

Anatomy of a Smear: How George Soros and the World Government Lobby Tried to Sabotage John Bolton's Nomination to the U.N.

Liberals like to talk about the "culture of corruption" and the Jack Abramoff affair. But liberal groups which opposed the nomination of John Bolton as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations now have a scandal of their own.

The vicious attacks on Bolton's nomination were compared to the misrepresentation of Robert Bork's views when he was nominated by President Reagan to the U.S. Supreme Court. ¹ Bolton defenders said that he had been subjected to a campaign of character assassination.

What has not been known, until now, is that an organization associated with billionaire leftist George Soros had hired a controversial Democratic Party political consultant to help organize its campaign against Bolton. This consultant, Robert B. Creamer, was under indictment at the time and subsequently pleaded guilty to federal bank fraud and tax charges.



Morton Halperin (above) of the George Soros-funded Open Society Policy Center organized the opposition to John Bolton as U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. His group hired a controversial political operative, who has pleaded guilty to federal bank fraud and tax charges, to pressure liberal Republican Senator Lincoln Chafee to vote against Bolton.

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What's more, Creamer is married to liberal Democratic Rep. Jan Schakowsky, who serves in the House Democratic leadership as Chief Deputy Whip. A supporter of Howard Dean's presidential campaign, one of her websites features photos of her with comedian and political activist Al Franken.²

Schakowsky had steadfastly maintained her husband's innocence. After his guilty plea, she declared that, "In my heart, I know that these mistakes do not define or diminish this good man, or the good work that he has done over the last 40 years or that he will do in the future."³

In fact, as noted by CBS 2 Chicago in a report on this matter, **Creamer paid himself a six-figure salary "while leaving several banks holding the bag" because of his check-kiting schemes.**

In a January 28, 2006, column, Robert Novak reported that House Republicans, "wounded by lobbyist scandals, have called on the House Ethics Committee to investigate more than 10 Democratic members headed by Jan Schakowsky of Illinois and Nydia Velazquez of New York. Schakowsky's husband, consumer advocate Robert Creamer, has been indicted in a check-kiting scheme. **The Republicans contend that because she signed tax returns with him, she should be investigated by the Ethics Committee.**"⁴ In fact, Creamer had already pleaded guilty by this point.

Ironically, Schakowsky issued a statement on January 26, 2006, on her support for the Honest Leadership and Open Government Act and the Special Interest Lobbying and Ethics Accountability Act.⁵

While Creamer's involvement in the anti-Bolton campaign has only recently come to light, the American people were also not told that the various Soros-funded organizations were being actively assisted by an organization openly supporting world government and global taxes. That group, Citizens for Global Solutions, is the new name for the World Federalist Association.

The Lobbying Campaign

A "Lobbying Registration" document on file with Congress (see page 5) says that Robert Creamer and Linda Saucedo of the Strategic Consulting Group were hired to "Fight the nomination of John Bolton for US Ambassador to United Nations." The Strategic Consulting Group describes itself as "one of the country's leading Democratic political consulting firms."⁶

The clients were listed as the Open Society Institute, which is exempt from United States income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, and The Open Society Policy Center, which is organized under Section 501(c)(4) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code. Both were "established" By George Soros, who spends between \$400 million and \$500 million a year through his organizations.⁷

The Open Society Policy Center (OSPC), which describes itself as "a non-partisan organization that engages in policy advocacy on U.S. and International issues, including foreign operations, criminal justice reform, human rights, women's rights and civil liberties," is closely associated with the Open Society

Institute. For example, Gara La Marche, the secretary of the Board of Directors of the OSPC, is the director of U.S. programs for the OSI. Aryeh Neier, chairman of the OSPC board, is president of OSI. Morton Halperin, who is executive director of the OSPC, is director of the Open Society Institute in Washington, D.C.

