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It's time to repost this. For the benefit of the newbies, this will help put current events in their proper perspective.

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George W. Bush constantly reminds the nation about the threat of terrorism that began with 911 but he leaves out a few important details that you should know.....

**June 1997** - The Project for a New American Century (PNAC) was born. Populated by influential Movers of industry and Shakers of public opinion, the PNAC is an organization united in the vision for a global U.S. empire - "Pax Americana" - through coercion and military domination. Their philosophy can be simply summarized:

- There are countries to plunder and fortunes to be made. You have it, we want it. Do as we say or suffer the consequences.
- The U.S. already has a powerful military but we plan to nurture and grow it until it's massive and we are indomitable. Resistance is futile. We are.....

**Dick Cheney, Jeb Bush, Donald Rumsfeld, Paul Wolfowitz, Steve Forbes, William J. Bennett, Frank Gaffney, and I. Lewis ("Scooter") Libby**, signator's - among others - of the PNAC's "Statement of Principles".

*"We need to...challenge regimes hostile to our interests and values."*

*"We need to increase defense spending significantly if we are to carry out our global responsibilities today and modernize our armed forces for the future."*

*"It is important to shape circumstances before crises emerge."*

<http://www.newamericancentury.org/statementofprinciples...>

**JANUARY 1998** - The PNAC knew that he who owns the oil also owns the world so they sent a letter to President Clinton urging him to attack Iraq and remove Saddam Hussein from power since he put "a significant portion of the world's supply of oil at hazard". Clinton didn't grant them their wish and the PNAC was disheartened that they couldn't manipulate the military while outside of the White House power structure.

<http://www.newamericancentury.org/iraqlintonletter.htm>

**MARCH - APRIL 1999** - In an effort to capture and control the castle and all its warriors and weapons, the PNAC offered up members **Steve Forbes, Dan Quayle and Gary Bauer** to run as Republican candidates in the upcoming Presidential election.

<http://www.usnews.com/usnews/news/election/profile.htm>

**JUNE 1999** - Ever persistent and determined to maximize their potential for success in the Presidential campaign, the PNAC exercised their power of nepotism and member-Jeb Bush's brother George stepped up to the plate to join the race.

**SPRING 2000** - The PNAC may have felt confident with their candidate's chances for winning the White House but they were absolutely smug over what they saw as a possible Fallback Plan...electronic voting machines with severe security flaws that included hidden backdoors, erasable audit trails and multiple vote totals with the potential to propel vote tampering to new heights through the magic of remote access.

#### **How To Rig An Election In The United States**

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/mason/stories/HL0307/S00065.htm>

#### **Can the votes be changed?**

<http://www.blackboxvoting.org/access-diebold.htm>

#### **GAO Report Finds Flaws in Electronic Voting**

[http://www.truthout.org/docs\\_2005/102105Q.shtml](http://www.truthout.org/docs_2005/102105Q.shtml)

Better yet, Chuck Hagel - a fellow Republican loyalist - owned the ES&S voting machine company that counted 60% of all U.S. votes. He had already won one election and was part of the U.S. Senate power team in Washington.

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/mason/stories/HL0301/S00166.htm>

Assured that the White House would soon be theirs, the PNAC debuted their 76-page blueprint to achieve world domination. *"Rebuilding America's Defenses"* became the PNAC's manifesto, detailing the ideal level of military power to specifically eliminate the hostile regimes of Iraq, Iran, Syria and North Korea and it endorsed pre-emptive strikes against them, tradition be damned. Iraq was given star billing as Control Central for their Mideast base of operations.

*"At present the United States faces no global rival. America's grand strategy should aim to preserve and extend this advantageous position as far into the future as possible."*

*"American landpower is the essential link in the chain that translates U.S. military supremacy into American geopolitical preeminence."*

*"We cannot allow North Korea, Iran, Iraq or similar states to undermine American leadership."*

***"While the unresolved conflict with Iraq provides the immediate justification, the need for a substantial American force presence in the Gulf transcends the issue of the regime of Saddam Hussein."***

What is particularly foreboding and chilling in view of events to later unfold, is this statement bemoaning the lengthy process of rebuilding the existing U.S. military according to the heightened standards and specifications the PNAC aspired to.

***"...the process of transformation, even if it brings revolutionary change, is likely to be a long one, absent some catastrophic and catalyzing event - like a new Pearl Harbor."***

<http://cryptome.org/rad.htm>

**NOVEMBER 2000** - Saddam may have sensed an ill wind in the air when he made the first strike, turned his back on the U.S. Dollar and accepted only Euros as payment for his oil. This had the potential of seriously destabilizing the U.S. economy and the PNAC considered this an hostile act of aggression towards their personal and business interests. The heat was on for them to make their first move.

<http://www.rferl.org/nca/features/2000/11/0111200016084...>

**DECEMBER 2000** - In a highly contentious Presidential vote battle on the home turf of PNAC-Jeb Bush, the Supreme Court decided that George Bush was the new President.

Bush now had the green light to seamlessly merge members of the PNAC into his Administration with no one the wiser. PNAC members elevated to the Bush hierarchy include, among others:

- **Donald Rumsfeld** - Secretary of Defense
- **Paul Wolfowitz** - Deputy Secretary of Defense
- **Elliott Abrams** - Member of the National Security Council
- **John Bolton** - Undersecretary for Arms Control and International Security
- **Richard Perle** - Chairman of the advisory Defense Policy Board
- **Richard Armitage** - Deputy Secretary of State
- **John Bolton** - Undersecretary of State for Disarmament
- **Zalmay Khalilzad** - White House liaison to the Iraqi opposition

An Honorable Mention was awarded to **Condoleezza Rice** - National Security Advisor - who is a former oil-company consultant having been on the board of directors of Chevron as its main expert on Kazakhstan.

