**New World Order (possible conspiracy)**

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*This articles describes an alleged conspiracy to establish a unitary world government. For other uses by politicians and governments, see [New world order](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_world_order%22%20%5Co%20%22New%20world%20order). For other uses in general, see [New World Order](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_World_Order%22%20%5Co%20%22New%20World%20Order).*

**New World Order** (**Novus Ordo Mundi**) refers to a [conspiracy theory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Conspiracy_theory%22%20%5Co%20%22Conspiracy%20theory) in which a powerful and secretive group is supposed to have created plans to eventually [rule the world](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Global_domination%22%20%5Co%20%22Global%20domination) via a [unitary](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Unitary_state) (as opposed to [federal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federalism%22%20%5Co%20%22Federalism)) [world government](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_government).

*New world order* is an integrative [millenarian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Millenarian%22%20%5Co%20%22Millenarian) theory that appears in both religious and secular versions. It emerged as a combination, and recombination, of the reaction by fundamentalist Christian eschatology to [New Age](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_Age%22%20%5Co%20%22New%20Age) ideas, with the long-standing disposition to blame conspiracies for shifting social inequities.

Many believe the idea of the "new world order" originated in the early 1900s with [Cecil Rhodes](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cecil_Rhodes%22%20%5Co%20%22Cecil%20Rhodes), who advocated that the British Empire and the United States should jointly impose a Federal World Government (with English as the official language) to bring about lasting world peace. Lionel Curtis, who also believed in this idea, founded the Rhodes-Milner Round Table Groups in 1909, which led to the establishment of the British based Royal Institute for International Affairs in 1919 and the U.S. based Council on Foreign Relations in 1920.[[*citation needed*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia%3ACiting_sources)] The concept was further developed by Edward M. House, a close advisor to Woodrow Wilson during the negotiations to set up the League of Nations (it is unclear whether it was House or Wilson who invented the actual phrase). Another important influence was the futurist [H.G. Wells](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/H.G._Wells%22%20%5Co%20%22H.G.%20Wells), a vigorous advocate for World Government. There is a prediction that the next major historical world upheaval will emerge from the worldwide web. As a sign of the growing influence of the worldwide web in the human civilization today, a group of advocates from different parts of the world, adhering to The Globalist Manifesto are snowballing the formation of a global political party of selected individuals for the formation of a global government. This party may or may not be influenced by "conspirators". Their websites had been rating in the top 10 of the Yahoo and Alta Vista search engines under the topic of "formation of global government". Some of their websites were also in the top ten in the Google search.

Elements of the conspiracy theory are present in the populism of the nineteenth century. The theories in their present form can be traced to the collapse of Soviet Communism and President George H. W. Bush's [new world order](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_world_order%22%20%5Co%20%22New%20world%20order) speech of [11 September](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/September_11%22%20%5Co%20%22September%2011) [1990](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1990). In it he described the United States' objectives for post-cold-war cooperation with the former Soviet Union, using the phrase "new world order."

In new world order conspiracy theories, many things significant are caused by a powerful secret group. Historical and current events are seen as steps in an on-going plot to rule the world or implement an [age of reason](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Age_of_reason%22%20%5Co%20%22Age%20of%20reason).

Supporters of this theory can say to a certain degree who is part of it. Nobody can determine who *isn't* part of the NWO. Most prominent families such as the [Rothschild Family](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rothschild_Family%22%20%5Co%20%22Rothschild%20Family), [Rockefeller Family](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rockefeller_Family), [Morgans](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/J._P._Morgan), [Kissingers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kissinger), [Schroders](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Schroders), and [Du Pont familys](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Du_Pont_family%22%20%5Co%20%22Du%20Pont%20family), as well as European monarchs, are said to be important members. The theory claims that virtually all important persons of the international world of banking, commerce, arts, entertainment, and mass media are involved.

International organizations such as the [World Bank](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Bank%22%20%5Co%20%22World%20Bank), [IMF](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IMF), [European Union](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/European_Union), the [United States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States%22%20%5Co%20%22United%20States), the [United Nations](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Nations%22%20%5Co%20%22United%20Nations) and [NATO](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/NATO%22%20%5Co%20%22NATO) are often listed as core NWO organizations. Presidents and prime ministers of nations are routinely included in this huge conspiracy. A slightly different version of the NWO conspiracy theory goes as far as saying that these families and persons are all part of the same bloodline. Though there are many internet sites and books that present many ideas as factual, scant evidence to support many such claims exist. This is seen to fuel some NWO conspiracy theory because some conspiracists may see this lack of evidence as proof of organized "truth suppression".

**Signs**

According to theorists there are many signs that will confirm these claims. For example, the strange murals in the [Denver International Airport](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Denver_International_Airport%22%20%5Co%20%22Denver%20International%20Airport), the [Illuminati](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Illuminati%22%20%5Co%20%22Illuminati) seal on the $1 bill, Masonic signs on buildings (particularly in Washington DC) and [pentagrams](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pentagram%22%20%5Co%20%22Pentagram) worked into city plans.