Halperin, a former Department of Defense and National Security Council official, is a former associate of CIA defector and Castro collaborator Philip Agee. He serves as senior vice president at the Center for American Progress, another Soros-funded group.

In a telephone interview, Creamer associate Linda Saucedo called the filing of the lobbying registration statement a mistake. "We did some phone calls," she said. "It's not considered direct lobbying." She said "it was hardly anything" in terms of money, "a couple thousand dollars." Saucedo also said that, contrary to what the registration said, the Open Society Policy Center, a 501 (c) 4 organization, was the only client and that the Open Society Institute was not involved.

Wendy Feliz Sefsaf, communications liaison officer for the Open Society Policy Center, confirmed that over five days in April 2005, Strategic Consulting "contacted Rhode Islanders concerning the Bolton nomination" and that the firm was paid \$4,642.05 for these services. Their target was Senator Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island.

The fact remains that Creamer and his firm were hired in April 2005 when he was under indictment by the U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, Patrick J. Fitzgerald. Creamer pleaded guilty in a plea agreement revealed on August 31, 2005, and is awaiting sentencing in the case. Creamer admitted operating three check-kiting schemes resulting in bank fraud totaling at least \$2.3 million. The actions involved accounts he controlled as executive director of the Illinois Public Action Fund, a so-called "public interest" group.

Asked about Creamer's role and his legal problems, Saucedo said, "I can't help you on that," and suggested contacting his attorneys.

Battle Over Bolton

At the time of the consideration of the Bolton nomination, it was thought that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which was split 10-8 between Republicans and Democrats, would approve Bolton on that basis. That is why a major effort was launched in order to persuade some Republicans on the committee to oppose the nominee.

Convicted inside trader George Soros, a major funder of the liberal wing of the Democratic Party and supporter of the United Nations, played a big role in this effort.

As it stood, Soros had made financial contributions to six of eight Democratic members of the Foreign Relations Committee - Senators Barack Obama, Barbara Boxer, Bill Nelson, Joe Biden, Paul Sarbanes, and John Kerry. But even if the anti-Bolton forces got all 8 Democrats to vote against him (and they did), they needed one Republican to vote against Bolton and sink his

nomination in the committee. They decided to target liberal Republican Senator Lincoln Chafee, a member of the committee wavering on the Bolton nomination.

The Washington Post noted at the time that, "A negative vote by Chafee could deeply wound the nomination because it would prevent the committee -- which Republicans control 10 to 8 -- from recommending Bolton to the full Senate. With all eight committee Democrats opposed to Bolton, a Chafee defection would lead to a 9 to 9 tie at best."⁸

Ironically, it was another Republican Senator, George Voinovich, who asked for a delay on the vote on the nomination, originally scheduled in the committee on April 19, 2005. Concerned about the many charges and accusations made against the nominee from the political left, Voinovich said he didn't feel comfortable voting for Bolton. On May 12, the committee voted to send the nomination to the full Senate without a recommendation. The vote was along party lines 10-8.

However, on the Senate floor, Republican leaders twice failed to muster the 60 votes needed to break a filibuster and move Bolton's nomination to a vote. If Bolton had been given a straight up-or-down vote, he would have won.⁹ On August 1, 2005, President Bush gave Bolton a recess appointment as Ambassador to the U.N.

The Anti-Bolton Effort

Groups publicly opposing Bolton appeared together at an April 4, 2005, National Press Club event. They were Citizens for Global Solutions¹⁰; the Open Society Policy Center; the Union of Concerned Scientists; Physicians for Social Responsibility; Peace Action; American Progress Action Fund¹¹; Friends Committee on National Legislation; and 20/20 Vision.¹²

Another player in the anti-Bolton campaign targeting Chafee was his Senate colleague, Democratic Senator Barbara Boxer, whose "PAC for a Change" organized a campaign to "Change Lincoln Chafee's Mind on John Bolton."¹³

Boxer declared, "My Democratic colleagues and I have been working overtime to try to convince at least one fellow Republican committee member to join with us. At this point, our best chance may well rest with Republican Senator Lincoln Chafee from Rhode Island. Unfortunately, Senator Chafee has decided to reluctantly support the Bolton nomination, despite the fact that a new Zogby poll shows that over 80% of Rhode Islanders oppose the nomination."