The PNAC agenda had now passed "Go". The most powerful military machine in the world stood at their ready and Saddam was in the crosshair.

Wasting no time, Cheney secretly assembled an advisory panel of oil and gas executives from Enron, Dynegy, Shell Oil, Chevron/Texaco and British Petroleum under the direction of James Baker (former Secretary of State under George Bush Sr.) to help shape our national energy policy and justify the PNAC's anticipated war with Iraq.

Contributing substantially to the task force discussions and recommendations was a shadowy group of unidentified observers who still remain unknown. Sheikh Saud Al Nasser Al Sabah, the former Kuwaiti oil minister, also made a contribution to the group's final report which was funded through Khalid Al-Turki (a Saudi Arabian oil and gas enterprise) and the Arthur Ross Foundation (a non-profit organization that - on the surface - appears to be a supporter of the Arts.)

<http://www.yuricareport.com/PoliticalAnalysis/FraudinWh...>  
<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/20...>

**MARCH 2001** - Cheney closely guarded the details surrounding his energy task force but documents released through the Freedom of Information Act reveal a map of Iraqi oilfields, pipelines, refineries and terminals, as well as 2 charts detailing Iraqi oil and gas projects, and "Foreign Suitors for Iraqi Oilfield Contracts."

[http://www.judicialwatch.org/071703.c\\_.shtml](http://www.judicialwatch.org/071703.c_.shtml)

As one internet poster pointed out:

*"The Iraq map is not a map, it's a plan*

*"There are several areas marked 'earmarked for production sharing' (look at the map legend), which means privatized oil fields. Iraq did not have privatized oil fields and production sharing agreements before the US took it over.*

*"There are also parcels marked on the Iraq oil field and exploration map (numbered 'Block 1' through '9'). Iraq did not have an active, privatized oil exploration program going on before it was conquered by the US.*

*"If you read the footnotes and entire contents of the other documents, there is a heavy emphasis on business concerns, such as contracts and vendors over items one might think would be more important in a government discussion, such as capacity, long term reserves, etc.*

*"One footnote (in UAEOilProj.pdf) even contains investment advice for the participants at the meeting, suggesting opportunities in downstream projects, such as power desalination and pipeline projects.*

*"These are not 'just maps'. Read them."*

It can be argued that the spoils of war were being doled out two years before Iraq once again became a household word. Perhaps this explains why Cheney worked so hard and so long to keep this information suppressed until Iraq was under U.S. military control...by then it would be too late for the public to object to the invasion.

Not by coincidence, the United States Agency for International Development (USAid) began coordinating infrastructure and engineering contracts to rebuild post-war Iraq. Halliburton, where Cheney formerly served as chief executive, acquired the contract to oversee firefighting operations at Iraqi oilfields.

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle\\_east/2837657.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/middle_east/2837657.stm)

Iraq, circa March 2001, painted a completely different picture than the Evil Empire the Bush Administrations tried to portray in their determined rush to war.

*"Iraq was one of the more progressive Islamic countries in the region. It provided full rights for women and public education for its citizens who enjoyed a decent standard of living."*

*"Despite the years of bombings and the even greater toll on human life taken by the sanctions, visitors to Baghdad don't see a city in ruins. Much of the wreckage has been cleared away, much has been repaired.*

*"In our hotel, there's running water throughout the day, hot water in the morning. Various streets in Baghdad are lined with little stores, surprisingly well-stocked with household appliances, hardware goods, furniture, and clothes (much of which has a second-hand look).*

*"We see no derelicts or homeless people on the streets, no prostitutes or ragged bands of abandoned children, though there are occasional youngsters eager to shine shoes or solicit spare change. But even they seem to be well-fed and decently clothed. ....large swaths of the city used to be shrouded in complete darkness; today, there are lights just about everywhere.*

*"People used to feel hopelessly isolated and now there seems to be more hope and better morale.*

Sadly though, *"more and more children are turning up with leukemia"* (a result of the tons of depleted uranium the U.S. military used and left behind after Gulf War I.)

*"The Iraqi leadership could turn US policy completely around by uttering just two magic words: "free market." All they have to do is invite the international Monetary Fund and World Bank into Iraq, eliminate free education and free medical care, abolish the minimal food ration that goes to every Iraqi, abolish the housing and transportation subsidies, and hand over the country's oil industry to the corporate cartels. To lift the sanctions, Iraq must surrender to the tender mercies of the free-market paradise....*

*"Until then, Iraq will continue to be designated a "rogue nation" by those policy makers in Washington who themselves are the meanest profit-driven, power-mongering rogues on earth."*

<http://www.michaelparenti.org/DefyingSanctions.html>

The issue of trade sanctions against Iraq put the Bush Administration in a bind - the sanctions had been designed to punish Saddam for not conceding to U.S. demands but it ended up handicapping

U.S. corporations and undermining the PNAC's drive for U.S. economic supremacy. The Bush Administration was on a tight four year schedule to oust Saddam and launch the PNAC's Grand Plan for World Domination but they still didn't have a viable script to sell to the public. Yet.

**"It is important to shape circumstances..... ." - PNAC *Statement of Principles***

**May 2001** - The U.S. State Department met with Iran, German and Italian officials to discuss Afghanistan. It was decided that the ruling Taliban would be toppled and a "broad-based government" would control the country so a gas pipeline could be built there.

<http://fpc.state.gov/documents/organization/7969.pdf> .  
<http://www.gasandoil.com/goc/features/fex20867.htm>

Even as plans were being made to remove the Taliban rulers from power, Colin Powell announced a \$43 million "gift" to Afghanistan.

