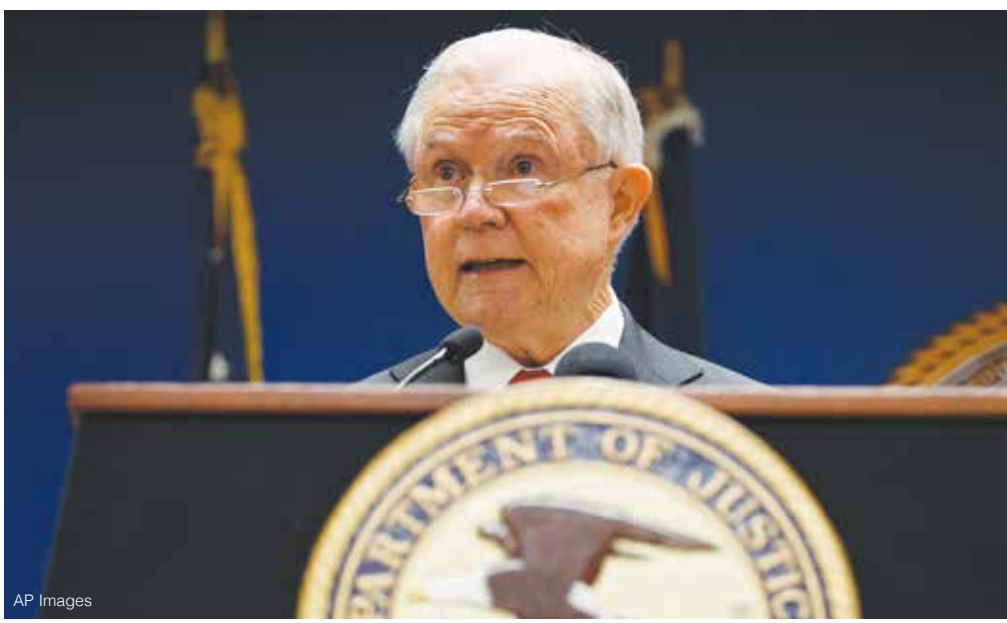
That is great news for Mexico, particularly its political and energy sovereignty; however, no such chapter affirms the same recognition for the United States, or Canada's sovereignty. In fact, Mexico's constitution is the only constitution that any part of the USMCA affirms to be "pursuant to."

Unlike the U.S. Constitution, the Mexican constitution gives its nation's federal government power to regulate whole sectors of its economy: "hydrocarbons, mining, chemical substances, explosives, pyrotechnics, movie industry, commerce, bets, draw and raffles, intermediation and financial services, electrical and nuclear energy." In the United States, the U.S. government has taken charge of many of these areas, especially energy, despite not being granted powers in those areas by the Constitution, and these sectors will likely be controlled by the Free Trade Commission through its subcommittees covering the Environment, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises Issues, North American Competitiveness, Good Regulatory Practices, and Private Commercial Disputes.

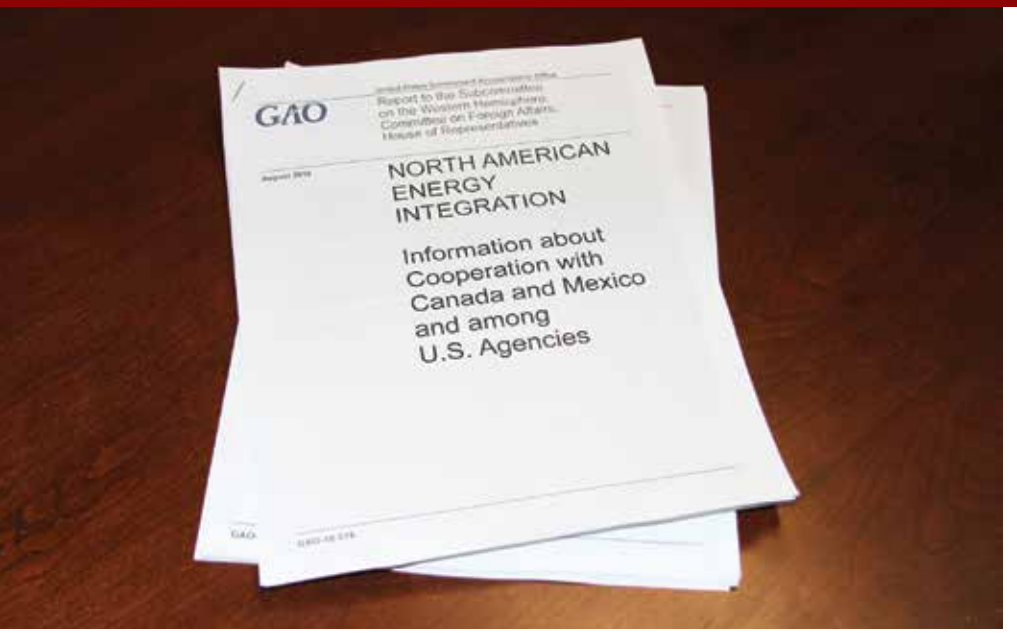
Energy Integration or Sovereignty?

