



## Birth, Parents, Education

Nicholas Schmidle was born in or around 1978, son of *Marine Corps Lt. Gen. Robert E. Schmidle Jr.*

*Details of his mother a non-existent online and further research is needed.*

It is important in order to understand the level of mystery regarding Nicholas, it is necessary to provide some background on his father.

## Lieutenant General Robert E. Schmidle, Jr.,

Lieutenant General Robert E. Schmidle, Jr., USMC, serves as the Deputy Commander for U.S. Cyber Command, Ft. George G. Meade, MD. As the Deputy Commander, he directs the forces and daily activities of U.S. Cyber Command. In this capacity, he also coordinates the Department of Defense computer network attack and computer network defense missions.

Lieutenant General Schmidle is a native of Newtown, Connecticut.

Lieutenant General Schmidle graduated from Drew University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. He also holds a Master of Arts in Philosophy from American University and is currently working on his doctorate at Georgetown University. He is a distinguished graduate and prior faculty member of the Marine Corps Command and Staff College as well as a distinguished graduate of the Marine Corps War College. Additionally, he has been published on a range of topics from military history to social psychology and philosophy.

Source: <http://tinyurl.com/3ovkzpk>

Source: <http://youtu.be/6DYwbv047so>

Interestingly, Schmidle's mother's details are not available. I suspect this is due to the level of security surrounding Robert E. Schmidle, Jr. It is not unusual for spousal details to be withheld from publications under those grounds.

## Manufactured Background?

Nicholas Schmidle's background is summarized as follows:

*"Nicholas grew up in Manassas, Virginia and attended schools Osbourne Park High, James Madison University and American University."*

Source: Numerous.

The exact paragraph above appears in nearly all the biographical outlines. Therefore, it can be judged that all have the same source; either the biographical information on Schmidle's own site or from an otherwise unknown source.

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## Background Checks

### Osbourne Park High - Graduates '94 - '97 ?

After obtaining a logon for the Osbourne Park High Alumni website I was able to discover that Nicholas Schmidle does not appear in neither the Alumni nor any yearbook.

Whilst this might appear as compelling evidence for his absence, once again we must take his fathers high security position into consideration.

However, given Nicholas is no longer a child and it's common knowledge who he is and who his father is, I find it curious that the school wouldn't make something his notoriety.

Source: <http://www.alumniclass.com/osbournpark/>

### James Madison University – Graduate 2001

Our friend studied Communications, graduating in 2001.

Of slight Interest is the fact that despite being already well established some time previous, James Madison University only publishes evidence of his actual attendance at some point after May 27<sup>th</sup> 2010.

There was a previous version of the page (and other similar presentations) and he does not appear on any of them.

What might be of more interest is the close ties that exist between James Madison University and the CIA and Pentagon. It should perhaps therefore come as no surprise that Nicholas should choose this University; given his father's role.

Source: <http://tinyurl.com/3ksw5sp> (alumni)

Source: <http://tinyurl.com/4yjxv7f> (CIA links)

### Iran summer 2004

During the summer of 2004, Nicholas spends time in Tehran. The result of which are two well received papers; namely "The Art Of Brinkmanship: Unraveling Iran's Nuclear Policy" and "The Paradox of Anti-Americanism in Iran".

Source: <http://www.stimson.org/research-pages/iran-analysis/>

*What's interesting about this is that in January 2004 the US started a scientific embargo in a bid to limit Iran's nuclear aspirations. Tensions between the US and Iran enter a new low point, although this is prior to Ahmadinejad election.*

### American University – Graduate 2005

Nicholas moves onto the American University in Washington, where he studies an MA at the School of International Service; which he completes in 2005.

The SIS's describes itself in these terms:

*"Its eight areas of study offer students a wide range of possibilities: Comparative and Regional Studies, Global and Environmental Politics, International Communication, International Development, International Economic Policy, International Politics, Peace and Conflict Resolution, and United States Foreign Policy."*

To give you an idea of the sort of person who studies at the SIS, they provide a helpful case example as means of promotion. Esther Benjamin's career has gone from White House Fellow, to United Nations humanitarian affairs officer, to the Brookings Institution and finally to World Bank research analyst.

