

"Children and animals must be protected at all costs". Boston Consulting Group is deeply rooted in the "corporate" education system. Janine Yass is on the board of the Center for Education Reform & is married to Susquehanna's Jeff Yass, a big funder of anti-public school groups across the country. - April 7, 2022

Due Diligence

"Seeing BCG is worse than finding the slender man in the back of your family portrait. For a public school system, this is like finding the grim reaper at your front door. And he's not selling cookies." - Peter Greene, Little Rock Arkansas English Teacher, 2015

TL;dr - Apes I am floored. All the big players are here and they're all in cahoots with BCG's Corporate Education plan, "America's Education System at a Crossroads: New Research and Insights on Business-Educator Partnerships in PreK-12 Education." Who hired the overpriced consultants?: Bill Gates, The Walton Family, Jeffrey Yass, Betsy Devos, Mitt Romney, Benjamin Netanyahu, Jeb Bush, and many many new names to dive into.



The only ones more useless than overpriced consultants are those who hire them.

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I think RC might be taking on "The Big Three", the world's three largest strategy consulting firms because they are nepotic and inter-connected at an elite level:

- McKinsey & Company
- Boston Consulting Group

Big Three (management consultancies)

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The **Big Three** or **MBB** refers to the name colloquially given to the world's three largest strategy consulting firms by revenue. They are considered to be the most prestigious firms in the management consulting industry.^[1] In terms of employees and revenues, McKinsey is the largest, followed by Boston Consulting Group and Bain & Company,

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The three consulting firms widely regarded as constituting the **Big Three** or **MBB** are McKinsey & Company, Boston Consulting Group and Bain & Company. These three firms are among the world's largest strategy consulting firms by revenue. Their latest publicly available data is summarized in the table below:^[2]

Firm \$	Employees (year) 🗢	Revenue (year) 🗢	Revenue per Employee 🗢	Locations (cities) \$	Headquarters 🗢
McKinsey & Company	30,000 (2019) ^[3]	\$10.5 B (2019) ^[3]	\$350 K	133 ^[4]	None ^[4]
Boston Consulting Group	22,000 (2020) ^[5]	<mark>\$8.6 B</mark> (2020) ^[5]	\$391 K	90+ ^[6]	Boston, MA
Bain & Company	13,000 (2019) ^[7]	<mark>\$4.5 B</mark> (2019) ^[8]	\$450 K	59 ^[9]	Boston, MA

THE YASS NETWORK IN ACTION

Late last year, at a Renaissance Charter Stetson Middle School event, the **Gates Foundation** reappeared in Philly, not to announce that the New Media Technology charter school it founded with the Black Alliance for Educational Options (BAEO) was being managed by a criminal, but to promise \$100,000 and possibly more to help Mayor Nutter and the SRC start the Philadelphia Great Schools Compact. A new accountability program and signed deal between traditional and charter schools, the compact establishes an Office of Charter Schools and promotes, thanks to the newly formed Philadelphia School Partnership, a parochial school agenda. Philadelphia School Partnership is a fund raising, school assessment group that seeks to convert low-performing schools into corporate factories and religious institutions.

Both the Gates and BCG plans for Philly are right on target with the Philadelphia School Partnership's corporate/voucher plot.

The Philadelphia School Partnership's (PSP) corporatist/voucher/charter connections run deep. One PSP board member, **Janine Yass**, founded the Boys' Latin School in 2007, where lawmaker Anthony Williams' former staffer and BAEO member Dawn Chavous is now secretary of its board. Along with Kevin Chavous (DFER/BAEO leader and cousin to Dawn), Chris Whittle (formerly of Edison Schools), and Jeanne Allen (past Corbett adviser), **Janine Yass sits on the board of directors for the Center for Education Reform (CER)**, a pro-choice group launched in D.C. in 1993. In fact, Yass' love affair with CER goes back to at least 2006, when she, past Bush Secretary of Education Rod Paige, New York City Schools Chancellor Joel Klein, Sallie Mae founder Al Lord, then-Indiana Republican state senator Teresa Lubbers, and others were celebrated for anti-public school accomplishments.

Janine is married to Susquehanna International Group's Jeff Yass, a big funder of anti-public school groups across the country. Along with Jeff's partner Arthur Dantchik, Janine Yass donated \$1,000 to Dan Harvell's

unsuccessful 2006 run for the GOP primary in House District 7, South Carolina. Blogger Gervais S. Bridges has found that, in this race, 86% of Harvell's campaign funding came from out-of-state voucher supporters. Americans for Limited Government's Howard Rich, who currently sits with Jeff Yass on the Cato Institute's board, also tossed \$1,000 to Harvell's voucher campaign.

source: In the City of Corporate Love and Beyond: The Boston Consulting Group, Gates, and the Filthy Rich – Common Errant (btownerrant.com)

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BCG'S SISTER CITES: THE CORPORATE SCHOOL PLAN FOR CLEVELAND AND PHILLY

This month, Cleveland's Mayor Frank Jackson is attempting to persuade the Ohio state legislature to buy into a corporate school transformation plan that BCG and others have been setting in motion since 2009.