In the area of energy, the three countries are already merging. The U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) released an eye-opening report revealingly entitled "North American Energy Integration." This 58-page report, which was discreetly posted on the GAO website in August, is intended for the House of Representatives' Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere. The report outlines in detail the progress of eight U.S. federal government agencies and departments in integrating the energy sectors of Canada, Mexico, and the United States.

According to the GAO report, the "United States cooperates with Canada and Mexico on integrating North American energy markets and infrastructure



Recurring problem: Just as the USMCA contains a Free Trade Commission that would act as a nascent North American Union, the TPP's 5,500 pages had a TPP Commission that would have acted, as then-Senator Jeff Sessions (R-Ala.) explained, as an EU-style "Pacific Union."



Energized globalism: A government report entitled "North American Energy Integration," published by the Government Accountability Office, outlines and details the progress of 81 schemes to integrate the energy sectors of the United States, Mexico, and Canada.

(energy integration)," further elaborating, "Cooperation occurs at the presidential and ministerial levels (e.g., the countries' secretaries or ministries of energy) for strategic issues and at the agency level for technical issues."

In researching for its report, the GAO surveyed various U.S. government officials from the agencies involved in the energy integration scheme. According to those surveyed, a total of 81 energy integration-related schemes were conducted from 2014 through 2017. Those energy integration schemes are listed and summarized in Appendix III of the GAO's report.

The report also stated that U.S., Canadian, and Mexican officials "expressed general satisfaction with intergovernmental cooperation on energy integration" and that they suggested "further work in areas such as *aligning energy regulations*." (Emphasis added.)

Harmonizing energy regulations of the three countries would more easily facilitate their merger. The logical conclusion of these 81 energy integration schemes, and further work to synchronize the energy regulations of all three countries, is a North American Union, much like the present and already integrated European Union. Page six of the GAO report states: "NAFTA has enhanced North American energy integration, facilitating a greater flow of oil, natural gas, and petroleum-derived products among all three North American countries." Although the report was published prior to the release of the new USMCA, it stated that then-ongoing NAFTA talks would have little effect on the efforts to integrate North America's energy sectors. According to the report, "State and DOE officials we interviewed said they did not expect the U.S. renegotiation of NAFTA and withdrawal from the Paris Agreement to have a significant impact and stated that the energy sector in North America is already well integrated."

Among the objectives of the North American energy integration plan is to merge the energy grids of all three countries into one single North American energy grid. In fact, page 43 of the GAO report discusses efforts to integrate the U.S.-Mexico energy grid and the need to "enhance the resiliency of the *North American energy grid*," rather than referring to it as the energy grids of the three separate countries. (Emphasis added.) The question then naturally arises: Under whose jurisdiction would such a North American energy grid eventually fall? Would it be under Mexico, Canada, the United States, or that of an even higher transitional authority, such as the USMCA's Free Trade Commission? At present, the answer is unclear, but one thing that is clear is that if the United States goes ahead with the USMCA, it will wreak havoc on America's national sovereignty.

Can USMCA Be Stopped?

The USMCA can most certainly be stopped. It happened before with the TPP and Free Trade Area of the Americas, and it can happen again; however, the Deep State will not make it easy. The United States didn't get on board with the TPP, even with a seemingly popular president — Obama — who lauded the globalist-controlled Deep State. Obama failed to convince much of his own liberal base to support the TPP. The TPP's widespread unpopularity resonated in the 2016 Democratic presidential primaries, with both candidates, Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) and Hillary Clinton, coming out against the agreement. On the Right, those who supported real free trade, such as Senator Rand Paul (R-Ky.), would later change their initial support to oppose the agreement. Most Americans, on both the Left and the Right, recognized the TPP as a direct threat to American sovereignty and jobs.