<http://www.latimes.com/news/opinion/editorials/la-09170...>  
<http://www.cato.org/dailys/08-02-02.html>

Meanwhile, the U.S. Embassy in the UAE received a call that Bin Laden supporters were in the U.S. planning attacks with explosives. It was rumored that Bin Laden was interested in hijacking U.S. aircraft.

<http://www.cnn.com/2004/images/04/10/whitehouse.pdf>

**June 2001** The decades-old procedure for a quick response by the nation's air defense was changed. NORAD's military commanders could no longer issue the command to launch fighter jets because approval had to be sought from the civilian Defense Secretary and PNAC-member, **Donald Rumsfeld**.

[http://www.9-11commission.gov/hearings/hearing7/for\\_the...](http://www.9-11commission.gov/hearings/hearing7/for_the...)

**July 2001** The private plot formulated in May for toppling the Taliban was divulged during the G8 summit in Genoa, Italy. Immediately after the conference, American, Russian, German and *Pakistani* officials secretly met in Berlin to finalize the strategy for military strikes against the Taliban, **scheduled to begin before mid-October 2001**.

[http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south\\_asia/1550366.stm](http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/south_asia/1550366.stm)  
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/international/story/0,3604,55...>  
<http://www.gasandoil.com/goc/features/fex20867.htm>

**September 2001** - The "*catastrophic and catalyzing*" modern-day *Pearl Harbor* envisioned years earlier by the PNAC came to pass when the WTC and Pentagon were attacked as **Rumsfeld** sat passive and unresponsive. The finger of blame was pointed at Osama bin Laden, a former CIA operative with ties to Afghanistan. Suddenly, the U.S. "gift" of \$43 million to the Taliban in May was cast in a new light. Coincidentally, Pakistan had participated in the plan to attack Afghanistan and the chief of Pakistan's Inter Service Intelligence (ISI) agency was later linked to a 911 hijacker after wiring him \$100,00 just days before the WTC fell. Pakistan's ISI also had a long-standing working relationship with the CIA.

<http://cryptome.org/rad.htm>  
<http://www.observer.com/pages/story.asp?ID=8830>  
<http://www.globalresearch.ca/articles/CHO109C.html>  
<http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/cms.dll/html/uncomp/...>  
<http://www.guardian.co.uk/comment/story/0,3604,1266317,...>

The PNAC had scored a home run with the bases loaded with the 911 event: shock, horror and fear gripped the nation, the war on "terrorism" had been established in no uncertain terms, attacking Afghanistan with public approval was a foregone conclusion and the stage was set for building a

public case against Saddam.

Not one to let a good attack go to waste, Defense Secretary **Donald H. Rumsfeld** sprung into action.

- He told his aides to come up with plans for striking Iraq, even though Saddam wasn't linked to the attacks.
- PNAC-**James Woolsey**, former CIA director, was dispatched to London to look for and 'firm up' evidence of Iraqi involvement in the 911 attacks.
- PNAC-member and Secretary of Defense **Paul Wolfowitz** was authorized to create the *Office of Special Plans*.

<http://www.cbsnews.com/stories/2002/09/04/september11/m...>

**"It is important to shape circumstances....."** - PNAC *Statement of Principles*

The *Office of Special Plans* (OSP) was a secret group of analysts and policy advisors with no status in the intelligence community. Nevertheless they reported directly to the White House and National Security office with cherry-picked intelligence from questionable sources to support the case for invading Iraq. The OSP circumvented formal, well-established oversight procedures, ignored intelligence that didn't further their agenda, expanded the intelligence on weapons beyond what was justified and over-emphasized the national security risk. They became more influential than the C.I.A. or the Defense Intelligence Agency who didn't even know the ultra-secret OSP existed for at least a year.

Because they were based in the Pentagon, it was assumed that the OSP was an intelligence-gathering agency that was second-guessing the C.I.A. but in actuality it was the White House Military Marketing Machine charged with the task of writing the PNAC's "*Get Saddam*" sales pitch for the public. Shading and bending reality to suit their own purpose, it wasn't important for the OSP's stories about Saddam to be factual, only that the average American believed them to be - in true Hollywood fashion.

[http://www.newyorker.com/fact/content/?030512fa\\_fact](http://www.newyorker.com/fact/content/?030512fa_fact)

While the nation was stripped to the emotional bone and painfully vulnerable, the White House capitalized on the opportunity to reshape public perceptions and responses to conform with the PNAC's new American agenda. Rather than buoy the "can do" American spirit with optimism and hope for the future as Presidents before him had done in times of crisis, Bush spoke with an alarmist and pessimistic tone that served to perpetuate the high anxiety, excitability and fear in the populace.

To hear him speak, the world was a dark, evil and dangerous place....terrorism was here to stay....it would be a long struggle....America was helpless without the military might of the Government to keep the nation safe. The intent was to create a psychologically broken, weary and docile populace that would be easier to lead into war.

[http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/opinion/130534\\_focusecond...](http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/opinion/130534_focusecond...)

Fear became the Administration's strategic tactic for reprogramming the public into accepting the PNAC's militaristic designs. Still shell-shocked and exhausted from the enormity of the WTC and Pentagon tragedies, the public's panic shifted into frenzied over-drive when anthrax-laced envelopes arrived in government and media offices, killing five people. A perpetrator was never identified but the investigation eventually centered around the *Army Medical Research Institute of Infectious Diseases* at Fort Detrick, one of the nation's main anthrax research centers.

<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,126244,00.html>

Using classic "operant learning" techniques from the realm of consumer psychology, the public was purposely kept on High Alert and continually "shaped" with ominous sound bites on the nightly news and "*Level Orange Terror Alerts*" at regularly scheduled but discrete intervals.

