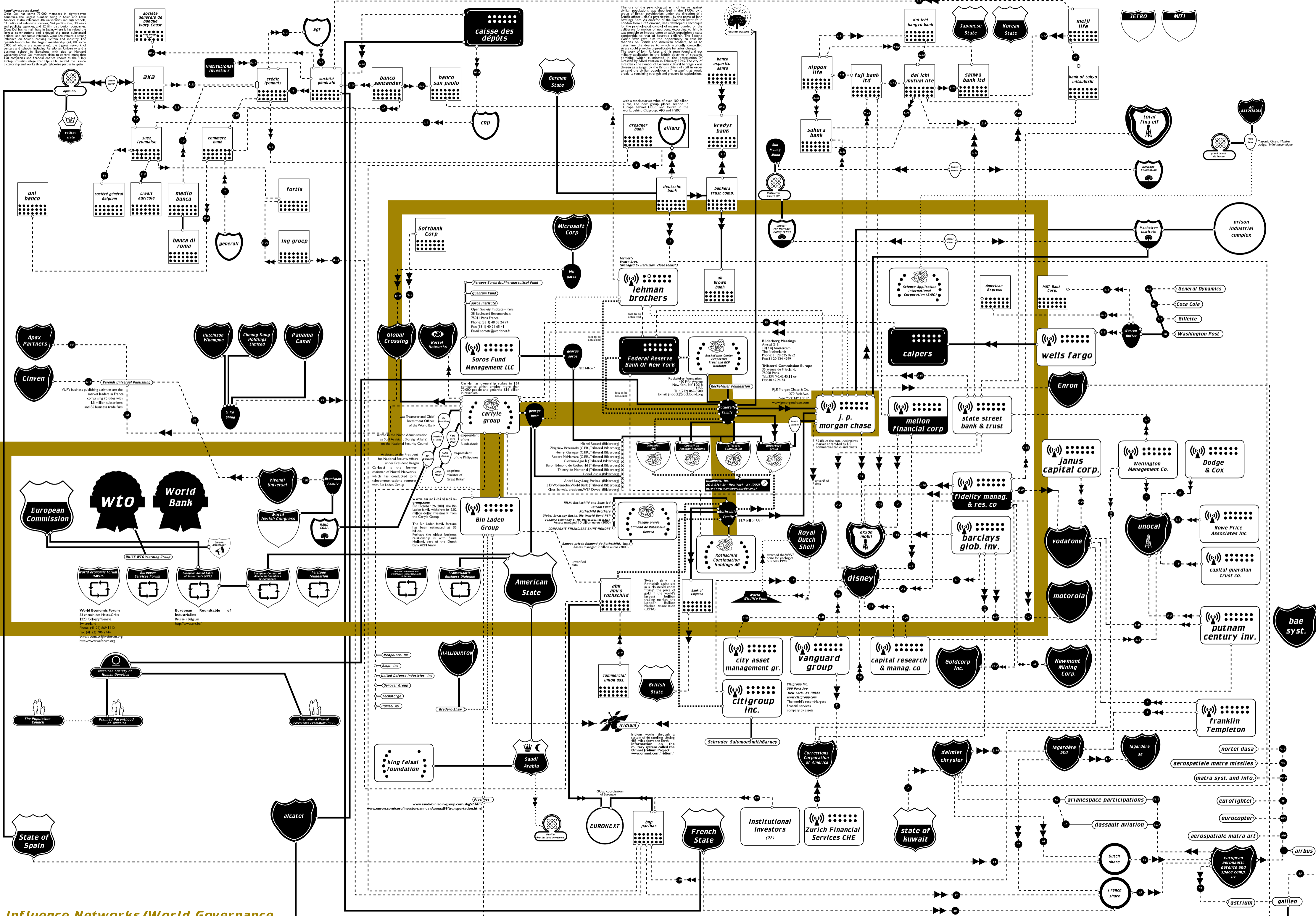


Opus Dei has some 73,000 members in eighty-seven countries, the largest number being in Spain and Latin America. It has 180,000 members and 100,000 staff. It has 52 radio and television stations, 600 publications, 38 news and public agencies and 12 film distribution companies. Opus Dei has its main base in Spain, where it has raised the largest contributions and enjoyed the most widespread political and economic influence. Opus Dei retains a strong influence on Spain's banking system and industry. The Spanish branch has the largest membership (24,000, some 5,000 of whom are reportedly the biggest network of officers and clerics, including Pamplona University and a business school in Barcelona, with ties to Harvard University). Opus Dei maintains banks to control more than 150 companies and financial systems known as the "Holy Group." Opus Dei also runs Opus Dei service of the Franco dictatorship and works through right-wing parties in Spain.

The use of the psychological arm of terror against civilian populations was theorized in the 1930s by a group of British psychiatrists, under the direction of a British officer - also a psychiatrist - by the name of John Haldane. Haldane, a director of the Institute for the Study of the Psychology of the War, was a pioneer in the deliberate formation of neuroses. According to him, it was possible to impose upon an individual a state comparable to that of neurotic children. The Second World War gave men the opportunity to test his theories on British and American soldiers, so as to determine the degree to which artificially conditioned soldiers would be able to resist the effects of the war. The work of John R. Rice and his team found a direct military application in the destruction of the Dresden - the symbol of German cultural heritage - was chosen as a target by the British Chiefs of Staff in order to send the civilian population "a message" that would break its remaining strength and prepare its capitulation.



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