

SUMMARY INFORMATION ABOUT GLOBAL FINANCIAL INTEGRITY, GFI

Mission and history

[Global Financial Integrity](#) (GFI) is an NGO located in Washington DC that promotes national and multilateral policies, safeguards, and agreements aimed at curtailing illicit financial flows and enhancing global development and security. Global Financial Integrity was launched in September 2006 following the publication of *Capitalism's Achilles Heel: Dirty Money and How to Renew the Free-Market System*, (2005, John Wiley & Sons), written by Raymond W. Baker. GFI is closely affiliated with the Center for International Policy (CIP), also located in Washington DC, founded in 1975 by diplomats and peace activists in the wake of the Vietnam War. The Center campaigned to ensure that respect of human rights became a factor in the allocation of U.S. aid. It has played a role in Central America's post-conflict reconciliation, the ongoing effort to end the embargo on Cuba, and efforts to limit U.S. military assistance to Western Hemisphere countries, especially Colombia. In the 1990's the Center expanded its agenda to include reform of national intelligence agencies and this work continues today. Former ambassador Robert E. White is currently the president of CIP and William Goodfellow its executive director.

Key staff

The two key staff of GFI, with respect to substantive work on tax havens- and capital flight issues, are Raymond Baker and Dev Kar. Raymond Baker, Director of GFI, is author of a number of books and articles on these issues, including *Capitalism's Achilles Heel: Dirty Money and How to Renew the Free-Market System*, *Illegal Flight Capital: Dangers for Global Stability* and *How Dirty Money Binds the Poor*. Dev Kar is the Lead Economist of GFI and was formerly employed as an economist with the IMF for 32 years, specialized in macroeconomic and statistical analysis, including reviews of IMF's lending programs and forecasting external debt profiles of heavily indebted countries. He has published papers on statistical and macroeconomic issues both inside and outside the IMF (in refereed journals).

Advisory board

The Advisory Board of GFI is made up by experts in finance, law and economics. Members include Jack Blum, the former investigator for the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations as well as the Subcommittee on Narcotics, Terrorism, and International Operations; Daniel Brennan, Deputy High Court Judge and member of the House of Lords; and Francis Fukuyama, Director of the International Development Program at Johns Hopkins University.

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