The road will be tough now that Trump, who called both the TPP and NAFTA a "disaster" and the "worst trade agreements in history," heralds the USMCA as one of his many "promises kept." But it can be done if people are informed that the USMCA is everything that Trump hated about NAFTA and the TPP, plus more — and that the real solution is to have Congress, not multinational or international entities, decide trade and other policies that fall within the enumerated powers of the Constitution.

It is up to us at the grassroots level, through organizations such as The John Birch Society and publications such as The New American magazine, to inform the electorate, opinion molders, members of Congress, and President Trump about what's really in this USMCA agreement and the need to stop it, in addition to withdrawing the United States from the original NAFTA. Both NAFTA and the USMCA lay the groundwork for a North American Union and threaten our constitutional Republic. Now is the time to act. ■

For specific suggestions about what can be done, see pages 19-20.

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Around and around we go: European Union bosses meet in Brussels to plot how to sabotage the secession of the United Kingdom, where voters rejected the EU to reclaim their nation from the grip of this regional government.

CREATING A NEW WORLD ORDER

Out of Regional Orders

Globalists have repeatedly admitted that they are creating regional governmental entities, with the aim of joining them under a global government, and they are well along.

by Alex Newman

The Deep State's globalist plan for what insiders refer to as the "New World Order" — basically, a global government controlled by themselves — begins with submerging the sovereignty of nation-states into regional "orders." These are better understood as regional governments built using "free trade" deals as the foundation, with the European Union serving as the premier example. How do we know this is the plan? Because top Deep State globalists have said so publicly and repeatedly, and because that is the exact strategy being pursued openly.

All over the world, pseudo-"free trade" agreements and other sovereignty-shredding schemes are being used to transfer more and more power to transnational bureaucracies and courts. And eventually, these regional orders will be interwoven into an overlapping patchwork of multilateral regimes on the road to creating a truly global authority, perhaps under the United Nations or some less-discredited future global body. At least, that is the globalist plan. But it is starting to show major cracks amid historic public backlash.

As far back as 1950, globalists had openly revealed their agenda for global government under the United Nations. In his book *War or Peace*, for example, global government-promoting Council on Foreign Relations co-founder John Foster Dulles spelled it out clearly. "The United Nations represents not a final stage in the development of world order, but only a primitive stage," Dulles wrote. "Therefore its primary task is to create the conditions which will make possible a more highly developed organization." In the same book, Dulles went on to argue that the existing UN Charter was strong enough to serve as the foundation for a world government. "I have never seen any proposal made for collective security with 'teeth' in it, or for 'world government' or for 'world federation,' which could not be carried out either by the United Nations or under the United Nations Charter," he said.

Unfortunately for globalists, though, humanity was not yet ready to surrender its sovereignty to an all-powerful world government. Thus, regionalization. In a 1962 report headlined "A World Effectively Controlled by the United Nations," financed by the U.S. State Department, CFR member and longtime State Department official Lincoln Bloomfield argued that global government could be brought about via regionalism. In the plan, he proposed that "ever larger units evolve through customs unions, confederation, regionalism, etc., until ultimately the larger units coalesce under a global umbrella." Sound familiar? Of course, that is precisely the strategy that has been used, primarily relying on "free-trade" schemes — in addition to going to war and threatening war, other key tactics highlighted in the Bloomfield report.

By 1974, almost a quarter of a century after CFR founder Dulles wrote his infamous book, the globalist organization's mouthpiece, the magazine dubbed *Foreign Affairs*, was telegraphing its strategy of globalism via incrementalism to globalist insiders and useful idiots everywhere. "In short, the 'house of world order' will have to be built from the bottom up rather than from the top down," wrote former Deputy Assistant Secretary of State Richard N. Gardner in April of 1974. "An end run around national sovereignty, eroding it piece by piece, will accomplish much more than the old-fashioned frontal assault."