Reverse side of the [Great Seal of the United States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Seal_of_the_United_States%22%20%5Co%20%22Great%20Seal%20of%20the%20United%20States)

The belief may stem — at least partly — from the [political phrase "New World Order"](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_World_Order_%28political%29%22%20%5Co%20%22New%20World%20Order%20%28political%29), which has been used in politics for much of the twentieth century. The phrase *New World Order* has its roots in the Latin phrases [Annuit Cœptis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Annuit_C%C5%93ptis%22%20%5Co%20%22Annuit%20C%C5%93ptis), meaning "He has approved our undertakings," and [Novus Ordo Seclorum](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Novus_Ordo_Seclorum%22%20%5Co%20%22Novus%20Ordo%20Seclorum) meaning "A New Order of the Ages."

Other names for the New World Order are *Illuminati Bankers*, *High Cabal*, [*Fourth Reich*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fourth_Reich), [*Synarchist International*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Synarchist_International), the *[Cryptocracy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cryptocracy%22%20%5Co%20%22Cryptocracy)* and the *[Power elite](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Power_elite%22%20%5Co%20%22Power%20elite)*.

**Ideologies**

There are a number of different ideologies related to this belief:

**New age idea that the conspiracy is benevolent**

* [Alice A. Bailey](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alice_A._Bailey), the "New Age Prophetess", predicted (correctly) in 1940 the victory of the [Allies](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Allies%22%20%5Co%20%22Allies) over the [Axis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Axis%22%20%5Co%20%22Axis) and the establishment afterward by the Allies of a "New World Order"--regarded by her (as by H.G. Wells [see below]) as a benevolent conspiracy by political [progressives](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Progressivism%22%20%5Co%20%22Progressivism) that would bring [humanity](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Humanity%22%20%5Co%20%22Humanity) to a higher level of [civilization](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Civilization%22%20%5Co%20%22Civilization).

**New World Order timeline**

These are events conspiracy theorists say are pivotal in the establishment of the New World Order.

