

## *Secret Societies and the Perils of Oversharing*

There are men whose allegiances lie not with their country, not with their friends or family or even their wives. These men take an oath, guaranteeing their loyalty to the exclusive society that they wish to be a part of, clubs like The Freemasons, Knights of Templar, Skull and Bones, to name a few. These groups have been around for hundreds of years, with their roots stretching all the way back to medieval Europe. These secret societies have deadly penalties for any member oversharing their secrets. The memberships of these includes presidents, bankers, and other powerful people that control major facets of the world community. The interests of these secret societies are not the best interests of the general population. Chances are, if you voted in the 2004 presidential election, you voted for someone who's allegiance wasn't to you but to their brethren in the secret society that have sworn allegiance to. These people want more power for themselves and less for everybody else. Why must these societies operate in secrecy? What impact have these secret societies have on the world? Why is all of this a threat to American democracy? This paper tackles all of those subjects and reveals a hidden power structure that becomes more and more obvious every year.