Reading for writing task: two paragraphs about the standing of George Soros in the international community. Some excerpts from the web which give an insight into popular thinking about Soros.

1. From https://www.investopedia.com/university/george-soros-biogrpahy/george-soros-famous-or-infamous.asp

**Polarized Politics**

Because of his outspoken political views, Soros has become a magnet for attention from both the political left and right within the U.S. Many on the left view him as a wealthy old investor who openly supports their views, while many on the right believe that he is secretly behind many liberal causes, even going so far as to believe that he is a “puppet master” controlling large aspects of the political and economic worlds.

“What makes the Soros thing interesting is that most of the conspiracy theories about rich people tend to be made by people on the left about people on the right,” remarked Joe Uscinski, a professor of political science at the University of Miami. A spokesman for Soros Fund Management once indicated that “Soros first found himself in the crosshairs of the conservative propaganda machine when he publicly expressed opposition to the march to war in Iraq.” Whatever the truth about Soros’ political involvement really is, it’s likely he will remain a highly polarizing figure.

1. From Quora <https://www.quora.com/Why-does-George-Soros-have-a-bad-reputation>

**Why does George Soros have a bad reputation?**

**Opinion 1)** [Elfriede Ammann](https://www.quora.com/profile/Elfriede-Ammann), studied at Fachhochschule München-Aubing. [Answered Nov 5, 2018](https://www.quora.com/Why-does-George-Soros-have-a-bad-reputation/answer/Elfriede-Ammann) Brings many ‘facts’ and quotations by Soros to explain the bad reputation.

[**George Soros**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Soros) was born in Hungary in 1930 as the son of a prominent conniving Jewish lawyer Tivadar Schwartz.
In his mid-twenties Soros emigrated to the United States, where he married three times and sired five children. Founder of the very first hedge fund in 1969, he became the most successful **hedge fund manager** ever – until 2011.
Philosopher, currency speculator, financier, stock investor, business magnate, chairman of [**Soros Fund Management**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Soros_Fund_Management), political activist, and author, Soros is one of the 30 richest people in the world. Keenly aiming for instabilities, world speculator, government blaster, notable "philanthropic" globalist, de-populationist, atheist, neocon-neoliberal puppet master, economic hitman for the British Empire, and ruthless [**New World Order**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/New_World_Order) henchman for both the [**Rothschild**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mayer_Amschel_Rothschild) and [**Rockefeller**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Rockefeller) dynasties, megalomaniacal George Soros is convinced **he controls America** and the former Soviet Union is the "**Soros Empire**". Soros is described "as the only private citizen with his own foreign policy".

Soros is convicted of insider trading and engaged in dystopian and opportunistic social agitation

* Soros has been accused – and even convicted – of insider trading. A French court found him guilty of that crime and levied a fine of $2.3 million. In the parlance of the billionaires' club, that was small change.
* Soros's global reach and influence far outstrip those of the Koch brothers or other liberal bogeymen. Underlying it all is a vision both dystopian and opportunistic.
* [Soros'] political activism portfolio is well diversified. Backing organizations dedicated to social agitation and change-for-change's-sake, Soros has caused **tsunamis of upheaval**, in the United States and around the world.

 **Confessions by George Soros**
* I admit that I have always harbored an exaggerated view of my self-importance – to put it bluntly, I fancied myself as some kind of god or an economic reformer like Keynes or, even better, a scientist like Einstein. […]
My sense of reality was strong enough to make me realize that these expectations were excessive and I kept them hidden as a guilty secret. […] As I made my way in the world, reality came close enough to my fantasy to allow me to admit my secret, at least to myself. […] I have been fortunate enough to be able to act out some of my fantasies. […]
I never dared to expose myself before, but I feel I can afford it: my success in business protects me. 1987
* **It is a sort of disease when you consider yourself some kind of god, the creator of everything**, but I feel comfortable about it now since I began to live it out. 1993
* I am fascinated by chaos. That's how I make my money: understanding the revolutionary process in financial markets. 1997

At age 14 Jewish teen George Soros helped his father to deliver Jewish families to the Nazis; no survivor's guilt.