* In the [July 17](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/July_17%22%20%5Co%20%22July%2017), [1926](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1926) [Saturday Evening Post](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saturday_Evening_Post), the term "New World Order" was used for the first time in a popular magazine article to describe the work of [Edward M. House](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edward_M._House%22%20%5Co%20%22Edward%20M.%20House) in helping to create the [League of Nations](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/League_of_Nations%22%20%5Co%20%22League%20of%20Nations) and helping to found the [Council on Foreign Relations](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Council_on_Foreign_Relations%22%20%5Co%20%22Council%20on%20Foreign%20Relations).
* In [1935](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1935%22%20%5Co%20%221935) the reverse side of the [Great Seal of the United States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Great_Seal_of_the_United_States%22%20%5Co%20%22Great%20Seal%20of%20the%20United%20States) with the [Eye of Providence](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eye_of_Providence%22%20%5Co%20%22Eye%20of%20Providence) above the [Pyramid](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pyramid%22%20%5Co%20%22Pyramid) appears for the first time on the back of the one dollar [U.S. Dollar](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S._Dollar%22%20%5Co%20%22U.S.%20Dollar) bill.
* [Lionel Curtis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lionel_Curtis) wrote a book in [1938](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1938%22%20%5Co%20%221938) called *The Commonwealth of God* in which he advocated that the [United States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States%22%20%5Co%20%22United%20States) and the [British Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/British_Empire%22%20%5Co%20%22British%20Empire) should jointly impose a [World Government](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Government%22%20%5Co%20%22World%20Government) which would be presented as being the work of [God](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/God%22%20%5Co%20%22God): "I feel that when once the Protestant churches had learned to regard the creation of a world commonwealth as an all-important aspect of their work in realising the [Kingdom of God](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kingdom_of_God%22%20%5Co%20%22Kingdom%20of%20God), an international commonwealth in the English-speaking world would come into being in a few generations".
* [H.G. Wells](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/H.G._Wells) said in his [1940](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1940%22%20%5Co%20%221940) book entitled "The New World Order": "... when the struggle seems to be drifting definitely towards a world social democracy, there may still be very great delays and disappointments before it becomes an efficient and beneficent world system. Countless people ... will hate the new world order ... and will die protesting against it. When we attempt to evaluate its promise, we have to bear in mind the distress of a generation or so of malcontents, many of them quite gallant and graceful-looking people." H.G. Wells called his effort to organize prominent [intellectuals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intellectuals%22%20%5Co%20%22Intellectuals) behind the idea of establishing a [World Government](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Government%22%20%5Co%20%22World%20Government) "The Open Conspiracy" (a benevolent one) in his [1928](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1928%22%20%5Co%20%221928) book by that name.
* The term "One World" originated from the [1943](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1943%22%20%5Co%20%221943) book [One World](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/One_World_%28book%29%22%20%5Co%20%22One%20World%20%28book%29) by liberal [Republican](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Republican_Party_%28United_States%29%22%20%5Co%20%22Republican%20Party%20%28United%20States%29) [Wendell Willkie](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wendell_Willkie). In the book he described his 31,000 mile journey around the world from August 26 to October 14, [1942](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1942%22%20%5Co%20%221942) in the Consolidated bomber "Gulliver" to meet with Allied war leaders.
* In [1944](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1944%22%20%5Co%20%221944), the [Bretton Woods Agreement](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bretton_Woods_Agreement%22%20%5Co%20%22Bretton%20Woods%20Agreement) is signed, outlining a regime for the post [World War II](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_War_II%22%20%5Co%20%22World%20War%20II) [world economy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_economy).
* In [1945](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1945%22%20%5Co%20%221945), the [United Nations](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Nations%22%20%5Co%20%22United%20Nations) is founded.
* In [1946](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1946%22%20%5Co%20%221946), [Bertrand Russell](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bertrand_Russell) supported the [Baruch Plan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baruch_Plan%22%20%5Co%20%22Baruch%20Plan) for establishment of a world government based on international control of atomic weapons, and advocated that the [United States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States%22%20%5Co%20%22United%20States) and the [United Kingdom](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Kingdom%22%20%5Co%20%22United%20Kingdom) should use their atomic monopoly to compel the assent of the [Soviet Union](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soviet_Union%22%20%5Co%20%22Soviet%20Union) if necessary for the sake of achieving permanent [world peace](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_peace%22%20%5Co%20%22World%20peace). On October 1, 1946, the Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists carried an article by Bertrand Russell entitled The Atomic Bomb and the Prevention of War, where he writes, "The American and British governments ... should make it clear that genuine international cooperation is what they most desire. But although peace should be their goal, they should not let it appear that they are for peace at any price. At a certain stage, when their plan (sic) for an international government are ripe, they should offer them to the world ... If Russia acquiesced willingly, all would be well. If not, it would be necessary to bring pressure to bear, even to the extent of risking war".
* In [1954](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1954%22%20%5Co%20%221954), the [Bilderberg Group](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bilderberg_Group%22%20%5Co%20%22Bilderberg%20Group) is founded.
* On [March 25](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/March_25%22%20%5Co%20%22March%2025), [1957](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1957) the [EEC](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/EEC%22%20%5Co%20%22EEC) (European Common Market) is formed, which in [1992](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1992%22%20%5Co%20%221992) changed its name to the [European Union](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/European_Union%22%20%5Co%20%22European%20Union). Currently, the EU has 27 [member states](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_European_Union_member_states_by_accession%22%20%5Co%20%22List%20of%20European%20Union%20member%20states%20by%20accession), 13 of which use a common currency, the [Euro](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Euro%22%20%5Co%20%22Euro).
