



Our Very Own War Criminals

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The neocons who helped bamboozle the U.S. into its current futile war—and are ginning Americans up for the next one—claim that their actions and disinformation tactics were undertaken for the moral good of the world. The mind reels at their continued arrogance after the disaster of Iraq. Secure in their think tanks and comfortable government pensions, these Fifth Column fanatics have not had the grace to even do a mea culpa after the destruction they have caused. To the contrary, the leading warmonger, William Kristol, has been provided with a column in *Time* Magazine in order to spread his poison to a larger audience. There is only one thing to do. Boycott *Time*, the Fox news programs in which he appears, and, of course, the *Weekly Standard* which he edits. Please inform your friends. Boycotts, alas, bring results. The neocons have been doing it for years. Let's give them some of their own medicine back.

Cheney, Kristol, Abrams, Abraham, Gaffney, Adelman, Krauthammer, Reynolds, Frum, Wolfowitz, Giuliani, Feith, Podhoretz, Perle, Pipes, the Kagans and their ilk are as shameless and contemptible as most traitors are, but with a difference. Most traitors at least take some risks—to the point of life and limb. These pundits didn't risk their lives in pursuit of their dishonourable goals. Oh yes, I forgot a little man by the name of [Abraham Shulsky](#), the Pentagon's chief of Special Plans, who helped sell the Iraq war with false claims about the Al Qaeda connection. This slimy individual is now heading the war against Iran campaign in the Pentagon's aptly named "Iranian Directorate." In the meantime, Congress is sitting on its hands, too scared of [AIPAC](#) to rein in these con men, or even to denounce them by name during a special Congressional hearing.

AIPAC and the neocons use that tired old canard of anti-Semitism against any and every one who disagrees with them—including Jews. For instance, the eminent academic [Tony Judt](#), who has found his ability to speak in public trammled by back-channel phone calls placed by power brokers who disapprove of him. Another group of honorable folks are the [eminent physicists](#) who recently urged the

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Congress to pass binding legislation to restrict the authority of the U.S. president to order nuclear strikes against non-nuclear-weapon states. Reading over the names, it seems to me that at least half of these peace-loving researchers are Jewish. Not that such trivial concerns as the truth will stop the likes of Kristol, Foxman, Dershowitz and the rest of the gang from slinging the slurs far and wide. One might well recall the way some Catholic leaders hurled charges of anti-Catholicism at the reporters who uncovered the priestly sex abuse scandal--until the cases and evidence piled up, and it became clear that this was nothing but a smoke screen, designed to help corrupt and powerful men get away with murder. It's the same thing when powerful policymakers in Washington try to silence their critics by hiding behind the photos of poor murdered Anne Frank. And the public is catching on.

In fact, Congress needs to pass such legislation as soon as possible. The United States has no right to [use nuclear weapons](#) except in response to a nuclear attack. Nuking a nation that does not possess them, and has not attacked us, is in fact a war crime—the kind of crime for which we rightly hanged the Nazis at Nuremberg. (What a pity that we couldn't have swung the Russians, too—and perhaps the Brits and Americans who ordered bombings like Dresden.) Israel might contemplate it, but if I might make a subtle point... the United States is not Israel. Nor is the converse true. They are... hold your breath, and listen carefully my friends: *two... separate... countries*. Got that? Try to keep in mind; it may turn out to be important.

Craig Unger, writing in this month's [Vanity Fair](#) said it all: “The neocons orchestrated a spectacular disinformation operation—and once again neo-con ideologues have been flogging questionable intelligence about WMDs. Once again, dubious Middle East exile groups are making the rounds in Washington urging regime change in Syria and Iran. Once again, heroic exile leaders are promising freedom.”

And it gets worse. Washington is actually discouraging those Israelis who want to make peace—for instance, our bold diplomats helped scotch a rapprochement between Jerusalem and Damascus last summer. [Elliott Abrams](#), the admitted liar-to-Congress who handles the peace process portfolio for the White House (and Norman Podhoretz's son-in-law) has assured the hard-line Israelis, including Ehud Olmert, that there will be no real peace initiative from Washington with the Palestinians.

In other words, the Bush administration is recognizing “realities on the ground.” Which means we have recognized the legality of Jewish settlements on territories captured by Israel in the 1967 war, and many more since. Although this should make the neocons happy, it is like asking a very greedy person to stop eating. They will always want more. Now the neo-cons want Iran. It is up to us to stop them.

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And it is “worse than a crime, it was a blunder”. If the Neocons were at least competent - there are people who know how to fight 4th generation war, instead of wanting to “shock and awe” to create thousands of insurgents every few months, we might have even succeeded.

Unfortunately between their set of goals, and the weapons we have, they cannot succeed. Fighting 4th generation war doesn't need carriers or B2 bombers or anything expensive to give to defense contractors. Even the Blackwater mercenaries and the hollywood facades which pass for rebuilt infrastructure are failures in everything except for their owner's stock portfolio.

If you wonder what the Maginot line would look like transposed from a fixed, defensive system to a mobile, offensive system, look toward the middle east. Undefeatable, but irrelevant as it is easily bypassed.

Someone once said the way to defeat Islam was to introduce their teens to Britney Spears. Given the recent history it would have backfired, but introducing the insurgents to Lockheed would probably work - instead of the swarm, a few five thousand pound, several million dollar IEDs which can take out a whole line of humvees, but can't be moved to the targets.

And supporters of Israel should ask themselves, after the US has exhausted itself in futile empire-building efforts and police actions, and is morally, spiritually, and monetarily bankrupt (I know, but we have not actually declared it yet, nor have the debt collectors started hounding us), will Israel be safer without the possibility of support from the US?

But assume we retain our military might after the collapse. Weimar was not a threat to the

Jews, but it was pressed into bankruptcy. What may follow our collapse might be equally unfriendly. At some point of power concentrated in the unitary executive won't need support from anyone including AIPAC. And at that point they can not merely ignore Israel, but actually enslave it. (The senator who would be Frau Chancellor whose name lacks the "t" comes to mind - who wanted to give everyone health care, but the actual proposal mentioned "prison" far more often than "hospital")

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