<http://www.consumerpsychologist.com/#Perception>

**October 2001** - With flags waving, crowds cheering, and anthems playing, the "War On Terror" and the hunt for Osama began when Afghanistan was attacked **right on schedule of July's secret meeting**.

Immediately afterwards the PNAC and White House collaboration of "GET SADDAM" played relentlessly on televisions and in newspapers across the nation and the World as the "War on Terror" waged on and the litany of lies began.

**The only terrorists we have to fear are those that occupy the White House.**

### **Pass It On**

This has been a presentation of *The Whispering Campaign* - an opportunity to become ACTIVELY involved in educating the American public without drawing attention to yourself. This is a game of Political "Gossip" where the story of our Government's deception and betrayal gets passed from one person to another.


Anyone can play. The rules are simple: make ten copies of this timeline and leave it in a public place where someone else will find it and read it. Ideal locations for maximum exposure include book stores, copy shops, libraries and train stations. Buses, taxis, laundromats, and check-out lines at the grocery store. Hair salons, rest rooms, gas stations and convenience stores. Anywhere you happen to be will work just fine. The American public deserves to know the TRUTH!

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Thank you	Tool Fan
"PNAC For Kids" comin' right up...	LunaC
We need to make it entertaining -- perhaps a short film or something	Sinti
Hollywood could do us a favor by making a film of this, or maybe MoveOn	wordpix
a family member in DC who works with a RW org says the repukes aren't	wordpix
They've had decades to organize PNAC	LunaC
I did see Buchanan mention them....	atomic-fly
two questions One.. true that neocon nucleus began as	oscar111
I think neocons would see China as a large threat	Emit
Current PNAC members were proteges of Henry ("Scoop") Jackson (Dem)	LunaC
K&R & Thanks! Every American should understand this stuff n/t	Sinti
I've been RE-reading "The Terror Timeline"	Rude Horner
Oil? who needs it? wont biodiesel replace it for the world?	oscar111
Need to cover approximately 1/2 of all available dry land	rman
I came to the same conclusions	LunaC
Good work, Luna C. A great thread to bookmark.	oasis
K & highly R!!!. OP of the Year. Simply outstanding.	autorank
"...increase defense spending significantly "	LunaC
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I gotta' hand it to the both of us	LunaC
thanks, this is one for my favorites.	wordpix
Bookmarked and	stop the bleeding
wow..excellent compliation of facts about PNAC k&r... ^5 and	DemInDistress
K&R	notsodumbhillbilly
Great PNAC Research!	Maestro
yes I am reminded.... .LOL	FogerRox
.	LunaC
updated link to Cheney energy task force Iraqi oil field maps	charles t
You're the best!	LunaC



**wtbmark** (1000+ posts)  Fri Apr-14-06 03:27 PM  
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**1. Good PNAC research - look what preceded it**


The Fellowship

go to my journal and see what led to PNAC, the link to the 40some page expose is the first entry

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**LunaC**  (1000+ posts)  Fri Apr-14-06 03:38 PM  
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**3. I thought it dated back to "Scoop" Jackson**

 The Journal links seem to have disappeared so I haven't been able to read your reference yet, but I thought today's PNAC, DLC and roots of the military/industrial complex started with "Scoop" Jackson.

<http://www.democraticunderground.com/discuss/duboard.ph...>






While the Journal links are down, I'll just google The Fellowship and see how it all fits together. Thanks.

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The Fellowship? Where is your journal? Tx.

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### 9. Yeah, I just got there. Wayne Madsen's article

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about the Christian Mafia. Not about PNAC.

Edited to add, thanks! though.

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### 15. connection to PNAC:



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"Although Nixon would later come to distrust the Fellowship, one of his closest confidants, Charles Colson, would become one of the key figures in the group. Colson served time in jail as a result of his involvement in the Watergate scandal. He would later re-emerge "born again" and serve as a covert adviser to the very same elements who would propel George W. Bush into office as President."

<http://journals.democraticunderground.com/wtbymark>

And W = PNAC's front-man/willing puppet.

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Sinti (414 posts)     






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### 18. And one step back -- Nixon was Prescott Bush's protege.



Prescott of Nazi banking fame. Many of the players in this WH were also in Nixon's administration -- the rabbit hole goes deep indeed.

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rman ☆ (1000+ posts)     

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### 49. that's an interesting dot



It fits right in the pattern

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### 19. It's still pretty weak, IMHO.

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Edited to add, with the exception that one of the neocon philosophies, borrowed from Machiavelli, is to use religion as a way to control the masses. 🙄

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## 20. Weak? Pardon my ignorance I don't understand what you're saying.

**IMPEACH  
BUSH**

It is absolute in my mind that the same men have been running this country to its grave for a very long time now. Please enlighten me 😊

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## 25. There are a great many forces that converged to bring us to the monster at

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our door, IMO.

I'm not in disagreement with your comment here that "the same men have been running this country to its grave for a very long time now" at all. I just think that we can not say that The Fellowship "led" to PNAC. Different players, different tactics, different philosophies, etc. What we witness now it the convergence of many factions. There's a really good article that discusses this called the Tentacles of Rage. Here's an excerpt:

~snip~

Departed but not disbanded. As the basic American consensus has shifted over the last thirty years from a liberal to a conservative bias, so also the senator from Arizona has come to be seen as a prophet in the western wilderness, apostle of the rich man's dream of heaven that placed Ronald Reagan in the White House in 1980 and provides the current Bush Administration with the platform on which the candidate was trundled into New York City this August with Arnold Schwarzenegger, the heavy law enforcement, and the paper elephants.\* The speeches in Madison Square Garden affirmed the great truths now routinely preached from the pulpits of Fox News and the Wall Street Journal—government the problem, not the solution; the social contract a dead letter; the free market the answer to every maid-en's prayer—and while listening to the hollow rattle of the rhetorical brass and tin, I remembered the question that Hofstadter didn't stay to answer. How did a set of ideas both archaic and bizarre make its way into the center ring of the American political circus?