* In [1961](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1961%22%20%5Co%20%221961), [Arnold Toynbee](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arnold_Toynbee) said: "in the present Atomic Age we shall not have assured the survival of the human race until we have established a world-government and made the present national governments subordinate to it".
* In [1973](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1973%22%20%5Co%20%221973), [David Rockefeller](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Rockefeller) organizes the [Trilateral Commission](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trilateral_Commission%22%20%5Co%20%22Trilateral%20Commission).
* In [1974](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1974%22%20%5Co%20%221974), retail stores begin using the [Universal Product Code](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Product_Code%22%20%5Co%20%22Universal%20Product%20Code). Some regard the UPC as being the [Mark of the Beast](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mark_of_the_Beast%22%20%5Co%20%22Mark%20of%20the%20Beast).
* On [September 11](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/September_11%22%20%5Co%20%22September%2011), [1990](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1990), the [President of the United States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/President_of_the_United_States%22%20%5Co%20%22President%20of%20the%20United%20States), [George H.W. Bush](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_H.W._Bush) gave his famous speech, "Toward a New World Order" to a joint session of the [United States Congress](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Congress%22%20%5Co%20%22United%20States%20Congress).
* In 1991 Televangelist [Pat Robertson](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pat_Robertson%22%20%5Co%20%22Pat%20Robertson) publishes book 'The New World Order'.
* In [1995](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1995%22%20%5Co%20%221995), the [World Trade Organization](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Trade_Organization%22%20%5Co%20%22World%20Trade%20Organization) begins functioning.
* The [WTO Ministerial Conference of 1999 protest activity](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/WTO_Ministerial_Conference_of_1999_protest_activity%22%20%5Co%20%22WTO%20Ministerial%20Conference%20of%201999%20protest%20activity) took place on [November 30](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/November_30%22%20%5Co%20%22November%2030), [1999](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1999), when the World Trade Organization (WTO) convened in [Seattle](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seattle%22%20%5Co%20%22Seattle), Washington, USA.
* In [2002](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2002%22%20%5Co%20%222002) the [FDA](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/FDA%22%20%5Co%20%22FDA) approves the manufacture of the [VeriChip](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/VeriChip%22%20%5Co%20%22VeriChip) [Microchip implant (human)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Microchip_implant_%28human%29). Much more intrusive than the [UPC](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Universal_Product_Code%22%20%5Co%20%22Universal%20Product%20Code), this arouses people's fears that a future [totalitarian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Totalitarian%22%20%5Co%20%22Totalitarian) government could enforce the implanting of these chips and thus fulfill the [Book of Revelation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Book_of_Revelation%22%20%5Co%20%22Book%20of%20Revelation) prophecy regarding the [Mark of the Beast](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mark_of_the_Beast%22%20%5Co%20%22Mark%20of%20the%20Beast).
* On [September 20](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/September_20%22%20%5Co%20%22September%2020), [2002](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2002) the [George W. Bush](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_W._Bush%22%20%5Co%20%22George%20W.%20Bush) [White House](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/White_House) posts on its [website](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Website%22%20%5Co%20%22Website) the full text of the (at that time) newest [National Security Strategy of the United States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Security_Strategy_of_the_United_States%22%20%5Co%20%22National%20Security%20Strategy%20of%20the%20United%20States), composed primarily by [Neo-Conservative](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neo-Conservative%22%20%5Co%20%22Neo-Conservative) [Paul Wolfowitz](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_Wolfowitz). In this document, the [Bush Doctrine](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bush_Doctrine%22%20%5Co%20%22Bush%20Doctrine) of [pre-emptive](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pre-emptive%22%20%5Co%20%22Pre-emptive) war is outlined. It is asserted that the [United States Military](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_Military%22%20%5Co%20%22United%20States%20Military) has an [Imperium](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Imperium%22%20%5Co%20%22Imperium) over the entire planet [Earth](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Earth); thus this document is viewed by many as the first formal and open declaration of the establishment of the [American Empire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/American_Empire%22%20%5Co%20%22American%20Empire), as long desired by many prominent Neo-Conservatives. For many weeks thereafter, there were many articles about the new "American Empire" in the [New York Times](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_York_Times%22%20%5Co%20%22New%20York%20Times) and other major [newspapers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Newspaper%22%20%5Co%20%22Newspaper).
* On [March 20](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/March_20%22%20%5Co%20%22March%2020), [2003](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2003) the Bush Doctrine is implemented with the invasion of [Iraq](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iraq%22%20%5Co%20%22Iraq), thus launching the [Iraq War](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iraq_War%22%20%5Co%20%22Iraq%20War).
* In [2005](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2005%22%20%5Co%20%222005), [transhumanist](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transhumanist) [futurist](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Futurist) [philosopher](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Philosopher) and [computer scientist](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Computer_scientist%22%20%5Co%20%22Computer%20scientist) [Ray Kurzweil](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ray_Kurzweil) reports that "The [U.S. Joint Forces Command](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/U.S._Joint_Forces_Command%22%20%5Co%20%22U.S.%20Joint%20Forces%20Command) "Project Alpha"...envisions a [2025](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2025%22%20%5Co%20%222025) fighting force that 'is largely [robotic](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robot).' "