I feel like that says quite a lot.

Source: <http://tinyurl.com/3sx2354>

### After academia

### Fellowship to Institute of Current World Affairs

In June 2005, Nicholas was awarded a fellowship by the Institute of Current World Affairs, with which he was to travel to Pakistan and report on his findings.

Source: [http://www.truthdig.com/nicholas\\_schmidle](http://www.truthdig.com/nicholas_schmidle)

### Institute of Current World Affairs and Charles Richard Crane

Notorious anti-Semite Charles Richard Crane established the Institute of Current World Affairs in 1925. It's exclusive role is to promote Arabic culture and anti-Zionist and anti-Semitic ideology.

Quotes: "The Jews, after winning the war, galloping along at a swift pace, getting Russia, England and Palestine, being in the act of trying to seize Germany, too, and meeting their first real rebuff, have gone plumb crazy and are deluging the world—particularly easy America—with anti-German propaganda. I strongly advise you to resist every social invitation."

Crane expressed great admiration for Adolph Hitler, and he himself had no objection to how the Nazis were treating Germany's Jews. He gave Dodd one more piece of advice: "Let Hitler have his way."

None of which should really be relevant, were it not the unequivocal way in which Crane's name is lavished upon the site.

Source: <http://tinyurl.com/3exxbhw>

(Erik Larson - In the Garden of Beasts)

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## Rikki Bohan

Nicholas marries Rikki Bohan in late November early December of 2005 whilst in London, England.

In her blog on December 9<sup>th</sup> 2005 she writes:

*we are going to pakistan. as i have discussed before (i think) nicholas received a fellowship to go take a "cultural bath" as they say in the institute (the institute for current world affairs)*

In less than five months her blog ends and the account deleted. I discovered it using Wayback machine.

With regards the blog. Whilst it's hard to put a finger on it, there's something not quite right about the use of language. Aspects of it seem a little too fanciful and forced, for example, whilst the use of language is often quite flamboyant, we are to believe that it was entirely written in lower case with minimum punctuation.

Source: <http://tinyurl.com/3gddasq>

(Wayback machine archive of Rikki Schmidle's (nee Rikki Bohan) short-lived blog.

## Pakistan 2006 - 2008

After some language training in Urdu and Farsi (paid for by the ICWA) Nicholas with his new bride travels to Pakistan and produces a number of papers that are published by the group. After just three months he produces; "Calling Home: A Story About the MQM in Pakistan" (1 March 2006), "Blood Brothers: The Sectarian Story in Pakistan" (1 April 2006) and "Face-Off: Peacock Nationalism on the Pakistan-India Border" (1 May 2006).

But he is not an accredited journalist and could not have gained a visa into Pakistan. In order to facilitate a visa, he is given position in The Institute of Strategic Studies (aka Institute of Strategic Studies Islamabad), a think tank ran by anti-American Dr. Shireen Mazari; who herself has ties to the ISI.

Following, month on month he produces effectively what can be regarded as field reports on his findings in Islamabad, and the Pakistani tribal regions.

## "Next-Gen Taliban"

On January 6, 2008 Nicholas submits "Next-Gen Taliban" for the New Yorker, which is published immediately and gets heavily promoted. As Steven Clemons puts it, "it raised more than a few eyebrows".

Source: <http://tinyurl.com/3n38mzx> (Next-Gen Taliban on Scribd)

Reading just the opening paragraphs of "Next-Gen Taliban" opens up a whole world of questions. If Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam is so anti-America, why are they talking Schmidle?

Helpfully, just days after returning from Pakistan, in a interview with Steven Clemons (from the New America Foundation) he explains that this is because the Taliban are not "media savvy" and have a real need to "get their message out". It would seem that their propaganda literature, armed conflict and suicide bombing aren't just memorable enough. I think he's stretching incredulity.

