“Adam Smith warned that the “masters of mankind” will pursue their “vile maxim: All for ourselves, and nothing for other people.” There could hardly be a more apt description of the recent era of savage capitalism, straining for new heights under cover of Trump’s antics. Who exactly are the masters? This remarkable inquiry lifts the veil, providing detailed and often shocking revelations about the astonishing concentration of private wealth and corporate power, its institutions and integrated structure – and not least, its threat to civilized and humane existence.”

Noam Chomsky, Emeritus Professor of MIT

"Peter Phillips' book is a timely reminder that as the transnational capitalist class/global power elite changes it is vital that critical researchers keep up with these changes. The reader will find impressive documentation of the institutions and personnel driving capitalist globalization in its destructive and relentless search for growth and profits."

Leslie Sklair, Emeritus Professor of Sociology London School of Economics and Political Science

The unabated global concentration of capital and deepening inequality is putting humanity on the brink of extinction. The financial behemoths running this oppressive and violent economic order have largely operated in the shadows, but Peter Phillips names the names in his latest work.

“Giants” answers, in great detail, the commonly-asked but little-known question: who really pulls the strings? This book outlines the handful of individuals who manage the most powerful think tanks, investment firms and corporate boards who make society’s decisions at the expense of the planet.

“Giants” is an essential tool to understand those at the reigns of empire and capitalist hegemony, so we can be empowered to fight for our survival.”

Abby Martin, “The Empire Files” Telesur,

“Giants: The Global Power Elite Is an admirably accessible outing of the global oligarchy. The graphics work well and the writing is very clear and engaging. Peter Phillips has collected an awesome range of data and presents it really well. I salute his efforts here and hope the book finds many readers.”

William Carroll, Professor Sociology University Victoria

“A tour de force of research and analysis on a frequently ignored but crucial topic affecting humanity’s future: the transnational capitalist class power elite. An extraordinary contribution.”
Dr. Laurence H. Shoup, author of Wall Street’s Think Tank

“We all know that "they" run the world, or much of it; and we know that their only purpose is to make themselves still richer; and that this compulsive enterprise is killing all the rest of us, by spreading poverty, creating endless war, and terminally poisoning the earth.

We know how powerful they are, and what it's doing to us; yet we don't know exactly who "they" are—information that we very badly need, and that "our free press" has not provided us, nor is it regularly taught in any schools, because the press and schools are largely theirs.

And so those of us who want to break their chokehold are indebted (in a liberating way) to Peter Phillips, thanks to whom we finally know the names and stories of those 199 lethal supermanagers.

Picking up where C. Wright Mills left off with his invaluable dissection of the "power elite" that used to run America alone, Phillips thoroughly identifies the members of the "transnational capitalist class" that largely runs the world today, through the mammoth instruments of Western military force, an international "intelligence community," and—not least—"our free press."

It is a daunting explication of the fix we're in today; and yet Phillips also gives us hope, by pointing up the possibilities for real resistance, and a path toward (real) democracy. For anyone who wants to know precisely where we are today, and why—and who knows that we can and must go somewhere else—Giants is a book to read, and recommend, right now.”

Mark Crispin Miller PhD, Professor Media Studies New York University

“Giants is an interdisciplinary tour de force and exposé that uniquely catalogues and traces the global power elites of the transnational capitalist class while analyzing their increasingly vast reach into all corners of the world and all aspects of our lives. Project Censored veteran and noted political sociologist Peter Phillips breaks down the political economy of late capitalism’s concentrated wealth, noting the looming consequences and what is to be done— including naming the names and outing the networks of the new global power elite and even asking them to do their share to reverse power dynamics in a way that reflects a more just, democratic, and representative society for all before it’s too late.

This book is a must read for the general public, and especially suited for community college and university students. Phillips' Giants is a much-needed book for our times. He shows how the global economy has shifted into the 21st century, by whom and in whose favor, and what we the
people need to do to reclaim our commons—revitalizing our democratic institutions (including public education and a truly free press), redressing the ecocidal climate crisis, and restricting and redirecting the permanent wartime economy, all while creating a sustainable future with renewed human institutions that value all life and promote liberty for all, not mammon and property for the few. It’s quite possible our future as a species on the planet rests in large part on how well we understand the ambitions and networks of the global power elites Phillips exposes in *Giants*, and whether we mobilize and act to confront them.”

Mickey Huff, president, Media Freedom Foundation and director, Project Censored; professor of social science and history, Diablo Valley College

“This innovative inventory of the globally networked power resources of mega-capitalists belongs on the book shelves and computer devices of every journalist and social activist. Thereby they can check global money laundering and business veiling strategies in terms of pervading power and exploitation.”

