

## The "Big Four" Companies that Rule the World

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Many a sinister conspiracy theory exists with regard to the true rulers of our world, but did you know that ownership of most of it can actually be traced to just FOUR huge corporations that you're likely to have never even heard of?

People are slowly catching on to the fact that the world is controlled by perhaps 12 families, with the likes of the Rockefellers, Rothschilds, et al, often touted as having dominion over huge, covert empires whose true wealth and influence is expertly shielded from prying eyes.

So who actually owns the world? As always when it comes to such overarching questions, we need to follow the money. That involves looking at inventory, specifically at the world's largest banks to establish who the shareholders are and thus who really calls the shots:

Bank of America Shareholders

State Street Corporation, Vanguard Group, BlackRock, FMR (Fidelity), Paulson, JP Morgan, T. Rowe, Capital World Investors, AXA, Bank of NY Mellon.

JP Morgan Shareholders

State Street Corporation, Vanguard Group, BlackRock, FMR, T. Rowe, AXA, Capital World Investor, Capital Research Global Investor, Northern Trust Corp. and Bank of NY Mellon.

Citigroup Shareholders

State Street Corporation, Vanguard Group, BlackRock, FMR, Paulson, Capital World Investor, JP Morgan, Northern Trust Corporation, Fairhome Capital Mgmt. and Bank of NY Mellon.

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State Street Corporation, Vanguard Group, BlackRock, FMR, Berkshire Hathaway, Capital World Investors, Wellington Mgmt, AXA, T. Rowe and Davis Selected Advisers.

Goldman Sachs Shareholders

State Street Corporation, Vanguard Group, BlackRock, FMR, Wellington, Capital World Investors, AXA, Massachusetts Financial Service and T. Rowe.

Morgan Stanley Shareholders

State Street Corporation, Vanguard Group, BlackRock, FMR, Mitsubishi UFJ, Franklin Resources, AXA, T. Rowe, Bank of NY Mellon e Jennison Associates. Rowe, Bank of NY Mellon and Jennison Associates.

Bank of NY Mellon Shareholders

State Street Corporation, Vanguard Group, BlackRock, FMR, Davis Selected, Massachusetts Financial Services, Capital Research Global Investor, Dodge, Cox, Southeastern Asset Management.

As you can see, the pattern goes on and on. The upshot of all this is that the eight largest financial companies in the United States are controlled by just TEN shareholders with FOUR companies involved in every single decision that's made. That's without mentioning dealings in tax havens such as the Cayman Islands, Monaco or Liechtenstein. Even more shocking is the fact that the US Federal Reserve is comprised of 12 banks represented by seven board members, some of whom are representatives of the "big four".

In other words, State Street Corporation, Vanguard Group, BlackRock, and FMR have a controlling influence on US monetary policy without oversight or democratic safeguards to speak of.

Here is a list of some of the companies controlled by the "big four":

- Alcoa Inc.
- Altria Group Inc.
- American International Group
- AT&T Inc.
- Boeing Co.
- Caterpillar Inc.
- Coca-Cola Co.
- DuPont & Co.
- Exxon Mobil Corp.
- General Electric Co.
- General Motors Corporation
- Hewlett-Packard Co.
- Home Depot Inc.
- Honeywell International Inc.
- Intel Corp.
- International Business Machines Corp
- Johnson & Johnson
- JP Morgan Chase & Co.
- McDonald's Corp.
- Merck & Co. Inc.
- Microsoft Corp.
- 3M Co.
- Pfizer Inc.

- Procter & Gamble Co.
- United Technologies Corp.
- Verizon Communications Inc.
- Wal-Mart Stores Inc.
- Time Warner
- Walt Disney
- Viacom
- Rupert Murdoch's News Corporation
- CBS Corporation
- NBC Universal

The "big four" also happen to control the vast majority of European companies listed on the US stock exchange, and also have an influence over the largest financial institutions in the world such as the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank. It goes without saying that the names of the families that control State Street Corporation, Vanguard Group, BlackRock and FMR never appear anywhere.

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