Below is the link to the video of Nicholas Schmidle being interviewed by Steven Clemons of the New America Foundation. Pundits of body language will enjoy Nicholas's nervous, lack of eye contact performance.

<http://bloggingheads.tv/diavlogs/8098>

Included is his version of his exit from Pakistan and his altered theory on the death of Benazir Bhutto. Originally, he'd hinted in "Next-Gen Taliban" that it was the Taliban who were responsible due to their intensified suicide bombing campaign. However, at the time of the video higher quality independent video of the attack clearly show an assassin firing three shots. This was covered quite effectively by UK Channel 4 news in this clip.

<http://tinyurl.com/3qaf6e3> or this clip <http://tinyurl.com/3qhw6ts>

Both videos were released over a week BEFORE Schmidle left Pakistan.

Of particular note in the interview is the mention of other associated expulsions from the think tank, the New America Foundation. It's noteworthy because, in case you've never heard of the New America Foundation, they are another Washington based "think tank" with close ties to the CIA. In fact, according to Cryptome, Steven Clemens has close family ties to the CIA by his father.

In recent times NAF are responsible for dissertations on; the virtues of drone strikes in Pakistan, "do non-profit hospitals matter?", electric cars to save the planet and so forth. This output is in return published via by the New Yorker, Washington Post et al; aka the usual suspects.

Source: <http://counterterrorism.newamerica.net/drones>

Steven Clemons runs this site: <http://www.thewashingtonnote.com/>

### Leaving Pakistan

On January 7 2008 both Nicholas and Rikki leave Pakistan under circumstances that remain unsettled.

Nicholas's version are detailed in the video, while the official Pakistani version is that he just left of his own accord.

It's impossible to obtain a true picture of events given the secretive nature of the participants.

In May 2009 Schmidle has "To live or perish forever" published. It gets its name from the Pakistan Declaration pamphlet published on 28 January 1933. Essentially it's Pakistan's declaration of independence from India.

It's an exposé of life in Pakistan, painting it in the worst possible light and forms the basis for many a debate on CNN, Fox and ABC.

### Shireen Mazari looses Institute of Strategic Services (Islamabad)

In May 2008, Shireen Mazari is removed from her position at the Institute of Strategic Studies, Islamabad. She claims the United States government had influenced her removal.

Source: <http://tinyurl.com/5wqjh5>

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## Recent publications

8 January 2010 entitled - "Meet the Ann Coulter of Pakistan - Dr Shireen Mazari".

Source: <http://despardes.com/?p=12195>

In March 2011 – "Putting Poppies in the Gas Tank" – A highly amusing little piece explaining why it is that US Soldiers are still growing Poppies - it's so they can be turned into BioDiesel.

Source: <http://tinyurl.com/3b3x47h>

## Contradictions and omissions

Nicholas Schmidle goes to some length to give the impression that he's well traveled in the Middle East and has extensive knowledge of the region. However, in a period he claims to have travelled to Iran, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Central Asia, West Africa, Russia and the Balkans; his sponsors ICWA only have him listed as being in Pakistan or Bangladesh.

Nicholas Schmidle was and is not an accredited journalist. Yet he is described as such in some of the sniffiest publications in the world and more importantly, his work is often published without corroborating evidence. Often it fails scrutiny (see recent Osama Bin Laden death coverage). Yet his work continues to be well regarded and published.

Critical comments from Joshua Foust are:

In "Next-Gen Taliban", Schmidle claims that *the men in attendance mostly spoke Pashto but "knowing Urdu, I could understand enough [of their Pashto] to realize that they weren't rehashing the typical J.U.I. rhetoric."*

But Schmidle's Urdu skills were basic at best and regardless; knowledge of Urdu would not have rendered Pashto any more understandable.

Source: <http://tinyurl.com/3q9b8pr>

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## Conclusions

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