* Well, of course I could be on the other side [Jews] or I could be the one from whom the thing is being taken away. But there was no sense that I shouldn't be there, because that was – well, actually, in a funny way, it's just like in markets – that if I weren't there – of course, I wasn't doing it, but somebody else would – would – would be taking it away anyhow. And it was the – whether I was there or not, I was only a spectator, the property was being taken away. So the – I had no role in taking away that property. So I had no sense of [guilt](https://de.spiritualwiki.org/Hawkins/Ebene30%22%20%5Ct%20%22_blank). 1998

Soros' conclusion on his speculative market attacks

* I don’t feel guilty. **I’m engaged in an amoral activity** which is not meant to have anything to do with guilt. […]
I am basically there to make money. I cannot, and do not, look at the social consequences of what I do. 1998
* **I was a**[**human being**](https://de.spiritualwiki.org/Hawkins/Mensch)**before I became a businessman.** 2000
* I don't give any weight to the social consequences of my actions, because in an efficient market there's always somebody else who is ready to take your place at only a marginally different price. 2002

Paranoia and madness running in the Soros' bloodline

* **Next to my fantasies about being God, I also have very strong fantasies of being**[**mad**](https://de.spiritualwiki.org/Wiki/Verrueckt)**.** In fact, my grandfather was actually paranoid. I have a lot of madness in my family. So far I have escaped it.
* **I fancied myself as some kind of god** … If truth be known, I carried some rather potent **messianic fantasies** with me from childhood, which I felt I had to control, otherwise they might get me in trouble. 2004
* I am sort of a deus ex machina. I am something unnatural. I'm very comfortable with my public persona because it is one I have created for myself. It represents what I like to be as distinct from what I really am. You know, in my personal capacity I'm not actually a selfless philanthropic person. I've very much self-centered. 2004
* I do not accept the rules imposed by others […]. And in periods of regime change, the normal rules don't apply. 2004
* I am not a [Zionist](https://de.spiritualwiki.org/Hawkins/Judentum-BW), nor am I am a practicing Jew, but I have a great deal of sympathy for my fellow Jews and a deep concern for the survival of Israel. 2007

**Soros' food speculations deprived 100s of millions.**

* Every speculation is also rooted in reality [however] speculators create the bubble that lies above everything. Their expectations, their gambling on futures help drive up prices, and their business distorts prices, which is especially true for commodities. It is like **hoarding food in the midst of a famine, only to make profits** on rising prices. That should not be possible. 2010

**Soros' reasoning**

* The global crisis is caused by [pathologies](https://de.spiritualwiki.org/Wiki/Narzissmus) inherent in the global financial system itself. 1998

**Soros' political aim**

* The main obstacle to a stable and just world order is the United States. This is a harsh indeed, for me, painful – thing to say, but unfortunately I am convinced it is true. […] Changing the attitude and policies of the United States remains my top priority. 2006

**Opinion 2)** [**Paul Dezso deHolczer**](https://www.quora.com/profile/Paul-Dezso-deHolczer)**, worked at deHolczer Law PC.** [Updated Apr 16, 2018](https://www.quora.com/Why-does-George-Soros-have-a-bad-reputation/answer/Paul-Dezso-deHolczer) · Author has **2.4k** answers and **2.4m** answer views.

Because many people are ignorant and susceptible to vitriolic propaganda (some of which is pointedly anti-Semitic).

George Soros actually accomplished something good with his money: He used it to challenge Soviet Rule in Russia and the Eastern Bloc. By donating to pro-democracy samizdat groups in the Soviet bloc (Hungary, Poland, East Germany, Czechoslovakia and the USSR), he empowered them to have greater influence on the outcome of the debates in the “Second World” (the Soviet sphere of influence) during the 1980s and 1990s.

Soros gave copiers and printers to these groups which allowed them to disseminate their ideas and foster a more meaningful dialogue regarding East-West relations, institutional corruption, single-party politics, the planned economy, rule of law, and democracy. He also paid for communist officials and communist college to visit Western countries and be exposed to educational opportunities which enlightened them as to how Western democracies and Western social democracies function. These efforts had the effect of broadening and deepening support for Gorbachev and his policies of perestroika and glasnost. Soros used his wealth to promote democracy and rule of law in the Soviet Bloc.

 Moreover, as someone else has pointed out, Soros has financed political positions which might have a negative impact on his personal wealth or which will have virtually no impact on his personal wealth. Soros has promoted the decriminalization of marijuana. The decriminalization of marijuana will not enrich George Soros -- it will instead enrich all taxpayers who will not pay for the ridiculous, pointless, expensive incarceration of those who deal in a substance not nearly as potent an intoxicant or as deadly to the human body as alohol

**Some example sentences using attribution:** Many conspiracy theorists believe that George Soros is behind protest movements all over the world, that he has funded and promoted them. It is said that his role as a financial speculator is contradictory to his claims to support an open society. Some say that Soros is an enemy of the people. Soros supported anti-communist dissidents in Poland and Hungary for example, and some see this as meddling in state affairs. He is also believed by some to have been a Nazi collaborator during the second world war in Hungary. Soros has been accused of attempting to de-stabilise governments, of insider trading etc etc.