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Originally Answered: Did Nathan Rothschild really say: " Give me control of a nation's money and I care not who makes it's laws."?

Variant: Let me issue and control a nation's money and I care not who writes the laws.

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- Attributed to [Mayer Amschel Rothschild](#) (1744 - 1812) mostly with the date 1790, the year before the establishment of the [First Bank of the United States](#) .

No primary source for this is known and the earliest attribution to him known is:

"In the present critical stage of American development I would call your attention to the following maxim of the " money lenders " of the Old World :
"Let us control the money of a country, and we care not who makes its laws."
Those who favor the continuance of banks of issue in this country are to be classified in history with John Sherman and Nelson W. Aldrich and the money power."

by T.C. Daniel, 1857 - 1923 ; letter to President W. Wilson, May 8, 1913; reported in his statement for the joint hearings before the subcommittees of the Committees on Banking and Currency of the Senate and of the House of Representatives, charged with the investigation of rural credits, Sixty-third Congress, second session, part 1, [pp. 764](#) , February 16, 1914;

Daniel was the author of *Real Money versus Bank Credit as a Substitute for Money*, 1911, and of *The High Cost of Living: Cause — Remedy*, 1912 ; further in the statement [pp 771](#) he quoted:

"Let us control the money of a country and we care not who makes its laws."
This is the maxim of the house of Rothschilds, and is the foundation principle of European banks.

This quote was used in *The Magazine of Wall Street and Business Analyst*(November 10, 1934 p.67) and in *Money Creators* (1935) by Gertrude M. Coogan.

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There is absolutely no evidence to say that he did and, what's more, it doesn't sound like the sort of thing a Rothschild would say.

Evidence:

The phrase originally started out in reference to ballads (give me control of a nation's ballads...) and was attributed to various people. In something like its current form it was then used to slur money lenders in general before, in 1936, being attributed to Nathan Rothschild's father, Mayer Amschel (this was over a century after his death).

Context:

The phrase is normally used as code for 'the Rothschilds are puppeteers, controlling governments for their own benefit' - the sort of conspiracy theory promoted by anti-semites to scape-goat bankers for the failure of governments.

But

- the Rothschilds did not have an interest in influencing which factions controlled governments, other than to generally promote peace and stability
- the Rothschilds - and Mayer Amschel in particular - built their success on their loyalty and trustworthiness to governments

The Rothschilds were not really bankers in the Anglo Saxon sense (taking short term money from small savers to loan to large corporations) but foreign exchange agents and traders in government bills - they helped move money cross borders for governments and large corporations. Their business was not helped by political uncertainty and the Rothschilds therefore did care who controlled government.

A story about Mayer Amschel which was true (although probably embellished as part of the firm's mythology) is that when Napoleon invaded in 1806, the Elector of Hesse fled leaving his wealth behind to be taken by the invaders. Mayer Amschel not only quickly gained control of it and looked after it, but returned it to the Elector on his return in 1813 and (quite unexpectedly as far as the Elector was concerned) *offered him a fair rate of interest.*

Later on, during the American Civil War, the Rothschild's US agent, August Belmont, was able to convince Nathan Rothschild in London (and others) not to invest in Confederate bonds. He gave two reasons:

1. it would be hypocritical given the British parliament's anti-slavery stance

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Nathanial Rothschild may or may not have controlled access to overseas money but he did care very deeply who the government was. He did not invest

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Just seeing this “question” made my blood start to boil? I have something called “Jew-dar”, It’s an ability many Jews have to spot other members of our Jewish Tribe. It also sets off a loud alarm when we encounter even the most subtle, passive aggressive and cagey anti semites (or Jew haters.)

This so called question is a typical thinly disguised anti Jewish (anti semetic) slur, a libel, a lie...used by cowardly bigots to blame all of the world’s problems on “the Jews”.

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