In short, globalists recognized the reality that people were not willing to relinquish control over their own nations and their own destinies all at once. Instead, the plan would have to be pursued slowly, quietly, and deceptively. And so, piece by piece, sovereignty was eroded using tools such as "free trade," international agreements, regional military alliances such as the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), and more. Central to the plot was convincing nations and peoples to

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surrender sovereignty not to some global government-in-waiting right away, but to regional organizations.

Consider former National Security Advisor Zbigniew Brzezinski, a longtime CFR member and one of the key figures behind globalist mastermind David Rockefeller's Trilateral Commission. In 1995, speaking at former Soviet dictator Mikhail Gorbachev's "State of the World Forum," attended by THE NEW AMERICAN magazine's senior editor William F. Jasper, Brzezinski outlined the plan clearly, perhaps assuming he was speaking just to fellow globalists and friends. "We cannot leap into world government in one quick step," he said. "In brief, the precondition for eventual globalization — genuine globalization — is progressive regionalization, because thereby we move toward larger, more stable, more cooperative units."

Also in 1995, the UN-created "Commission on Global Governance" — yes, it really was called the "Commission on Global Governance" — outlined precisely the same strategy in its "Our Global Neighborhood" report. "The UN must gear itself for a time when regionalism becomes more ascendant worldwide and assist the process in advance of that time," wrote the globalists on the UN commission, foreshadowing the strategy that was about to go into overdrive. "Regional cooperation and integration should be seen as an important and integral part of a balanced system of global governance."

Regional Governments Everywhere

This regionalization and "integration" as a steppingstone toward globalization of political and economic power is exactly what is happening worldwide. Here are some of the more prominent examples — it is in no way an exhaustive list:

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An open secret: Former national security advisor in the Carter administration Zbigniew Brzezinski publicly outlined the globalist strategy of building regional governments on the road toward world government.

• *European Union:* The EU is by far the most developed supranational regime in the world, with former Soviet dictator Mikhail Gorbachev approvingly describing it as "the new European Soviet" during a 2000 visit to Britain. Originally, it started as a "Coal and Steel" agreement between six nations after World War II. With key support of Deep State institutions such as Bilderberg, the CFR, the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), and more, it gradually usurped more and more power under the guise of "free trade." Over the decades, it morphed into the European Economic Community, the European Community, and finally, the European Union. By 2012, then-EU Commission President José Manuel Barroso, a former Maoist revolutionary, was boasting of the machinations that THE NEW AMERICAN had been warning of for decades, a plot that globalists had generally denied as the EU was forming. "We will need to move toward a federation," he said. "This is our political horizon." Today, the EU has a single currency, a law-enforcement agency, a proto-continental military, and much more. Brussels, where the monster is headquartered, has stolen more power than even the U.S. federal government has taken from U.S. states in some areas, purporting to have the authority to veto national budgets passed by member states' elected parliaments. Despite being opposed by citizens in referendums at virtually every turn, the EU is still working to become "deeper" by usurping more power, and "wider" by adding more and more members. It is also working to export its globalist model of total centralized power to other regions of the world.

• *African Union:* The AU is another one of the more advanced regional unions smashing national sovereignty and imposing unelected, supranational rulers on diverse peoples. Already, the AU has a "Parliament," a military, a "Court of Justice," and more. It is working on a continental currency, too. Because Africa is so vast and undeveloped, the globalist overlords are actually using the same plan they are pursuing at the global level to subsume nation-states, but on a continental scale. Consider the emerging "Tripartite Free Trade Area." Under the plan, various "free trade" areas on the African continent are to eventually be merged into a single, continent-wide "free trade" regime with

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Power grab: Russian strongman Vladimir Putin (left) and communist Belarusian dictator Alexander Lukashenko are two of the leading figures behind the emerging Eurasian Union, a globalist scheme similar to the EU.

open borders from Cape Town to Cairo, and a single African passport. For a sneak preview of the future under this regional regime, consider that genocidal Marxist dictator Robert Mugabe was made chairman of the AU before being overthrown by his own military. And of course, it is an undisputed fact that outsiders — primarily the U.S. government, the EU, and the dictatorship enslaving China — are funding and imposing the AU on Africans. Beijing built the AU headquarters. The EU, meanwhile, funds more than 80 percent of the AU's program budget.