The Phony Poll

The Zogby poll,¹⁴ entitled "Poll of Rhode Island Voters about the John Bolton Nomination," was a key part of the anti-Bolton campaign. Like Boxer, Halperin argued in an op-ed that over 80% of Rhode Island voters say they want his nomination rejected, "according to a recent Zogby International poll."¹⁵

The pro-world government Citizens for Global Solutions issued a release about the poll, insisting that "Over 80 percent of Rhode Islanders oppose the

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 2. House Identification Number 34564 Senate Identification Number _____

REGISTRANT

3. Registrant name Strategic Consulting Group, NA, INC.
 Address 4318 N. Elston Ave. Ste. 200
 City Chicago State IL Zip 60641 USA

4. Principal place of business (if different than line 3)
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5. Telephone number and contact name
773-539-3222 Contact Mr. Robert B. Creamer E-mail creamr2@aol.com

6. General description of registrant's business or activities
Political Consulting & Public Interest Firm

CLIENT *A lobbying firm is required to file a separate registration for each client. Organizations employing in-house lobbyists should check the box labeled "Self" and proceed to line 10.* Self

7. Client name Open Society Policy Center & Open Society Institute
 Address 1120 19th Street, NW, 8th Floor
 City Washington State DC Zip 20036 USA

8. Principal place of business (if different than line 7)
 City _____ State _____ Zip _____

9. General description of client's business or activities
Private foundation to promote public policy that ensures human rights, economic, legal & social reform & democracy.

LOBBYISTS

10. Name of each individual who has acted or is expected to act as a lobbyist for the client identified on line 7. If any person listed in this section has served as a "covered executive branch official" or "covered legislative branch official" within two years of first acting as a lobbyist for the client, state the executive and/or legislative position(s) in which the person served.

Name	Covered Official Position (if applicable)
Robert Creamer	
Linda Saucedo	

nomination of John Bolton for U.S. Ambassador to UN, according to a recent survey taken by Zogby." ¹⁶

In fact, When asked, "Should Senator Chafee vote for or against John Bolton for the next US Ambassador to the United Nations?", the results were:

Vote for 17 %
Vote against 32 %
Not sure 51 %

The poll got 81 percent in opposition to the nomination only by listing several alleged negative positions or beliefs attributed to Bolton. For example it was claimed that Bolton had "put nuclear negotiations in jeopardy by insulting North Korea."

What was this insult? Bolton had described North Korean dictator Kim Jong Il as a "tyrannical dictator" who "lives like royalty in Pyongyang" and "keeps hundreds of thousands of people locked in prison camps with millions more mired in abject poverty, scrounging the ground for food. For many in North Korea, life is a hellish nightmare."

Telling the truth about the North Korean dictator became an "insult," according to the anti-Bolton forces and the carefully contrived poll.

After attributing all of these negative statements to Bolton, the poll said, "The previous quotations, beliefs, and acts are those of John Bolton, President Bush's nominee to be U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. Knowing what you know now, do you think Senator Chafee should vote for or against John Bolton for the next U.S. Ambassador to the UN?" This is how the 81 percent figure was obtained.

It was obviously designed to pressure Chafee to vote against Bolton.



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Change Lincoln Chafee's mind on John Bolton

In May, 71,205 Americans emailed Republican Senator Lincoln Chafee of Rhode Island, more called his Senate office, urging him to stand up to White House pressure and oppose nomination in the Foreign Relations Committee.

