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Bill Kristol and Israel Want to Draft Your Kids

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Are you ready to suit up or suit up your kids (and the kids of your kids) in body armor and die for Israel? Before you dismiss me as an anti-Semitic crank, consider the following:

"Ephraim Halevy, the former chief of Israel's Mossad intelligence service and the current national security adviser to Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, says plans have been made for a substantial U.S. military presence in the Middle East lasting decades," *al-Jazeera* reports. "High-ranking U.S. policymakers have 'raised the idea of establishing an American trusteeship regime in the areas of the Palestinian Authority, if it should turn out that the Palestinians are not ripe for self-rule. That arrangement would require an American operational military presence along Israel's border with the Palestinian territories.'"

Of course, if Israel has its way, the Palestinians will never be "ripe for self-rule" (many Israelis even refuse to consider the word "Palestinian" and believe most Arabs are recent immigrants to Palestine, or instead of Palestine Judea and Samaria, the Hebrew biblical names for the land stolen from the non-Palestinians) and since the Arab demographic trend is against the Israelis (Arabs have more kids than Israelis) and there is no way the Israelis will ever have enough soldiers to muster an "operational military presence" on the so-called border, it will be up to your kids and your kids' kids (since Halevy says this will last decades) to keep the Arabs in check (and suffering from [malnutrition](#) and [disease](#)).

But wait. It's worse.

"U.S. entanglement in the Middle East in the name of 'democracy' has further destabilized the region and made more likely violent revolutions to occur, especially in countries such as Saudi Arabia," notes *al-Jazeera*. "In [an early April] visit to the United States," remarked Halevy, "I was told by several well-informed observers that should one of the more severe scenarios come to pass, the United States will have no choice but to deepen its presence in the Middle East. To that end, **it will have to renew the draft, to ensure that there are enough forces to deal with developing situations in countries like Saudi Arabia**" (emphasis added).

"Speaking in a semi-closed forum during a visit to Israel a few months ago," continued Halevy, "Bill Kristol, one of the most influential 'neocons' in the United States, noted in this connection that the American presence in Europe after World War II lasted for nearly 60 years. **Israelis who are trying to promote a role for NATO in the region, in one form or another, are actually promoting a generation-long American presence**" (emphasis added).

"The war-strained all-volunteer U.S. military has a growing manpower problem and a cross-section of Washington policymakers has proposed a solution -- increase the size of the regular military by 30,000, 40,000 or even 100, 000 or more," the [San Francisco Chronicle](#) opined in April. "The military draft, which coughed up its last conscript in 1973, could make a comeback if recruiting doesn't pick up and if America's commitments in Iraq and Afghanistan turn into long-term occupations or if the Bush administration's tough-minded foreign policy means military action in places like Iran or North Korea," or Saudi Arabia and "Israel's border with the Palestinian territories," as indicated by the straight talking Ephraim Halevy. In January, Bill Kristol signed [a Project for the New American Century letter addressed to Congress](#) demanding the government takes "steps necessary to increase substantially the size of the active duty Army and Marine Corps," in other words a return to the draft since dangling paltry bonuses and go-to-college-free tickets in the faces of high school students does not do the trick. The PNAC, of course, are the folks who brought us the invasion and occupation of Iraq, predicated on lies and dissembling.

Like I said, suit up the kids in body armor -- or move to New Zealand.

"[Stratfor](#) accurately predicted in October 2002 that a war in Saudi Arabia would erupt between al Qaeda and the ruling House of Saud. That war is under way. Al Qaeda's tactics have become all too clear,

with killings and kidnappings of Westerners having become a common event.... Al Qaeda's endgame is simple: complete control of the oil-rich kingdom. It hopes to establish a transnational empire. At the heart of this pan-Islamic Ummah (nation) would be Saudi Arabia, the home of Islam's two holiest cities, Mecca and Medina, and the world's top oil exporter. This pan-Islamic state -- with the Arabian Peninsula as the seat of sovereign authority -- would serve as both the political and the religious leader of the Islamic world."

It would also make it a prime target since no way will the United States allow the world's largest pool of oil to be controlled by al-Qaeda -- even an intel op al-Qaeda.

"On December 15, 2004, in an audio recording, bin Laden said 'oil prices should be at least \$100 a barrel,' and called upon Persian Gulf militants to exert themselves to prevent the West from getting Arab oil by attacking oil facilities all over the region. This was the first time that al-Qaeda's leadership had openly divulged its strategy of hitting the Western economy by disrupting oil supplies and causing prices to skyrocket. The following day, NYMEX crude spiked by 5 percent to \$46.28 a barrel," writes [Mordechai Abir](#) for the Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs, an Israeli think tank headed by Israel's former UN ambassador Dore Gold. "Bin Laden's call for an 'oil jihad' was followed by a web site message from the Arabian Peninsula al-Qaeda to all the mujahidin in Arabia, wherever they are, to focus on oil targets in their struggle against the infidels and their Saudi allies."

Bill Kristol and the neocons have Saudi Arabia in their gun sights -- and have for some time now. According to veteran investigative reporter [Bob Dreyfuss](#), the neocons are using al-Qaeda (or what passes for al-Qaeda) as a blunderbuss to buckshot through their anti-Islam, pro-Israel agenda. "Before the war in Iraq, a former ambassador to Saudi Arabia, James Akins, told me that by invading Iraq the Bush administration would accelerate the spread of Al Qaeda-style movements in Saudi Arabia, and it's happening. The country is said to be in a state of incipient civil war, and the royal family is apparently unable to stem the spread of the bin Ladenite poison. Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the United States has called on the kingdom to conduct an all-out war against the terrorists, but it could be too little, too late. Make no mistake, however: if Saudi Arabia falls to radicals, U.S. forces will occupy that country's oil fields faster than you can say 'imperialism'. And if that happens, it will be Phase 2 of the neocons' expanded plans for the Middle East: first topple Saddam and 'flatten Iraq,' as another former ambassador to Saudi Arabia described the essence of the neocon Iraq strategy, and then move on to Saudi Arabia."

"In sum, we should not be attempting to preserve our past

relationship with Saudi Arabia but rather forging a new approach to the greater Middle East," [Kristol](#) told the House Committee on International Relations. In 2003, Kristol wrote [The Neoconservative Persuasion](#), where he declared "it [is] necessary to defend Israel today, when its survival is threatened. No complicated geopolitical calculations of national interest are necessary." Of course, Israel's survival is not threatened -- but the survival of Iraq, Iran, Syria, Saudi Arabia, and the lives of your kids (or your life if you are 20-something) are at risk.

It may be time to start looking for real estate in Auckland.

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