\* The rightward movement of the country's social and political center of gravity isn't a matter of opinion or conjecture. Whether compiled by Ralph Nader or by journalists of a conservative persuasion (most recently John Micklethwait and Adrian Wooldridge in a book entitled *The Right Nation*) the numbers tell the same unambiguous story—one in five Americans willing to accept identity as a liberal, one in three preferring the term "conservative"; the American public content with lower levels of government spending and higher levels of economic inequality than those pertaining in any of the Western European democracies; the United States unique among the world's developed nations in its unwillingness to provide its citizens with a decent education or fully funded health care; 40 million Americans paid less than \$10 an hour, 66 percent of the population earning less than \$45,000 a year; 2 million people in prison, the majority of them black and Latino; the country's largest and most profitable corporations relieved of the obligation to pay an income tax; no politician permitted to stand for public office without first professing an ardent faith in God.

About the workings of the right-wing propoganda mills in Washington and New York I knew enough to know that the numbing of America's political senses didn't happen by mistake...

~snip~

The work went more smoothly as soon as the Reagan Administration had settled itself in Washington around the fountains and reflecting pools of federal patronage. Another nine right-thinking foundations established offices within a short distance of Capitol Hill or the Hay-Adams hotel (most prominent among them the Federalist Society and the Center for Individual Rights); more corporations sent more money; prices improved for ideological piecework (as much as \$100,000 a year for some of the brand-name scholars at Heritage and AEI), and eager converts to the various sects of the conservative faith were as thick upon the ground as maple leaves in autumn. By the end of Reagan's second term the propaganda mills were spending \$100 million a year on the manufacture and sale of their product, invigorated by the sense that once again it was morning in America and redoubling their efforts to transform their large store of irritable mental gestures into brightly packaged policy objectives—tort reform, school vouchers, less government, lower taxes, elimination of the labor unions, bigger military budgets, higher interest rates, reduced environmental regulation, privatization of social security, down-sized Medicaid and Medicare, more prisons, better surveillance, stricter law enforcement.

If production increased at a more handsome pace than might have been dreamed of by Richard Scaife or hoped for by Irving Kristol, it was because the project had been blessed by Almighty God. The Christian right had come into the corporate fold in the late 1970s. Abandoning the alliance formed with the conscience of the liberal left during the Great Depression (the years of sorrow and travail when money was not yet another name for Jesus), the merchants of spiritual salvation had come to see that their interests coincided with those of the insurance companies and the banks. The American equestrian classes were welcome to believe that slack-jawed dope addicts had fomented the cultural insurrection of the 1960s; Jerry Falwell knew that it had been the work of Satan, Satan himself and not one of his students at the University of California, who had loosed a plague of guitarists upon the land, tempted the news media to the broadcast of continuous footage from Sodom and Gomorrah, impregnated the schools with indecent interpretations of the Bible, which then gave birth to the monster of multiculturalism that devoured the arts of learning. Together with Paul Weyrich at The Heritage Foundation, Falwell sponsored the formation of the Moral Majority in 1979, at about the same time and in much the same spirit that Pat Robertson, the Christian televangelist, sent his congregation a fundraising letter saying that feminists encourage women to "leave their husbands, kill their children, practice witchcraft, destroy capitalism and become lesbians." Before Ronald Reagan was elected to a second term the city of God signed a nonaggression pact with the temple of Mammon, their combined forces waging what came to be known as "The Culture War."

Cont'd here, great read:

<http://www.mindfully.org/Reform/2004/Republican-Propaga...>

Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. also talks/writes a bit about this convergence, too, more in relation to the Republican echo machine and in terms of media, environment, etc.

Many people within these factions, including the ones mentioned in Madsen's article, no doubt, have crossed paths and have contributed to what we see today in the resulting "Bush & Co.". The entire Military Industrial Complex plays a really big part in all this, too, for example. Still, though, PNAC, if you consider it to be borne out of neoconservatism, is much more likely to take the approach of using religion as a means to an end. So, in that sense, yes, it is related to the article you referred to. But, seeing how the topic in the OP was about PNAC specifically, I just feel the reference you make to be as a side rather than directly related to PNAC. Maybe I'm parsing words.

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**Sinti** (414 posts)    






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## 26. OIC -- and I agree. The Cabal predates the Fellowship

We have at least a combination of the Military-Industrialists, pseudo-Nazis, and dominionist religious maniacs (who don't actually hold any faith at all) combined here for a triumvirate of hellish

deeds to come if we allow it. Thanks for the article 😊

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rman ⭐ (1000+ posts)     





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#### 47. Looks like PNAC is either



another front for the Fellowship, or a separate group with a similar agenda. And it seems this Colson figure has connections to both and "W" is supported by both.

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LunaC ⭐ (1000+ posts)     






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#### 11. AHA!



The Journal links got moved when I wasn't paying attention - thanks for cluing me in!

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rman ⭐ (1000+ posts)     

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#### 5. well,



that's interesting.

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Emit ⭐ (1000+ posts)    

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#### 13. I wouldn't say The fellowship 'led' to PNAC, really

from all I've read. There's a long philosophical history behind neoconservatism, combined with their (relatively) more recent ascent into politics, that gave birth to PNACers.

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fooj ⭐ (1000+ posts)     

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#### 2. Proud to give this the 5th nomination!



Excellent resource here.

Peace.