Following is the text from that online advocacy campaign:

Thursday morning, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee will be meeting to vote on nomination as UN Ambassador. As it stands, a 10-8 party line vote of the Republican-

This is from the website of Senator Barbara Boxer's political action committee. She targeted her colleague, Senator Lincoln Chafee, in order to force him to vote against John Bolton. She claims that 71,205 people emailed his office and thousands more called him.



The groups represented here were the key components of the anti-Bolton campaign.

Boxer's Anti-Bolton Witness

Senator Boxer, who also promoted the poll, was involved in a controversial attempt to smear Bolton by citing the statements of an anti-Bolton critic named Lynne D. Finney. Barbara said Finney, described in press reports as a motivational speaker who cared about world peace, reported that Bolton had "screamed" at her more than 20 years ago. The Boston Globe reported that Boxer distributed Finney's letter to reporters.¹⁷

America's Survival, Inc. discovered that Finney is a specialist on the subject of "recovered memories" and charges \$90 an hour for "conversations" on how to find "inner peace." Finney proclaims on her website that "We are becoming One" and that "Like popcorn, we are all popping faster and are reaching enlightenment at a rapid rate." She also claims to have been taught by "Tibetan monks and Master Nome in Santa Cruz, Calif." Master Nome is a Hindu religious teacher.¹⁸

Another Bolton accuser turned out to be a serial plagiarist.¹⁹

Now we find out that the anti-Bolton forces used the services of a crook.

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¹ See: <http://www.weeklystandard.com/Content/Public/Articles/000/000/005/525dgarw.asp>

² See <http://www.janschakowsky.org/PhotoGallery/tabid/95/Default.aspx>

³ http://www.usatoday.com/news/washington/2005-08-31-congresswoman-husband_x.htm
⁴ <http://www.townhall.com/opinion/columns/robertnovak/2006/01/28/184198.html>
⁵ http://www.house.gov/schakowsky/PressRelease_1_18_06_EthicsPledgey.html
⁶ <http://www.campaignschool.org/index.html>
⁷ <http://www.soros.org/about/faq>
⁸ <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A6101-2005Apr20.html>
⁹ The New York Times reported that, "Three Democrats - Mark Pryor of Arkansas, Ben Nelson of Nebraska and Mary Landrieu of Louisiana - voted to end debate. A Republican, George Voinovich of Ohio, crossed party lines and voted to keep the filibuster going." See: <http://www.nytimes.com/2005/06/20/politics/20cnd-bolton.html?ex=1140584400&en=11d96faefdae9b00&ei=5070>
¹⁰ Its political action committee (PAC) has given campaign contributions to four Democratic members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee – Barbara Boxer, Christopher Dodd, Russell Feingold, and Barack Obama - and committee chairman Republican Senator Richard Lugar.
¹¹ The American Progress Action Fund is an affiliate of the Center for American Progress.
¹² A complete report can be found at: <http://www.usasurvival.org/ck40405.shtml>
¹³ <http://www.barbaraboxer.com/issues/archive?id=0001>
¹⁴ <http://www.thewashingtonnote.com/archives/RhodeIslandPoll%204-18-051.pdf>
¹⁵ http://www.opensocietypolicycenter.org/printer_friendly.php?docId=67&url=/resources/publication.php?docId=67
¹⁶ <http://press.arrivenet.com/politics/print.php?url=http://press.arrivenet.com/politics/article.php/626621.html&aid=626621>
¹⁷ http://www.boston.com/news/nation/washington/articles/2005/04/24/ex_employee_alleges_mistreatment_by_bolton/
¹⁸ <http://www.usasurvival.org/ck51105a.shtml>
¹⁹ http://littlegreenfootballs.com/weblog/?entry=15636_Bolton_Accuser_a_Serial_Plagiariizer&only=yes

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PLEA AGREEMENT

This Plea Agreement between the United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, and the defendant, ROBERT B. CREAMER, and his attorneys, ANN

This is part of the plea agreement in which Robert B. Creamer pleaded guilty to bank fraud and tax charges.