**Specific ideas about who is behind the conspiracy**

A common thread is that each theorist group believes its particular enemies are behind the conspiracy:

* Some ultra-liberals, left-wing [anarchists](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anarchism%22%20%5Co%20%22Anarchism), [socialists](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Socialist) and [Communists](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Communist%22%20%5Co%20%22Communist) are opposed to the New World Order because they see it as being run by the big [capitalist](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Capitalist%22%20%5Co%20%22Capitalist) [plutocrats](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plutocrat) such as [David Rockefeller](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Rockefeller%22%20%5Co%20%22David%20Rockefeller), founder of the [Trilateral Commission](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trilateral_Commission%22%20%5Co%20%22Trilateral%20Commission). It is claimed that the real purpose of [globalization](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Globalization%22%20%5Co%20%22Globalization) (the economic aspect of the New World Order) is to enable the big capitalists who run the [transnational corporations](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transnational_corporation%22%20%5Co%20%22Transnational%20corporation) to exploit the [workers](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Worker%22%20%5Co%20%22Worker) to the maxiumum possible extent and thus gain more [profits](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Profit) for themselves.
* [Neo-Nazi](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neo-Nazi) groups such as the [National Alliance](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Alliance%22%20%5Co%20%22National%20Alliance) believe the [Jews](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jew%22%20%5Co%20%22Jew) are behind the conspiracy. They assert the establishment of the New World Order is being engineered by Neo-Conservatives to provide support for [Israel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Israel%22%20%5Co%20%22Israel) and they point out that many Neo-Conservative leaders are Jewish and some of them have worked as advisors to the government of Israel. It is claimed that the real reason the [Iraq War](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Iraq_War%22%20%5Co%20%22Iraq%20War) was fought is that the Zionists thought that [Saddam Hussein](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Saddam_Hussein%22%20%5Co%20%22Saddam%20Hussein) was a threat to Israel that needed to be removed. They also often asserted that part of the goal of the New World Order is to foster [egalitarianism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Egalitarianism%22%20%5Co%20%22Egalitarianism) and enforce the integration of inherently inequal races to engender [miscegenation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Miscegenation%22%20%5Co%20%22Miscegenation) and submerge the genetically greater intellects of some races into the genetically lesser intellects of others, in order to breed a one-world race with an intellect far below Jewish averages. It is stated that it is extremely difficult for most people to find out the truth about the conspiracy because, it is asserted, the [mass media](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mass_media%22%20%5Co%20%22Mass%20media) are overwhelmingly owned or indirectly controlled by the Jews or Zionists or those who support these groups. Many Neo-Nazi groups use their expressed opposition to the New World Order as a recruiting tool.
* The perennial U.S. presidential candidate [Lyndon LaRouche](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lyndon_LaRouche%22%20%5Co%20%22Lyndon%20LaRouche) claims that the "New World Order" is a conspiracy directed by the [House of Windsor](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/House_of_Windsor%22%20%5Co%20%22House%20of%20Windsor) (the British royal family), which, he asserts, also controls the international [Illegal drug trade](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Illegal_drug_trade%22%20%5Co%20%22Illegal%20drug%20trade). He claims the [Fabian Society](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fabian_Society%22%20%5Co%20%22Fabian%20Society) (which H.G. Wells was a member of) was secretly financed by the Royal Family so that the Windsors could gain control of the eventual world government. LaRouche asserts that as of 2006 the Neo-Conservatives (especially [Dick Cheney](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dick_Cheney%22%20%5Co%20%22Dick%20Cheney)) are working with the House of Windsor to set up a type of [fascism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fascism%22%20%5Co%20%22Fascism) throughout the world which LaRouche calls [synarchism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Synarchism%22%20%5Co%20%22Synarchism) and which, he claims, the Neo-Conservatives hope will become the basis of the New World Order.
* [Paleoconservative](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paleoconservatism) [Patrick J. Buchanan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Patrick_J._Buchanan) asserts the [Council on Foreign Relations](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Council_on_Foreign_Relations%22%20%5Co%20%22Council%20on%20Foreign%20Relations) (itself supposedly a front for the "international bankers", as well as, it is claimed, the inspiration for the founding of the [Bilderberg Group](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bilderberg_Group%22%20%5Co%20%22Bilderberg%20Group), [Trilateral Commission](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trilateral_Commission), and [World Trade Organization](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Trade_Organization%22%20%5Co%20%22World%20Trade%20Organization)) is behind the conspiracy. He claims that the liberals are planning to eventually subvert the [independence](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Independence%22%20%5Co%20%22Independence) of the [United States of America](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States_of_America%22%20%5Co%20%22United%20States%20of%20America) by subordinating national [sovereignty](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sovereignty%22%20%5Co%20%22Sovereignty) to the [United Nations](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Nations). This thesis agree with the right-wing [libertarian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Libertarian) opinion who sees a future [socialist](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Socialist%22%20%5Co%20%22Socialist) [World State](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_State) as the only way to achieve an [orwellian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Orwellian%22%20%5Co%20%22Orwellian) [collectivist oligarchy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Goldstein%27s_book) freed from the need to subordinate the world's production to the consumers of a [free market economy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Free_market_economy%22%20%5Co%20%22Free%20market%20economy). The conspiracy would consist into replacing it with a monopolist [planned economy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Planned_economy%22%20%5Co%20%22Planned%20economy) capable of rationing the resources, converting populations into public property. Their usual image is an egalitarian slavery under a global scientific dictatorship.
* Some [fundamentalist](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fundamentalist%22%20%5Co%20%22Fundamentalist) [evangelical](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Evangelicalism) [Christian](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian) ideologies about the conspiracy include a prominent religious element, based on prophecies in the [Book of Revelation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Book_of_Revelation%22%20%5Co%20%22Book%20of%20Revelation) about the coming of the [Anti-Christ](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anti-Christ%22%20%5Co%20%22Anti-Christ), and they assert that agents of [Satan](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Satan%22%20%5Co%20%22Satan) are involved. These beliefs often include explicit [millenarianism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Millenarianism%22%20%5Co%20%22Millenarianism). Other ideologies do not have a religious component, and view the concept of "serving Satan" metaphorically. Compare [Pat Robertson](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pat_Robertson%22%20%5Co%20%22Pat%20Robertson)'s *The New World Order* to [William Cooper](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Milton_William_Cooper)'s *Behold a Pale Horse*, both listed under "Literature" below . The fundamentalist evangelical Christian view regarding the expected events leading to the implementation of the New World Order and the emergence of the Anti-Christ as well as the subsequent [Battle of Armageddon](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Battle_of_Armageddon%22%20%5Co%20%22Battle%20of%20Armageddon) and [Second Coming](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Second_Coming%22%20%5Co%20%22Second%20Coming) is exhaustively summarized in the [1998](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/1998%22%20%5Co%20%221998) book *Final Warning: The History of the New World Order* by David Allen Rivera.
* [Anarcho-primitivists](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anarcho-primitivists), [anarchists](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anarchism), radical [Environmentalists](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Green_movement%22%20%5Co%20%22Green%20movement), ultra-[populists](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Populist%22%20%5Co%20%22Populist), [Neo-Luddites](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neo-luddism), and bioconservatives sometimes claim that there is or may be an explicit ([conspiracy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Conspiracy_%28political%29%22%20%5Co%20%22Conspiracy%20%28political%29)) or implicit ([bloc](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Voting_bloc%22%20%5Co%20%22Voting%20bloc)) organisation of [intellectuals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intellectual%22%20%5Co%20%22Intellectual), [technologists](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Technologist), [technocrats](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Technocrat), [intelligentsia](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Intelligentsia), [technophiles](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Technophiles), and other such intellectual elites who push a radically pro-technology, pro-[scientific](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Scientism%22%20%5Co%20%22Scientism), anti-natural, anti-environment, dehumanising, anti-freedom agenda. Generally, such notions tend to be connected to the theories mentioned above, related to capitalism and transnational corporations, with the idea being that technology is profitable, and human mediocrity is profitable, and thus, generally, capitalists and capitalist societies are in at least implicit collusion with technologists, intelligentsia, and scientists in order to pacify, standardise, dehumanise, technologically-[saturate](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Market_saturation%22%20%5Co%20%22Market%20saturation) and commodify human beings, to create the ultimate global [consumer society](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Consumerism%22%20%5Co%20%22Consumerism). [Anti-psychiatry](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anti-psychiatry) sometimes plays a role in such theories, as it is claimed that the fields of psychology and psychiatry are for the purposes of medicating the individualist instincts of people and creating a conformant "therapeutic society". Sometimes, the technocratic New World Order is said to have [Transhumanist](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transhumanist%22%20%5Co%20%22Transhumanist) ambitions, with the ultimate aim being to engineer life and thus control it that much more by completing the process of turning people and animals into things.