• *Union of South American States:* In South America, globalists and communists have foisted on the peoples an emerging superstate known as UNASUL or UNASUR, depending on the language. Inspired by the EU, the forces behind this sovereignty-shredding scheme envision a United States of South America, complete with a South American military, currency, parliament, and more. Until recent disagreements over the brutal socialist dictatorship enslaving Venezuela caused some member states to temporarily suspend their participation, the socialist- and communist-dominated supranational body was quickly usurping a vast array of powers from member states. And as is the case in other parts of the world being subsumed under regional governments, UNASUL/UNASUR is merely one of a vast constellation of supranational institutions in Latin America working to "integrate" the formerly sovereign nation-states into a "regional order," to be followed by the "world order." Others include MERCOSUR, the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America (ALBA), the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), and many others.

• *Eurasian Union:* In "Eurasia," Russian strongman Vladimir Putin is spearheading the creation of what is currently known as the Eurasian Economic Union, or EEU. It brings together Russia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Armenia, and Kyrgyzstan, with other countries being inducted. Eventually, they hope to expand the union to include other former Soviet states, particularly from the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS). "It took Europe 40 years to move from the European Coal and Steel Community to the full European Union," Putin observed in an op-ed for *Izvestia*, adding that the Eurasian Union is "proceeding at a much faster pace because we could draw on the experience of the EU and other regional associations." The harmonized Eurasian regulatory regime is "in most cases consistent with European standards," he added, noting that it was "based on World Trade Organization principles," while promising that the union would "help ensure global sustainable development." Putin noted that eventually, the EU and the Eurasian Union could create a "harmonized community of economies stretching from Lisbon to Vladivostok, a free trade zone and even employing more sophisticated integration patterns" that would pursue "coordinated policies in industry, technology, the energy sector, education, science, and also to eventually scrap visas." Ultimately, "existing regional institutions, such as the EU, NAFTA, APEC, ASEAN inter alia," would become "the integration bricks that can be used to build a more sustainable global economy." Top EU leaders have echoed that rhetoric exactly. Note the reference to NAFTA, too.

Around the world, there is a dizzying array of other "integration" schemes working to amalgamate once-sovereign nation-states into regional unions. For instance, in the Middle East, the already functioning Gulf Cooperation Council is becoming a supranational regime over the nations of the Arabian Peninsula. Meanwhile, globalists from the CFR and beyond are working to put the entire region under what they tout as a "Middle East Union." "Just as a warring [European] continent found peace through unity by creating what became the EU, Arabs, Turks, Kurds and other groups in the region could find relative peace in ever closer union," claimed Mohamed "Ed" Husain, an "adjunct senior fellow for Middle Eastern studies" at the CFR, in a 2014 piece published in the *Financial Times*. In South East Asia, the "Association of South East Asian Nations," more commonly known as ASEAN, is doing the same. In North America, globalist architect Henry "New World Order" Kissinger described NAFTA, which set up international tribunals and bureaucracies, as "the most creative step toward a new world order taken by any group of countries since the end of the Cold War."

Worldwide Deception

There is no populated region on Earth not being subsumed under regional government right now. Obviously, the notion that people all around the world just woke up one day seeking to surrender sovereignty to a regional government is ludicrous. It was all by design, of course. But all along, those responsible were deceiving the public. For instance, while shackling the United Kingdom to the emerging European superstate, then-British Prime Minister Edward Heath blatantly lied. "There are some in this country who fear that in going into Europe we shall in some way sacrifice independence and sovereignty," Heath said in a January 1973 prime ministerial TV broadcast. "These fears, I need hardly say, are completely unjustified." Of course, not only were those concerns completely justified, they underestimated the subversion of sov-

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Path to a world government: Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, a leading advocate of a "New World Order," was occasionally frank about his admiration for a global government that would "transcend the state."

ereignty that would be taking place. By 2016, the British people had wised up, with more people voting to secede from the EU with Brexit than have ever voted for anything in U.K. history. Globalists are now doing everything possible to overturn the vote, again using deception.

Almost three decades after Heath's lies, in a July 13, 2000 interview with the newspaper *La Stampa*, then-Italian Prime Minister Giuliano Amato outlined the strategy of deception. "The Union is the vanguard of this changing world: it indicates a future of princes without sovereignty," he said. "The new entity is faceless and those who are in command can neither be pinned down nor elected.... That is the way Europe was made too: by creating communitarian organisms without giving the organisms presided over by national governments the impression that they were being subjected to a higher power.... I don't think it is a good idea to replace this slow and effective method — which keeps national States free from anxiety while they are being stripped of power — with great institutional leaps. Therefore I prefer to go slowly, to crumble pieces of sovereignty up little by little, avoiding brusque transitions from national to [EU] federal power."