In Cleveland, BCG has utilized the same slash-and-burn tactics as in Philly.

To set up the kill, BCG's 2009 Cleveland plan (PDF), which also included "reports" on school turnarounds from Education First and theme schools from the Council of the Great City Schools, doesn't detail cost-saving strategies.

BCG AT THE PEARLY GATES

In Illinois, BCG sold itself to the **Gates Foundation**, Joyce Foundation, Education First, and several sell-out leaders to help launch Advance Illinois. On the Advance Illinois board, BCG's senior partner and managing director Marin Gjaja joined former Illinois governor Jim Edgar and State Farm's Edward B. Rust, Jr., the former chair of the Business Roundtable's Education Initiative and a McGraw-Hill board member, who has been on the public schools' enemy list for years. In January 2012, just months after Advance Illinois aided in Stand for Children's legislative buyout by spreading reform propaganda, BCG's Shalini Unnikrishnan addressed the Illinois Joint Interim Task Force on Accountable Schools concerning the Illinois school report card, alongside Advance Illinois' Robin Steans, daughter of Harrison Steans, the

chairman of the executive committee at Financial Investments Corporation who sat on Mayor Daly's charter schoolexpanding Renaissance School Fund board. BCG revamped the Illinois school report card in 2011 by organizing 60 state-wide focus groups, but this wasn't the firm's first Illinois rodeo. In fact, in 2005, as CEO Arne Duncan applauded, the Gates Foundation paid BCG and the American Institutes for Research \$2.3 million to devise a managing "portfolio" for the Chicago Public Schools.

Gates rehired BCG to write the proposal (PDF) for North Carolina's Race to the Top bid, after he bankrolled the firm's 2007 North Carolina District and School Transformation plan.

In 2009, in order to win a \$100 million Gates grant to set up an anti-teacher plan in Florida, Hillsborough County Schools hired, with Gates Foundation money, BCG to do focus groups, survey teachers and administrators, and write up the grant proposal. For community engagement meetings in February and May 2010, besides BCG and Gates representatives, several members of the United Way were on hand, too, as they are in Philly. Hillsborough won the Gates Foundation Empowering Effective Teachers Grant, and the Hillsborough County Teachers Association willingly signed on.

BCG won the gig to develop the "teacher effectiveness" system for Hillsborough, too. BCG and Gates have been involved in "boosting teacher effectiveness" in Prince George's County Public Schools in Maryland and "improving student outcomes" in the Los Angeles Unified School District.

According to currently available tax records, since 2008 Gates has paid BCG \$35.5 million.



Boston Consulting Group: Another Dark Horseman

Word went out today that immediately after Arkansas decided to make Little Rock Schools non-public, the **Walton family** called a "focus group" meeting "in conjunction with the Boston Consulting Group. This is worse than finding the slender man in the back of your family portrait. For a public school system, this is finding the grim reaper at your front door. And he's not selling cookies.

The Boston Consulting Group is often referred to as " management consulting group." That's not entirely accurate. BCG is one of The Big Three consulting groups-- the other two are McKinsey and Bain. People love working there, and the people who work there are recruited heavily from the very toppest universities. These are the guys that Fortune 500 companies call for help making money. Forbes lists them as America's 112th largest private company. Gutting and stripping school districts does not even require a tenth of their power or attention. They are officially scary.

source: CURMUDGUCATION: Boston Consulting Group: Another Dark Horseman

Walton Foundation sets meeting in Little Rock schools

BY Max Brantley ON January 31, 2015 12:13 am

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Notice apparently went out to Little Rock schools today about a focus group meeting with the **Walton Family Foundation** and the **Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation** "in conjunction with the **Boston Consulting Group**."

source: Walton Foundation sets meeting in Little Rock schools - Arkansas Times (arktimes.com)

Diane Ravitch, a former school reform advocate who now deplores the takeover of American education by the billionaire reformers, <u>has written on her popular blog in the past</u> about the arrival of **Boston Consulting Group** in other school districts. It can be expected to recommend privatized schools, as it has done in Memphis and Philadelphia. Ravitch wrote:

Wherever the Boston Consulting Group goes, certain outcomes are predictable:

- 1. It will recommend closing public schools.
- 2. It will recommend opening privately managed charter schools.
- 3. Most of the schools closed will be in African-American neighborhoods.
- 4. Most of the teachers laid off will be African American.

5. The Boston Consulting Group will get a fee that is outrageous in comparison to the work they do in writing a report (the report is everywhere the same, just change the name of the city).

There is something fundamentally antidemocratic about relinquishing control of the public education policy agenda to private foundations run by society's wealthiest people.

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