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lavenderdiva ⭐ (1000+ posts)    





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#### 7. Thank you, thank you LunaC...



Just this week, I was wanting to learn more about PNAC, and now you post it where I can read all about it! Thank you. Nominated. 🙌

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sutz12 (457 posts)    

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## 8. Here's your right wing conspiracy...all laid out.



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Uncle Joe  (1000+ posts)    

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## 10. Excellent research Luna!



Kicked and recommended!



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Tool Fan (47 posts)     

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## 12. Great timeline and research. ...BUT



Now tell me how to explain it to a bunch of IDIOTS.


The problem with the Project is that it is so big, so encompassing, so deep in ideological interest that to the average American who doesn't buy into the "game" of politics, it comes across like some kind of grand conspiracy theory. I have printed out copies of the "statement of principles" and shown them to my Republican friends and they squirm a little. It's radical and risky and even they know it. That's why the Bush Administration had to lie to get us into Iraq, they knew the truth would be a hard sell to an American public who didn't perceive Saddam Hussein as an immediate threat, so they did what they had to do to make him one.

Why does no one talk about PNAC? Why has no one come straight out and asked Bush and Cheney and Rumsfeld what role PNAC played in the decision to invade Iraq?

The first problem is IT MUST BE BELIEVEABLE.

Everything you've stated above on the progression of PNAC is great, but we here at DU are POLITICS PEOPLE, we feed off this shit. While we're on our computers studying the Project, there are people outside playing baseball and working at McJobs who don't know or care anything about things like this. Or you have people who simply hate politics and think it's all some bloody conspiracy bit. You can explain all you want, if it's not believable or easy to grasp, you're going to get cut off.

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LunaC  (1000+ posts)     

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## 21. how to explain it to a bunch of IDIOTS



You give them the timeline...it speaks for itself. I worked hard to include only mainstream/credible sources so the facts couldn't be easily disputed.

*Why does no one talk about PNAC?*

It's s-l-o-w-l-y coming to the forefront...

Jay Rockefeller on the Senate Intelligence Committee is fully aware of them...

After the initial Senate Intelligence Committee Report he said "It was clear to all of us in this room

who were watching that, and to many others, that **they had made up their mind that they were going to go to war**. And I believe to this day, and I always have and I've said so publicly many times in regretting my vote, that **there was a predetermination, even going back to 1998 in a letter to Bill Clinton, saying, "The time for diplomacy has ended and now is the time for the use of military force."**

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A38650-20...>

Helen Thomas has been speaking about them:

<http://www.democraticunderground.com/discuss/duboard.ph...>

And recently Pat Buchanan mentioned them on Hardball. (sorry, don't have a link.)

I suspect that it isn't a common household word yet because the public needs to be educated in small increments and we're just nibbling at the edges of the realm where they'll be ready to hear it.

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**Tool Fan** (47 posts)     

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### 23. In my news-writing classes back in the college years



we were taught to write with the idea of writing for a 5th-grade level of reading comprehension. Sure, it scares the hell out of me to think the majority of Americans can't read beyond a 5th-grade level, but I have to go with that, especially when I'm trying to reach a population where more people watch American Idol than a daily newscast.

Can a 5th-grader read through your info and comprehend all that?

PNAC has existed since 1997, the evidence to me is fantastically clear that they are responsible for invading Iraq, and nine years later, the info is still "dripping?"

There has to be a way to make it "mainstream" that we just haven't figured out yet.

The more I read through the work you've done, the more I like it. I still think it's complicated and does sound a bit biased (sorry!) 😊 but it's great research and much easier to understand and legitimize than a lot of other things I've seen written on PNAC.

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**LunaC** ★ (1000+ posts)     

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### 29. The problem is this



It's a helluva' reality shock when you come to understand exactly how evil, corrupt and self-serving government truly is! The Public is just now realizing that they've been lied to and conned - and it *only* took four years to get to this point - so we have to be (agonizingly) patient until the Common Man's consciousness catches us to our level of awareness. All we can do is spread the word one person at a time and keep planting the seeds. I've been yelling this from the rooftops for *years* so I fully understand the frustration from the slow drip-drip-drip!

And, yeah, it's biased, but I just don't care. lol

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**Tool Fan** (47 posts)     

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### 33. Patient to Pulling My Hair Out



Part of my goal with my own blogs is to improve the general public's knowledge, activity and interest in politics (and football). Part of that is learning how to write non-partisan, it raises the credibility factor. It's extremely difficult to be non-partisan, especially about something like PNAC,

but if forced, I can do it. I can certainly appreciate your bias, though, it's mine, too!

I guess it's just becoming my duty to translate these things to the uninformed....working on it.

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LunaC  (1000+ posts)     

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### 35. it's just becoming my duty to translate these things to the uninformed








Welcome to the Quiet Activist Club!

And if no one's said it yet - WELCOME TO DU!



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Tool Fan (47 posts)     

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### 36. Thank you



Keep your eyes open, I may try to write a "PNAC For Kids" version of all that info and see what I get.

Too bad I can't hire a cartoonist.



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LunaC  (1000+ posts)     

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### 55. "PNAC For Kids" comin' right up...



Your wish is my command....

<http://www.democraticunderground.com/discuss/duboard.ph...>

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### 37. We need to make it entertaining -- perhaps a short film or something



You have to make people who don't want to know pay attention, it needs boom and bang. It's going to be one hell of a job, IMO, But, probably the most important thing that could be done to save this great nation from the nightmare we have all seen coming for years now.

The biggest problem is frog in a pot syndrome, you put the frog in there while the water is cool and gradually turn up the heat until it's boiling and the frog will just go to sleep, never knowing of his impending demise.





