

# The Geopolitical Grand Chessmaster: The Legacy of Zbigniew Brzezinski

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*“Regret what? That secret operation was an excellent idea. It had the effect of drawing the Russians into the Afghan trap and you want me to regret it?...What is most important to the history of the world? The Taliban or the collapse of the Soviet empire? Some stirred-up Moslems or the liberation of Central Europe and the end of the cold war?”* – Zbigniew Brzezinski, in conversation with Le Nouveau Observateur (January, 1998) [1]

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**Zbigniew Brzezinski**, counselor and trustee at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, professor of American foreign policy at the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University, and most famously National Security Adviser under US President Jimmy Carter passed away on Friday May 26th in a Falls Church, Virginia Hospital. He was 89. [2][3]

Brzezinski, though hardly a household name, enjoyed an influence over international politics that few intellectuals outside elected office can hope to attain. In addition to his numerous academic treatises, and the role he played in the Carter administration, he was active in the secretive and influential Council on Foreign Relations and the Bilderberg Group. Additionally, he co-founded the Trilateral Commission with David Rockefeller.[4]

As investigative journalist Daniel Estulin exposes in his 2009 book, *The True Story of the Bilderberg Group*, all of these bodies convene business and political leaders alongside select members of the press behind closed doors with the aim of undermining sovereign democracies and imposing a policy framework favouring a privileged few. Estulin’s analysis reveals that membership in one or more of these bodies functions as a kind of rite of passage for aspiring presidential candidates in both major US political parties.

It could be posited therefore, that Brzezinski, given his influential role in these organizations, may be more powerful in a sense than elected presidents. [5]

The application of Brzezinski’s theories on utilizing ethnic national struggles as a cudgel against the Soviet Union, was supportive in securing the collapse of the USSR. However, as he would concede in [his later writings](#), this approach has proved to be a spectacular failure in terms of attaining what he called US “global primacy” on the world stage forcing a rethink of his earlier 90s era imperial framework.

More importantly, Zbig's strategy has left a trail of bloodshed and mayhem throughout Eurasia, extending into the Middle East, North Africa and even 'coming home to roost' in major American and European centres.

Zbigniew Brzezinski is the author of several pivotal works, including [Between Two Ages : America's Role in the Technetronic Era \(1970\)](#), [The Grand Chessboard: American Primacy and its Geostrategic Imperatives \(1997\)](#), and [Strategic Vision: America and the Crisis of Global Power](#).

Given the ultimate breadth of his influence, this week's Global Research News Hour commemorates the passing of this controversial figure with an overview of his life and legacy, through the eyes of four observers.

In the first half hour, writer, author and commentator **Jay Dyer** analyzes Brzezinski's core beliefs and activities in the pre-Carter era, and the role of the Trilateral Commission in advancing his influence over Carter and successive presidential administrations. We later replay part of an [October 2016 interview](#) with Andrew Korybko, in which he described Brzezinski's important role in the development of 'hybrid warfare' in the modern era. We get the perspective of John Helmer, who was a White House staffer in the Carter era. Finally, University of San Francisco Professor and scholar Filip Kovacevic examines the impacts of Brzezinski's strategies in the post 9/11 era, his later rethink of the idea of "US Primacy," and the prospects of neoconservative decision-makers in Washington following his lead.

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**John Helmer** is the longest continuously serving foreign correspondent based in Moscow, and directs his own independent bureau there. He has been a professor of political science, sociology and journalism, and has advised government heads in Greece, the United States and Asia. He served as a staffer in President Jimmy Carter's White House from 1977 to 1981. Helmer recently composed two articles on Brzezinski: [Zbigniew Brzezinski, The Svengali of Jimmy Carter's Presidency is Dead, But the Evil Lives on](#), and [The President's Inferiority Complex, His Advisor's Russia-Hating Obsession, and the Putsch Plotter with the Itchy Trigger Finger](#). Both can be found on Helmer's website, [johnhelmer.net](#).

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### **Notes:**

1. <https://www.globalresearch.ca/articles/BRZ110A.html>
2. Daniel Lewis (May 26, 2017), “Zbigniew Brzezinski, National Security Adviser to Jimmy Carter, Dies at 89”, New York Times; <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/05/26/us/zbigniew-brzezinski-dead-national-security-adviser-to-carter.html?mcubz=1>
3. Zbigniew Brzezinski (2012), Strategic Vision: America and the Crisis of Global Power (Basic Books); author bio
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5. Daniel Estulin (2009), “The True Story of the Bilderberg Group” pg. 43-44, 77-87, 109-112, 137-147) (Trine Day)

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