

THE FAMILY

"Jude men there this group of Ika, the most rich and powerful people called The Family or sometimes called The Fellowship, they're fundamentalist fascists pushing unregulated capitalism and a World wide self serving Totalitarian Theocracy!"
Sounds like more hippie garbage, but this is real, early July 2009 The story of The Family and the C street house' was picked up by the national media. Though for many readers the realization of hard facts that our republic is a sham and has been subverted by group of Christian fascists for the last 70 plus years may have been overshadowed by the barrage of coverage of Michael Jacksons death that continued for weeks.

The media discovered The Family via Senator John Ensign of Nevada, South Carolina Governor Mark Sanford and former Mississippi Congress member Chip Pickens. Recent sex scandals where all of them went to be counseled by Doug Coe, spiritual leader of The Family. You're probably wondering why weren't they kicked out of this extremely religious organization for cheating on their partners. Well they are, according to their theology, chosen by god so they can do no wrong so long as they have power.

On Democracy Now, as with just about every other media outlet covering the story Jeff Sharlet was interviewed to shed light on this secretive, powerful and extremely authoritarian fundamentalist group. Jeff Sharlet is the author of the bestseller, *The Family: The Secret Fundamentalism at the Heart of American Power*. In these interviews he revealed much about the family that can be found in his book.

You might wonder who The Families membership is made up of. It consists of U.S. Senators and congress members, generals, corporate leaders, foreign heads of state, and even dictators. Oh and if that isn't enough Hillary Clinton was named as a member, the family organizes the national prayer breakfast where political leaders, heads of state make informal political agreements and have done so for the last fifty years. Their ideas are older than the group but inherently, and just as sinister, their ideology harkens back to a time of "the divine right of kings". An idea so oppressive that it took revolutions all over the world where countless died for a secular republic. The right for people to choose who ruled them and didn't rule according to religion, (not even democracy has the right to have a say on matters that affect you) just the right to elect rulers who would have to appease the people in some way to stay in power (even that hasn't worked in practice in many cases)

The group itself started as a union busting organization in 1935 on the premise that the New Deal and organized labor were a satanic conspiracy and they needed to be stopped. The Family is not for the working man, they think that Christianity has been misunderstood, that Jesus only wanted to select a few key people. The Families relation to god is hierarchical as in people with the power are chosen by god and for them to rule others is to submit to god.


So to clarify The family is a organization that includes the rich powerful politically connected who feel they have a divine right to rule and law and morality don't apply to them neither does public sentiment.

Though this group is not part of the government, it advises brokers deals between the rulers of the world
at the national prayer breakfast where connections are made and under the table policy is set.

In this article we are summarizing points about the family that we found interesting and

at times highly disturbing. We are doing this because it is really important that people pay attention to these want to be rulers of the world hold them accountable and expose them when ever possible, by spreading information we can do our little part to undermine authoritarianism and promote grassroots democracy.

The Family's founder Abraham Verduze was a Norwegian immigrant and early fundamentalist. In 1935 he met with FBI and the head of US Steel, James Farrell who Abraham claims introduced him to the idea that all of Americas economic problems are because of our failure to obey Gods law. He had a vision where God comes to him and says



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"Christianity has gotten it wrong for the last 2,000 years" and that they instead of focusing on the poor, the down and out he wants to focus on the rich and powerful, the up and out. On top of this he had a great sympathy for European fascism he even helped former Nazis get jobs like being bankers for west Germany.

They're new leader Doug Coe continues the the Family legacy believing in a sort of totalitarianism for Christ. What the family believes is that the new testament is primarily about power. Doug Coe in a quote says to congressmen Thart in a conversation about historical figures he could look to as models of power. "Hitler, Pol Pot, Osama bin Laden and Lenin! He goes on to say, "you know Jesus said 'you got to put him before a mother-father-brother-sister'?" Hitler, Lenin, Mao, that's what they taught the kids. Mao even had kids killing their own mother and father. But it wasn't murder. It was for building the new nation. The new Kingdom." The Family even admires men like Hitler, Goebbels, and Lenin. They are impressed by what these three men were able to accomplish. But this is definitely not a strictly fascist organization the just like the model of power and strength.

The Family has members and associates from both ends of the (narrow American) political spectrum members of congress and the senate, both democrat and republican. People like senator John Ensign of Nevada, governor Mark Sanford from South Carolina, former congressman Chip Pickens, senator Chuck Grassley and even Hillary Clinton. They have an officers group in the US military with 15,000 members. The family has even gotten money from the Prince family who own Blackwater mercenary company now called Kx. They are friends with powerful people all over the world. David Koiv a member of the Family and former special assistant to George W. Bush and director of the Office of Faith-based and Community Initiatives said "The Fellowship's reach into governments around the world is almost impossible to overstate or grasp". They have done business with dictators like Suharto and Saeed Berre of Somalia. Its obvious that they're reach is far and wide

The Family has no apparent ideology barring submission to power that is the powerful submit to "God" by subjugating the less powerful and they see the natural chain of command going from god to dictators rich and powerful people all the way down the way down the hierarchy to the working class and oppressed, who show their respect for god by obedience to stay in their place and conform to their ascribed role even though it hurts them.

This is why feminism, labor movement, environmentalism, gay rights (sarcastism goes without saying) all are the enemies of the family, all these movements stress significance of the lives of people who aren't on the top of the social hierarchy and undermine the people in powers' dreams of limitless exploitation and rule.