**General ideas about how the conspiracy will implement the New World Order**

* The understanding of some believers is that the New World Order will be created by a [military coup](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Military_coup%22%20%5Co%20%22Military%20coup), using [UN](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Nations%22%20%5Co%20%22United%20Nations) and possibly American troops, against all the nations of the world to bring about a singular world government. Before 2000, some conspiracists believed this process would be set in motion by the predicted [Y2K](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Y2K%22%20%5Co%20%22Y2K) computer crisis causing widespread social disorder.
* Other believers say the New World Order is being implemented gradually, citing the foundation of the [Federal Reserve](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Federal_Reserve%22%20%5Co%20%22Federal%20Reserve), [Colonialism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Colonialism), [American Imperialism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manifest_Destiny), the formation of the [United Nations](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Nations%22%20%5Co%20%22United%20Nations), formation of the [World Health Organization](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Health_Organization%22%20%5Co%20%22World%20Health%20Organization), the [World Bank](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World_Bank%22%20%5Co%20%22World%20Bank), the formation of the [European Union](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/European_Union%22%20%5Co%20%22European%20Union) and the [Euro](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Euro%22%20%5Co%20%22Euro) currency, [Zionism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zionism%22%20%5Co%20%22Zionism) and the goal of [Greater Israel](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greater_Israel%22%20%5Co%20%22Greater%20Israel), [African Union](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/African_Union) and the [September 11th attacks](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/September_11th_attacks%22%20%5Co%20%22September%2011th%20attacks) as major milestones.
* Another related set of believers maintains that the [United States](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_States%22%20%5Co%20%22United%20States) is itself to be taken over, by troops nominally loyal to the [United Nations](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/United_Nations%22%20%5Co%20%22United%20Nations) but in fact controlled by a trans-national group (sometimes referred to as [Faction One](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Faction_One%22%20%5Co%20%22Faction%20One)). The takeover is to include the detention of 'patriots' and those hostile to the conspiracy in secret internment camps in remote parts of the country, to which elements of the population will be taken for processing before being released as "work-units." (See [Rex 84](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rex_84%22%20%5Co%20%22Rex%2084).)
* Other components of the conspiracy may include the dispersal of chemicals into the atmosphere via aircraft in the [Chemtrail theory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chemtrail_theory%22%20%5Co%20%22Chemtrail%20theory), the well-known [CIA](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/CIA%22%20%5Co%20%22CIA) [mind control](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mind_control) experiments performed under the code name [MK-ULTRA](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MK-ULTRA%22%20%5Co%20%22MK-ULTRA), and involvement by extraterrestrials, as in the [Dulce Base](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dulce_Base%22%20%5Co%20%22Dulce%20Base) conspiracy theories.
* The Mental Health system has been cited as a means to keep dissidents in line. It has been used by totalitarian regimes to do this, and some, if not all of these regimes still do this.