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wordpix  (1000+ posts)     

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### 40. Hollywood could do us a favor by making a film of this, or maybe MoveOn



**wordpix** ☆ (1000+ posts)    

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**39. a family member in DC who works with a RW org says the repukes aren't**



organized enough to pull all this together and it's just conspiracy theory. This is a very smart guy, Harvard educated professional, not an idiot.

NOW PNAC is not organized with Iraq turning into a debacle and all the opposition they're getting but I believe they WERE this organized when PNAC was hatched and 9-11 LIHOP or MIHOP.

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**LunaC** ☆ (1000+ posts)    

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**48. They've had decades to organize PNAC**



Perle, Wolfowitz, Abrams, and Feith came together as aides to "Scoop" Jackson during the Reagan administration so they've had quite awhile to organize but with their basic Straussian roots being flawed, it all fell apart when put into practice.

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**atomic-fly** ☆ (734 posts)    

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**45. I did see Buchanan mention them....**



So some people are aware.

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**oscar111** (1000+ posts)    

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**14. two questions One.. true that neocon nucleus began as**



LWer's? I read a post here at DU saying the neocon core began as LW extremists who became RW extremeists. Am i confusing neocons with Straussians or others?

How do neocons see us as dominating the chinese? The chinese economy seems to be gaining momentum and with their population, i dont see how our econ can dominate theirs. Just what is the growth rate of china? i only hear "double digit" in the MSM, which is typically vague of MSM.

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**Emit** ☆ (1000+ posts)    

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**17. I think neocons would see China as a large threat**

But, interestingly, that is where their "liberal" philosophies may be more similar to the left's.

BTW, many current neocons either studied under Strauss before his death, or studied Straussian philosophy.

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**LunaC** ☆ (1000+ posts)    

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**24. Current PNAC members were proteges of Henry ("Scoop") Jackson (Dem)**







**The DLC and PNAC share the same origin**

<http://www.democraticunderground.com/discuss/duboard.ph...>

As for China..."He who owns the oil, owns the world." There is only so much oil to go around and PNAC is trying to position themselves to have a large allotment of oil all to themselves. The U.S. has the Saudis in their back pocket and a "claim" to Iraq while China is closely aligned with Iran - but so is Russia - so the Iranian supply has to be divvied up between the two mega-powers.

China, however, owns a significant part of U.S. debt but I doubt the U.S. would have any qualms about renegeing if push came to shove.

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Sinti (414 posts)    

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## 16. K&R & Thanks! Every American should understand this stuff n/t

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Rude Horner  (572 posts)    

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## 22. I've been RE-reading "The Terror Timeline"



and it goes into a lot of PNAC stuff. Most of it just scares the hell out of me, especially since I see it playing out in real life now. A couple things I read last night were really scary. One of which was a comment from one of the authors of the PNAC document, talking about how people may object to us flexing our military muscle in these first few decades, but "Our children's children will be singing songs about us". I thought that was really delusional, and I thought to myself "These people are sick".

The other thing I read last night was about how regime change should be a priority in Iraq, Iran, Syria, North Korea, and China. I just shook my head and thought "wow".

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oscar111 (1000+ posts)    

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## 28. Oil? who needs it? wont biodiesel replace it for the world?



controlling oil areas is a waste of time, someone tell PNAC.

the world will just switch to biodiesel when oil gets too expensive.

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rman  (1000+ posts)    

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## 51. Need to cover approximately 1/2 of all available dry land



with bio oil crops.

Bio Fuel by the numbers:

# 1 barrel of oil = 159 liters

<http://hypertextbook.com/facts/2000/SohailAhmed.shtml>

# avg yield of bio oil crop

~ 1000 liters/ha (many crops have a lower yield)

[http://journeytoforever.org/biodiesel\\_yield.html](http://journeytoforever.org/biodiesel_yield.html)

= ~ 6 barrels of oil per hectare per harvest (assuming one harvest per year)

# need to meet current demand

30 billion barrels/year globally

need 5 billion hectare

# earth surface area  
earth = 12756 km diam

formula to calculate surface area:  $4 \cdot \pi \cdot r^2$   
 $r = 1/2 \text{ diam}$

$4 \cdot 3.14 \cdot 6400 \cdot 6400 = 514.457.600 \text{ sq kilometer} = \sim 50.000.000.000 \text{ hectare}$

surface of dry land on earth =  $\sim 1/4$  of total =  $\sim 12$  billion hectare

# conclusion

need to cover approximately  $1/2$  of all available dry land surface with bio oil crops (much of which is mountains, desert, forest, jungle, tundra, arctic)

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I'm not saying bio fuel is a bad thing. I'm saying it is not practical to replace oil with bio fuel, even if we'd manage to significantly increase the efficiency of machines that run on fuel.

I think we need to look at more efficient ways to turn solar energy into some kind of fuel (ie solar-electric > hydrogen).

Theoretically there are all kinds of practical solutions, but we should already be working on replacing the hydro-carbon fuel infrastructure with alternatives - and we are not doing that.

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LunaC  (1000+ posts)     

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## 52. I came to the same conclusions



There's just not enough land to support biodiesel fuel alternatives.

The problem, however, goes beyond fuel alternatives.