Global Merger of Regions

Globalists have been getting bolder in recent years, speaking openly of their machinations and intentions. For instance, former National Security Advisor and Secretary of State Henry Kissinger outlined the same plot to advance globalism as his co-conspirator Brzezinski did two decades earlier at Gorbachev's confab, just more openly. "The contemporary quest for world order will require a coherent strategy to establish a concept of order within the various regions and to relate these regional orders to one another," Kissinger explained in an excerpt from his book *World Order* that appeared on August 29, 2014, under the headline "Henry Kissinger on the Assembly of a New World Order" in the *Wall Street Journal*. Calling for a "structure of international rules and norms" that is "fostered as a matter of common conviction," he praised, in particular, developments on the other side of the Atlantic. "Europe has set out to transcend the state," Kissinger said. Despite the use of opaque and sterile language, it is clear that Kissinger was calling for the world's nations and peoples to be divided up into "regional orders" as a prelude to the "New World Order" finale.

And as the EU works to transcend the nation-state at home, it is working simultaneously to do the same worldwide, including in North America. In a revealing document released in June 2016, the EU actually vowed to "support cooperative regional orders worldwide," including in the Americas, while touting global governance composed of regional governments based on a "strong UN." "We will invest in regional orders, and in cooperation among and within regions," the superstate declared in its "Global Strategy" document, echoing almost precisely the schemes outlined by Kissinger in his book *World Order*. "And we will promote reformed global governance.... The EU will strive for a strong UN as the bedrock of the multilateral rules-based order."

Ironically, the EU document acknowledges that people are upset with the globalist agenda. Indeed, the EU "Global Strategy" document was released just five days after Brexit sent shock waves through the globalist movement worldwide. But the official document goes on to suggest that surreptitiously undermining self-government around the world to build regional governments is all for the good of humanity, and so it must be pursued anyway. "In a world caught between global pressures and local pushback, regional dynamics come to the fore," the document argued. "Voluntary forms of regional governance offer states and peoples the opportunity to better manage security concerns, reap the economic gains of globalization, express more fully cultures and identities, and project influence in world affairs."

Eventually, as Kissinger and others explained, after these regional governments are in full control, the plan is to begin merging them with each other in overlapping regional governments, again using "trade" as the pretext. The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, for example, was aimed at bringing the EU and North America together under transatlantic bureaucracies, a longtime globalist goal that has been worked on for generations. This transatlantic union would then create regulations and supranational kangaroo courts over more than half of global GDP.

On the other side of the United States, the Trans-Pacific Partnership did virtually the same thing. Taken together, the supranational regulatory regime that would emerge from the "trade" regimes would govern virtually the entire global economy, with even nations that were not technically under its thumb being forced to submit just to continue participating in trade.

If the American people do not actively oppose these plans en masse, the result will be the end of self-government, liberty, prosperity, and Western Christian civilization. ■

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Stop the Deep State's "Free Trade" Agenda for Global Government

BY LARRY GREENLEY

The Deep State's globalist plan for what insiders refer to as the "New World Order" — basically, a global government controlled by themselves — begins with submerging the sovereignty of nation-states into regional "orders." These are better understood as regional governments built using "free trade" deals as the foundation, with the European Union serving as the premier example. How do we know this is the plan? Because top Deep State globalists have said so publicly and repeatedly. And because that is the exact strategy being pursued openly.

Alex Newman, "Creating a New World Order Out of Regional Orders" p. 13

In his article "Creating a New World Order Out of Regional Orders" on page 13, Alex Newman makes crystal clear the Deep State globalists' game plan for establishing a global government. Their plan depends on submerging the sovereignty of nation-states into regional governments based on "free trade" deals. And as he adds later in the same article, "Eventually, these regional orders will be interwoven into an overlapping patchwork of multilateral regimes on the road to creating a truly global authority, perhaps under the United Nations."

Stop the USMCA!

So you might be saying to yourself, how does the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA) fit into this picture?

