

# How the Silicon Valley Mafia Reaches Into Every Corner and Corruption of Silicon Valley...Including Murders

The self-titled PayPal mafia was forged during the creation of the online-payments giant. This group of alumni continues to drive innovation through their advice and investment in over 400 tech companies.



It isn't unusual for a group of students from school to do everything together, become fast friends, and stay in touch after college is over. Some even go into business together. It is, however, very unusual for a group to become some of the most visionary leaders in the tech industry, establish several of the world's best-known companies, and become millionaires and even billionaires in the process.

That is precisely the case for founders and the early employees of **PayPal Holdings, Inc.** ([NASDAQ:PYPL](#)), which **eBay Inc.** ([NASDAQ:EBAY](#)) acquired for \$1.5 billion in October 2002, six months after its IPO. After the deal closed, this group of serial entrepreneurs fanned about across the tech landscape with their newfound wealth and a pocketful of experiences that would forever change how start-ups operate.

 Employees walk into PayPal headquarters.

EARLY PAYPAL FOUNDERS AND EXECUTIVES BECAME INSTRUMENTAL IN EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION OF SILICON VALLEY START-UPS. IMAGE SOURCE: PAYPAL.