**Connections between theory and nationalism**

There are many theories which feature a plan to create a one-world government. Most of these theories envision this as being done *against* the self-interest of the particular nation they happen to live in. Sociologists draw a connection between these theories and a more general sentiment of [nationalism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nationalism%22%20%5Co%20%22Nationalism) or [isolationism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Isolationism%22%20%5Co%20%22Isolationism). For example, prior to the rise of [Neoconservatism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Neoconservatism%22%20%5Co%20%22Neoconservatism) in the United States, conservative or Republican talk show hosts such as [Rush Limbaugh](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rush_Limbaugh%22%20%5Co%20%22Rush%20Limbaugh) would criticize different politicians for internationalist positions they felt were not in the best interest of the United States. Commentators would allege unethical or conspiratorial conduct on by disfavored politicians in support of this criticism. These allegations might be similar to new world order conspiracy theories. Historically this debate has most often centered around supporters of international free trade versus protectionists. Since protectionists generally believe that opposing a certain liberalization of trade helps their own country, it is then implied the free trade supporters are supporting a position against their own country. New world order theories therefore most often do not surmise that the believer's nation is working for world control, but rather that others, perhaps including powerful officials, are working to control that country and all countries.

**Manichean element**

New World Order theories are often criticized for failing to explain why wealthy and powerful individuals are trying to overthrow the government, and are willing to use extremely violent means to do so. For most people, the theories do not persuasively explain why these men would want to jeopardize themselves to gain a position which would be less grand than their present state. Without an explanation, it seems that the conspirators must be "pure evil". This concept is known in literature as [manichean](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Manichean%22%20%5Co%20%22Manichean) duality. This fits naturally in Christian New World Order conspiracy theories, since the antagonist is the Antichrist; it does not fit well with purely secular conspiracy theories.

A response to this argument is that the top families involved in the international banking and political cliques simply want their future generations to be the rule-makers. It effectively makes them a royal dynasty if they can secure economic control over the entire world. This economic control is achieved through ownership of the Federal Reserve, Bank of England, WTO, UN, and other such boundless organizations with no direct ownership by governments.

**Historical manipulations**

The conspirators thought to be responsible for the new world order are also suspected of staging many historical events such as World Wars and UFO sightings. New world order conspiracy theorists say that world leaders throughout history have successfully manipulated their people into wars (so-called [false flag](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/False_flag%22%20%5Co%20%22False%20flag) operations). To support their assertion that the take-over they fear is possible, they cite what they consider to be previous examples of such manipulations:

* The [Nazis](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nazism%22%20%5Co%20%22Nazism) capitalized on the [Reichstag fire](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reichstag_fire%22%20%5Co%20%22Reichstag%20fire) by blaming the Communists for it, thus eliminating support for the Communist party in Germany, and leading to Nazi domination of the legislature.
* The United States supposedly [knew in advance of the attacks on Pearl Harbor](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pearl_Harbor_advance-knowledge_debate%22%20%5Co%20%22Pearl%20Harbor%20advance-knowledge%20debate), and [President Roosevelt](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Franklin_D._Roosevelt%22%20%5Co%20%22Franklin%20D.%20Roosevelt) used the attacks as a "legitimate" reason for entering World War II.
* [Operation Northwoods](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Operation_Northwoods), a proposed series of [false flag](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/False_flag%22%20%5Co%20%22False%20flag) operations to be used as a pretext for an invasion of [Cuba](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cuba%22%20%5Co%20%22Cuba), was rejected by President Kennedy shortly before his [assassination](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_F._Kennedy_assassination%22%20%5Co%20%22John%20F.%20Kennedy%20assassination).
* The [Gulf of Tonkin Incident](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gulf_of_Tonkin_Incident%22%20%5Co%20%22Gulf%20of%20Tonkin%20Incident) led President Johnson to escalate U.S. hostilities in Vietnam
* The [2002 Bali bombing](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/2002_Bali_bombing%22%20%5Co%20%222002%20Bali%20bombing) was allegedly a CIA operation to convince Australia to join the [War on Terror](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/War_on_Terror%22%20%5Co%20%22War%20on%20Terror).

Other new world order theorists see the conspiracy at work in [globalization](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Globalization%22%20%5Co%20%22Globalization), or in the various intellectual movements evolved from [Marxism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Marxism%22%20%5Co%20%22Marxism), ranging from [social democracy](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Social_democracy%22%20%5Co%20%22Social%20democracy) to the [Frankfurt School](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frankfurt_School%22%20%5Co%20%22Frankfurt%20School). These are thought to be intended to homogenize cultures and values by political normalization, as in the [European Union](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/European_Union%22%20%5Co%20%22European%20Union) and [African Union](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/African_Union%22%20%5Co%20%22African%20Union)'s gradual "communitarian construction" scheme of a common economic and legal framework.