The short answer is that the 1994 North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and its proposed successor, the 2018 USMCA, were both designed to provide steppingstones to regional (North American Union), then world (United Nations) government, exactly in accordance with the Deep State globalists' strategy for establishing a global government as explained above by Newman.

Furthermore, according to Christian Gomez in "USMCA: A TPP Redux?" on page 1: "Unbeknownst to most of Trump's base and strongest supporters is that much of the USMCA's text is virtually identical to that of President Obama's Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP)." This shows that the USMCA is very much from the same mold as the sovereignty-destroying TPP agreement. And we all know that the TPP agreement was considered to be so bad that President Trump withdrew the United States from the TPP on his third day in office.

Stop the Free Trade Agenda

And according to U.S. Trade Representative and longtime Council on Foreign Relations member Robert Lighthizer, the new USMCA agreement represents just one step in a whole series of planned bilateral and multilateral "free trade" agreements beginning with Japan, the EU (poster boy for the sovereignty-destroying effects of such agreements), and the U.K.

Educate Opinion Molders

Mobilize all the grassroots networks that you belong to for the purpose of educating opinion molders and maximizing the number of people contacting their congressmen in opposition to the USMCA and all other "free trade" agreements.

For educational tools, such as videos, reprints, and books, go to JBS.org and click on the action project pages for "Stop the USMCA" and "Stop the Free Trade Agenda." Initially, your key educational tool will be this reprint of four articles from the "USMCA: A TPP Redux?" special report of THE NEW AMERICAN (November 19, 2018 issue).

Legislative Action Tools

Various federal legislative action alerts have been posted at JBS.org/act-now to provide editable, pre-written messages for phoning and e-mailing President Trump and your representative and senators in opposition to the USMCA and all other "free trade" agreements that are being considered. When you send e-mails through the JBS.org Legislative Alerts system, be sure to take advantage of the social media and e-mail tools that are provided to you by the confirmation messages in order to greatly increase the number of people contacting President Trump and Congress.

Time Is of the Essence

We don't have much time for building up opposition to the USMCA agreement. While a vote could possibly occur as early as the lame-duck session in November/December 2018, it will most likely occur in the second or third quarter of 2019.

Secure Rights Through National Sovereignty!

Remember that the point of all of this educational activity is to secure our precious, God-given rights. In order to secure them we must preserve our national sovereignty and the Constitution. And finally, to preserve our national sovereignty and the Constitution, we must stop the Deep State globalists' USMCA and all the rest of their "free trade" agenda for global government! ■

THE TAKEAWAY

THERE'S A GROWING AWARENESS OF A DEEP STATE FREE TRADE AGENDA FOR GLOBAL GOVERNMENT

The globalist Council on Foreign Relations (CFR) and its counterparts in Europe established the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) in 1951, then worked closely together over the next six decades to transform the ECSC into the present-day regional government known as the European Union (EU) via a series of "free trade" agreements.

THE DEEP STATE CFR HAS BEEN WORKING FOR THE LAST THREE DECADES TO ESTABLISH A NORTH AMERICAN UNION (NAU)

American globalists have worked with their counterparts in Mexico and Canada for over 30 years to create an NAU (modeled after the EU) via the 1994 North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the proposed 2018 United States-Mexico-Canada (USMCA) agreement.

THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF THE GLOBALIST SCHEMERS IS TO CREATE A WHOLE SERIES OF REGIONAL GOVERNMENTS, SUCH AS THE EU AND NAU, AS STEPPING STONES TOWARD A UN WORLD GOVERNMENT.

The CFR uses its massive influence in government, media, academia, finance, and foundations to undermine the Constitution by destroying our national sovereignty in order to establish a world government.

THE SOLUTION:

CONSTITUTIONAL ENFORCEMENT, NOT REGIONAL & WORLD GOVERNMENT

PUBLIC SERVANTS: Obey your oath to the Constitution. Oppose "free trade" agreements, such as the USMCA, which compromise our national sovereignty by ceding the exclusive constitutional power of Congress to regulate trade with foreign nations to regional and world governments.

PATRIOTS: Learn the Constitution and hold your elected representatives accountable to it. The John Birch Society has the programs to help you make a difference by educating voters and public servants. Visit JBS.org/nafta for more information and tools you can use to stop the USMCA threat to our national sovereignty and Constitution.

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