*"It is often forgotten by many people that plastic products are based on petroleum. A glance around any room will show how pervasive they are. There are many other oil-based household objects. The following is a list of just some products that may disappear with oil.*

*Air conditioners, ammonia, anti-histamines, antiseptics, artificial turf, asphalt, aspirin, balloons, bandages, boats, bottles, bras, bubble gum, butane, cameras, candles, car batteries, car bodies, carpet, cassette tapes, caulking, CDs, chewing gum, combs/brushes, computers, contacts, cortisone, crayons, cream, denture adhesives, deodorant, detergents, dice, dishwashing liquid, dresses, dryers, electric blankets, electrician's tape, fertilisers, fishing lures, fishing rods, floor wax, footballs, glues, glycerin, golf balls, guitar strings, hair, hair colouring, hair curlers, hearing aids, heart valves, heating oil, house paint, ice chests, ink, insect repellent, insulation, jet fuel, life jackets, linoleum, lip balm, lipstick, loudspeakers, medicines, mops, motor oil, motorcycle helmets, movie film, nail polish, oil filters, paddles, paint brushes, paints, parachutes, paraffin, pens, perfumes, petroleum jelly, plastic chairs, plastic cups, plastic forks, plastic wrap, plastics, plywood adhesives, refrigerators, roller-skate wheels, roofing paper, rubber bands, rubber boots, rubber cement, rubbish bags, running shoes, saccharine, seals, shirts (non-cotton), shoe polish, shoes, shower curtains, solvents, solvents, spectacles, stereos, sweaters, table tennis balls, tape recorders, telephones, tennis rackets, thermos, tights, toilet seats, toners, toothpaste, transparencies, transparent tape, TV cabinets, typewriter/computer ribbons, tyres, umbrellas, upholstery, vaporisers, vitamin capsules, volleyballs, water pipes, water skis, wax, wax paper"*

**oasis** ☆ (1000+ posts)    

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**27. Good work, Luna C. A great thread to bookmark.**



**autorank** ☆ (1000+ posts)    

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**30. K & highly R!!!. OP of the Year. Simply outstanding.**



Edited on Fri Apr-14-06 05:26 PM by autorank

Thanks LunaC. This is simply amazing and the narrative is a course in the decline of our national interests, condition, and reputation. Quite an accomplishment for the PNAC people.

Here's a gem: "We need to increase defense spending significantly if we are to carry out our global responsibilities today and modernize our armed forces for the future." Cheney, etc.

This is the piece of PNAC that needs some more visibility. The stolen elections point is also in need of more recognition as a central tactic.

Why does PNAC sauced? Why do its members get key jobs?

It's all about the money..."SHOW ME THE MONEY"

More defense spending, a vital requirement.

Maybe that's why non government jobs have shown a .6 million decline since \* came to power while government employment has gone up substantially, around 2.3 million jobs.

We're all working on Maggie's Farm...

**LunaC** ☆ (1000+ posts)    

Fri Apr-14-06 05:18 PM  
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**31. "...increase defense spending significantly "**



You silly! You can't have Fascism without military supremacy!

For those who missed it...

**Let's Review -> Fascism, FASCISM, F-A-S-C-I-S-M!!**

<http://journals.democraticunderground.com/LunaC/6>

**autorank** ☆ (1000+ posts)    





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**32. Hey you! Check the latest hot edition to my BlogRoll...**



<http://journals.democraticunderground.com/autorank>



LunaC ☆ (1000+ posts)     

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### 34. I gotta' hand it to the both of us



We're relentless with promoting our "Causes" and no one can ever question our deep, overwhelming passionate desire to educate the masses and bring some sanity back to the world! I can't think of a more noble pursuit!



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wordpix ☆ (1000+ posts)     

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### 38. thanks, this is one for my favorites.



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stop the bleeding ☆ (1000+ posts)     






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### 41. Bookmarked and



thank you this thread and OP rocks the Casbah

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DemInDistress ☆ (1000+ posts)     

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### 42. wow..excellent compliation of facts about PNAC k&r...^5 and



Bookmarked for future references with links,

thanks my friend..

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notsodumbhillbilly ☆ (1000+ posts)     

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### 43. K&R



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Maestro ☆ (1000+ posts)     






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### 44. Great PNAC Research!



We need reminding every once and a while.

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FogerRox ☆ (1000+ posts)     

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46. yes I am reminded.... .LOL

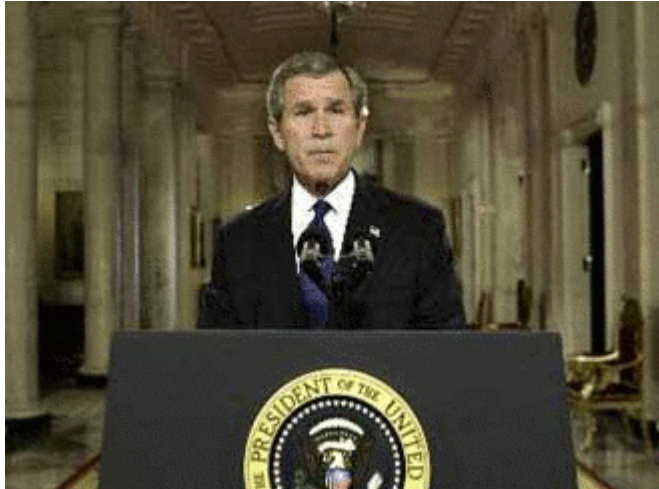


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charles t (34 posts)     

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53. updated link to Cheney energy task force Iraqi oil field maps



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great post

The link to the Iraqi oil maps and related documents from the March, 2001 meetings of Cheney's energy task force (which were obtained by Judicial Watch under the FOIA) has moved to a new server, and the old link listed above under "March, 2001" now leads only to the Judicial Watch home page, requiring a search to locate. The new link to the documents is:

[www.judicialwatch.org/printer\\_iraqi-oil-maps.shtml](http://www.judicialwatch.org/printer_iraqi-oil-maps.shtml)

Thanks for re-posting this relevant research.

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LunaC ☆ (1000+ posts)     

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54. You're the best!



Thanks for the "heads up" that the link had changed - I'll up-date the Demopedia and Research Forum repositories of *PNAC 101* ASAP.

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