This book is a fearless expose of the ascendancy of a class of global elites and the power they wield around the world. Brilliantly argued and meticulously documented, the pages of this book lay bare the connections between power and wealth, and identify a system that allows a small minority of billionaires to control vast resources of the earth to devastating consequences. Phillips writes with compassion and humanity, and also tells us that unveiling such mechanisms is a necessary first step in reshaping a global economic system able to address the current crises of democracy, equality and environmental destruction.”

Robin Andersen, Professor, Communication and Media Studies Fordham University

“Following from decades of research on power elites, Peter Phillips’ book *Giants* exposes the power networks that link the world’s wealthiest individuals and organizations and the ideological justifications that sustain their power. Impeccable original research provides the foundation for an impassioned call to action that reflects Phillips’ abiding commitments to social justice and human rights. This book is essential reading for anyone who wants to understand socio-economic inequality in the 21st century, and it is vital inspiration for those committed to creating a better world.”

Andy Lee Roth, associate director, Project Censored

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This book, a who’s-who of the global power elite, is a timely and important addition to the work on the Transnational Capitalist Class. In it, Peter Phillips shows that a mere seventeen institutions of financial capital, and the individuals who run them, exert a stunning degree of control over the fate of humanity. Dominated by white males of European descent, this inter-connected global power elite ensures the continued growth of capitalism at the expense of the vast majority. It is a must-read for all scholars and activists committed to economic equality and social justice.”

Deepa Kumar Associate Professor Media Studies Rutgers University, President, Rutgers AAUP-AFT faculty union.

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Marc Pilisuk, Professor Emeritus, The University of California Faculty, Saybrook University

“Peter Phillips carefully uncovers the manipulative ways used by global class elites to keep the world safe for the Superrich--those who try to save capitalism from itself, a foul story we all need to hear and challenge. And Phillips does it splendidly.”

Michael Parenti, Ph.D., author of “The Face of Imperialism”

“In this important book, Peter Phillips has advanced progressive thinking about power in several ways. He has expanded sociologist C. Wright Mills's model of social structure from the national power elite, to the transnational capitalist class. He identifies key power-holders within that class, thus highlighting an ethic of individual as well as institutional accountability. And he does so within a consistent human rights framework that is much required in today's political climate. Giants: The Global Power Elite is a crucial map for desperately needed social change.”

Prof. Robert Hackett School of Communication Simon Fraser University

“If the well-being and effective functioning of democracy is based on serving the peoples’ interests first, we must hold accountable parties who abuse public trust and resources under an impartial application of the rule of law. Outside of the standard elected and government bureaucrats, Peter Philips challenges us to re-evaluate the role of powerful financial interests in shaping American life. More than a discussion about an abstract elite, Dr. Phillips enumerates key players by names, interests and roles. Valuable material for people who like critical thinking.”
Loan K. Le, Ph.D., President and CEO, Institute for Good Government and Inclusion (IGGI)

“If you want to know who is actually ruling the world-- read this book. If you want to know the organizations they use and the networks that create them-- read this book. If want to know "what-needs-to-be-done" to stop them from destroying the planet-- read this book and then take action.”

David Cobb, 2004 Green Party Presidential nominee, Co-Founder of Cooperation Humboldt

“Dr. Phillips does an incredible job of detailing the 17 Global Financial Giants who carry most of the power and control of our global world, those who contribute to many of the social problems we are struggling with worldwide, but who often remain hidden from accountability. As a radical sociologist whose work is reminiscent of the great C. Wright Mills, Dr. Phillips names these giants and gives the reader a useful primer for social activism. He details how these groups stay protected by private security firms and the ways in which media spin keeps them looking clean. Speaking truth to power, Dr. Phillips ends his work with an open letter to these global giants, which I proudly signed, inviting them to reimagine a more just society.”

Susan Rahman Ph.D. Professor Sociology, Marin College

“Giants: The Global Power Elite is a must-read for anyone concerned with how the concentration of wealth in the hands of a small number of global political elites affects the well-being of humanity and of the ultimate sustainability of life on earth. In the best tradition of political sociology with a strong, data-driven analysis, Peter Phillips demonstrates that a small global power elite has “rigged” a global economy that serves its own interests at the expense of the well-being—even the longevity—of humankind.”

Donna Brasset Ph.D. Anthropology

“The Global elite, with their associated armies and police forces are, at an accelerating rate, destroying the planet, based on their bottom line, which clearly appears to be corporate profit and power at all costs. Indeed, the planet, our children, and grandchildren, are facing a very bleak future if these titans of global control continue to have their way. Their policies have already carried us to the brink, putting life as we know it in jeopardy. Giants: The Global Power Elite is a field guide to what these greedy destroyers are up to in the name of profit and global control of planetary resources. Read it and weep, and then act to resist it however you can. As Joe Hill Said: Don't mourn, organize.”

Dennis J Bernstein, Executive Producer of the award-winning daily radio news magazine, Flashpoints syndicated on KPFA/Pacifica radio and the author of Special Ed: Voices from a Hidden Classroom.
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Rob Williams, Ph.D., University of Vermont