

Norman Dodd

Norman Dodd (June 29, 1899 – January 1987) born in New Jersey, was a banker/bank manager, worked as a financial advisor and served as chief investigator in 1953 for U.S. Congressman B. Carroll Reece Special Committee on Tax Exempt Foundations (commonly referred to as the Reece Committee). He was primarily known for his controversial investigation into tax-exempt foundations.

Norman Dodd was interviewed by the journalist G. Edward Griffin just before he died and an interview documentary was produced as a result which has gained a very wide audience in later years.

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Early life

Norman Dodd was born in New Jersey. He attended private schools including Phillips Academy (known simply as Andover) finishing in 1918^[1] and later graduated from Yale University. He was, by his own words, an indefatigable reader. He worked in manufacturing before devoting himself to banking. During or after the 1929 stock market crash he was assigned by his superiors the task of restructuring the bank he was working at, after a period of which he recommended what at the time was referred to as "sound banking". He was told by his superiors that his recommendations would not be implemented because "we will never see sound banking in the United States again".

Tax-exempt foundations

His claims about his investigative work have become the cornerstone of theories implicating the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Ford Foundation, and the Rockefeller Foundation, among others.^[2] He stated in his findings^[3] that many foundations were intentionally campaigning to involve the United States in such wars as World War I; they also sought ways to warp American teaching of history through explicit control of education system in the United States.

Rene Wormser, the legal counsel to the Reece Committee, wrote in his 1958 book on the subject, "It is difficult for the public to understand that some of the great foundations which have done so much for us in some fields have acted tragically against the public interest in others, but the facts are there for the unprejudiced to recognize."^[4]

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External links

- [Interview by G. Edward Griffin :: Transcript of a 1982 interview of Dodd by G. Edward Griffin \(http://realityzone.stores.yahoo.net/hiddenagenda2.html\)](http://realityzone.stores.yahoo.net/hiddenagenda2.html)
 - [Video Interview :: Norman Dodd - Tax-Exempt Foundations \(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUYCBfmlcHM\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YUYCBfmlcHM)
 - [Original Dodd Report \(https://archive.org/details/DoddReportToTheReeceCommitteeOnFoundations-1954-RobberBaron/page/n0\)](https://archive.org/details/DoddReportToTheReeceCommitteeOnFoundations-1954-RobberBaron/page/n0)
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