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Purpose and Activities

The Open Society Institute (OSI), a private operating and grantmaking foundation, aims to shape public policy to promote democratic governance, human rights, and economic, legal, and social reform. On a local level, OSI implements a range of initiatives to support the rule of law, education, public health, and independent media. At the same time, OSI works to build alliances across borders and continents on issues such as combating corruption and rights abuses. OSI was created in 1993 by investor and philanthropist George Soros to support his foundations in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union (except Russia). Those foundations were established, starting in 1984, to help countries make the transition from communism. OSI has expanded the activities of the Soros foundations network to other areas of the world where the transition to democracy is of particular concern. The Soros foundations network encompasses foundations, offices, initiatives, and grantees in more than 60 countries and regions including: Asia, Southeast Asia, Central Asia, and Caucasus, Latin America and the Caribbean Central and South Eastern Europe, Africa, the Baltics, and North America.

Background

Established in 1993 in NY - Founded by George Soros, an investor and philanthropist. Mr. Soros is the founder and Chairman of Soros Fund Management LLC and the co-founder of the Quantum Fund, one of the first hedge funds. He also founded and is Chairman of The Open Society Foundations, an umbrella name for a family of offices and foundations located throughout the world, of which The Open Society Institute is a part. Among the many books he authored or co-authored are "The New Paradigm for Financial Markets: The Credit Crisis of 2008 and What It Means," "The Bubble of American Supremacy: Correcting the Misuse of American Power" and "The Soros Lectures at the Central European University."



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