**Predicted socio-political changes**

The literature promoting belief in this conspiracy, some of which is listed below, predicts changes that will occur as the NWO is implemented. A representative sample (although mostly phrased in an American context) includes:

* Restriction of [politically correct](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Politically_correct%22%20%5Co%20%22Politically%20correct) speech
* Gradual loss of civil liberties, with the Constitution being reinterpreted along pro-UN lines
* Gun control, leading to the eventual elimination of private gun ownership
* [Homeschooling](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Homeschooling) and [private schooling](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Private_school%22%20%5Co%20%22Private%20school) made illegal, with not only a UN-approved public-school curriculum, but also the possibility of forcing all students to remain in school until graduation
* Local responsibilities taken over by the Federal government
* Black helicopters, paramilitary militias organized from urban gangs, and the imposition of martial law; FEMA concentration camps for dissidents
* All national and local elections monitored by the UN
* The UN taking the responsibilities of the US government
* Foreign troops on US soil
* The US constitution replaced by the UN charter
* World-wide economic equalization under UN control
* All cash money eliminated (and the use of such being made illegal), with payments made using implanted microchips; See [VeriChip](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/VeriChip%22%20%5Co%20%22VeriChip)
* Surveillance, implants, and mind-control
* Only approved religions permitted, leading to world-wide introduction of an official "New Age" religion
* The Mental Health system to be used to keep critics in line
* Important American documents such as the Constitution being rewritten along pro-UN lines.
* Those who are Fundamentalist Christians/Pagans/Muslims to be executed, or imprisoned in concentration camps and/or in [mental hospitals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mental_hospitals%22%20%5Co%20%22Mental%20hospitals)

**Black helicopters**

*Main article: [Black Helicopters (conspiracy)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Black_Helicopters_%28conspiracy%29%22%20%5Co%20%22Black%20Helicopters%20%28conspiracy%29)*

Black helicopters are part of a [conspiracy theory](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Conspiracy_theory%22%20%5Co%20%22Conspiracy%20theory), especially prevalent among the [US militia movement](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Militia%22%20%5Cl%20%22US_right_wing_militia%22%20%5Co%20%22Militia), that claims that special unmarked "black" [helicopters](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Helicopter%22%20%5Co%20%22Helicopter) are being used now in secret [military operations](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Military_operation%22%20%5Co%20%22Military%20operation) and are going to be used by [secret agents](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Secret_agent%22%20%5Co%20%22Secret%20agent) of the New World Order to implement the New World Order.

**Other theories**

Although the UN is usually a central figure in most theories, conspiracy theory in the twenty-first century allows for the addition of many ideas that in the past might have been thought mutually exclusive. [Extra-terrestrials](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Extra-terrestrials%22%20%5Co%20%22Extra-terrestrials) (either the "[Reptilians](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Reptilians%22%20%5Co%20%22Reptilians)" or the "[Greys](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Greys%22%20%5Co%20%22Greys)"), the [Trilateral Commission](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Trilateral_Commission%22%20%5Co%20%22Trilateral%20Commission), the [Illuminati](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Illuminati%22%20%5Co%20%22Illuminati), and other groups may be included in the conspiracy, in more or less dominant roles. Some theorists say a secret annual conference of the [Bilderberg Group](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bilderberg_Group%22%20%5Co%20%22Bilderberg%20Group) plans world events to establish the New World Order. Conspiracy theorists may explicitly disavow and denounce [anti-semitism](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anti-semitism%22%20%5Co%20%22Anti-semitism), or may place "the Jews" at the center of the conspiracy. Religious [eschatology](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eschatology%22%20%5Co%20%22Eschatology), often featuring the [anti-Christ](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anti-Christ%22%20%5Co%20%22Anti-Christ), is central to some theories, and irrelevant to others.

While traditionally more common among the far right, NWO conspiracy theory may be presented by any who fear the loss of their ideological freedom and favorite policies, [conservatives](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Conservatism%22%20%5Co%20%22Conservatism) and [Liberals](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Liberals%22%20%5Co%20%22Liberals) alike. A number of those on the fringes of both right and left believe that the [left](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Left-wing_politics%22%20%5Co%20%22Left-wing%20politics)/[right](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Right-wing_politics) paradigm is a subversive creation of an NWO-controlled media, intended as [disinformation](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Disinformation%22%20%5Co%20%22Disinformation) to divert people from their common enemy. This has been called "Fusion Paranoia" by [Michael Kelly](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael_Kelly_%28editor%29%22%20%5Co%20%22Michael%20Kelly%20%28editor%29).

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Some of those who believe that the [Freemasons](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Freemasonry) are [conspiring](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Conspiracy_theory) to control the world claim that the motto is inspired by [Freemasonry](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Freemasonry), and is one of the clues to the True Masters of the World. By circumscribing the 6 pointed Star of David over the pyramid, 5 of the 6 apices (the 6th being the 'All-seeing eye'), point near letters spelling S-M-O-N-A, which can be rearranged to spell *Mason* (also [*monas*](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Monad) and *moans*, out of 120 combinations of letters). As any American dollar bill will show, the directions are not exact, and four of the apices point to empty space; the letters are at the ends of the nearest words.

The advocates of the theory also cite the 13 steps to ascend the pyramid, and the 72 visible blocks on the front. More conventional thinkers regard the thirteen steps as referring to the [thirteen colonies](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thirteen_colonies). If the blocks are correctly counted and their number intended, [72](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/72_%28number%29) has other mystical meanings: it was sacred to the [Egyptians](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ancient_Egypt), as [Plutarch](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plutarch) says; and both Jews and Christians use it as the number of nations on the Earth.