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Daniel Pipes: If Obama Wins, Bush Will Attack Iran in November

June 6, 2008 in [News](#) by [Eric Garris](#) | [150 comments](#)

Leading neocon Daniel Pipes (director of the Middle East Forum) said [in an interview posted Wednesday at National Review Online](#)

(<http://tv.nationalreview.com/uncommonknowledge/post/?q=YjNIYjdjNmExZGQ3ZDM2ZDNIYWQ5MmFjMDhkZDcyNmE=>), that if Barack Obama is elected, George Bush would attack Iran in the remaining ten weeks of his term.

"Should the Democratic nominee win in November, President Bush will 'do something.' and should it be Mr. McCain who wins, he'll 'punt,' and let Mr. McCain decide what to do.

He called on powers such as Russia and China to prevent a US unilateral strike by helping Washington increase pressure on Tehran. "Look, if you don't want an American attack, then you have to join us in being very serious with the Iranians and making clear to them we will attack if they don't stop."

Later in the interview, Pipes commented that Israel's nuclear capability is "substantial."

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Comment by Joe

2008-06-06 11:00:03

Why is there a campaign ad for John McCain here? Is this for real?

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■ *Comment by Slappy Wiigenstein*

2008-06-06 11:05:56

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"I know many of you are disappointed, and some of you are now exclaiming "I told you so!" All that we can do now is hope, and pray, that our country – and the Iranian people – will somehow survive the coming catastrophe."

Its over.
We truly ARE DOOMED!!!

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Comment by Joe

2008-06-06 11:01:44

I mean, am I the only one who sees it? It's got a picture of Ahmadinejad and Obama and it's asking "Is it OK to Unconditionally Meet With Anti-American Foreign Leaders?" And it says paid for by John McCain 2008!

Are you guys suddenly Pro-war.com? What gives?

■ *Comment by Mike*

2008-06-07 09:58:01

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Comment by Eric

2008-06-06 11:05:05

Wow, typical neocon jujitsu: if we attack Iran, it will be Russia and China's fault, for failing to stop us!

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■ *Comment by andy*

2008-06-06 14:09:50

Well said Eric. The neocons are never responsible, its never their fault. Their pathology is unreal.

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■ *Comment by ERIC, NYC*

2008-06-07 22:22:36

The Neo-Cons pathology is pathological and I'm not being a wise ass. It's amazing seeing what is happening as they numb America's youth with "American Idol" and "hip-hop" and such a small number of people understand what a true Fifth Column this collective slime is....

Fortunes change, people are awakening and when the truth about this Spasmodian Fungi Kollektive known as the "Neo-Cons" is revealed, there may be some more..... apathy. Apathy or Anarchism in all its distorted forms.

God forbid "McCudge" gets elected.... Gods, God, Goddess, KARMA help us !

I feel as a 44 year old NY'er, we have lost the country to them and just plain apathy is the rule as is America's inward looking attitude on the domestic side. How could America's politicians have sold out the country to these seemingly beneficial but utterly self serving parasites !! AT OUR EXPENSE !!! ISRAEL IS THE ENEMY !!!!!!!!!!!!!

The scariest day will be January 21, 2009.....

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Comment by Lester Ness

2008-06-08 23:03:56

Americans are to blame for their own follies and vices.

Lester Ness

■ *Comment by MoT*

2008-06-09 15:19:39

Well I for one did not "vote" for any of these idiots, regardless of party. I have no control over lunatics at the levers of power using said powers and the purse, at my expense, to kill and maim at their say so. There again without having conferred or asking me anything.

So how am I to blame for the course of action that mad-men take in MY name? I'm not! And so goes for everyone else. That's like saying because your neighbor goes off his nut and shoots and kills the guy across the street you're to blame for not "seeing it coming".

To blame the powerless bystander for the crimes of another is lunacy in itself!

■ *Comment by Lester Ness*

2008-06-09 18:13:29

If you get the clap, it's not the fault of some guy in Tel Aviv or Beijing.

Lester Ness
Kunming
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■ *Comment by Lear K*

2008-06-07 08:43:18

"it will be Russia and China's fault, for failing to stop us" and Iran for not playing nice!

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2008-06-06 11:32:24

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Comment by Jim Waddell

2008-06-06 11:33:38

Hey, wait a minute. The Constitution doesn't give Bush the authority to attack Iran on his own! Whew! For a minute you guys had me worried. Thank God for checks and balances.

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■ *Comment by Eric*

2008-06-06 11:44:04

Thanks for the sad chuckle.... I guess that's the only kind left.

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■ *Comment by Kenneth*

2008-06-06 14:13:47

Thank you indeed for the willingness of Congress to- oh wait never mind.

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■ *Comment by Ken Hall*

2008-06-07 13:03:44

Would those checks and balances be the AIPAC CHECKS that fill up the Congresscritters bank ACCOUNTS by any chance? Are those the checks and balances that Americans rely on? because there isn't any other game in town at the moment!

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■ *Comment by Bill Rood*

2008-06-07 13:23:37

Obama should issue a statement saying that if Iran is attacked, he will order his Justice Department to investigate.

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■ *Comment by Captain Howdy*

2008-06-09 18:50:49

You are completely wrong that Bush needs Congressional approval to attack Iran.

The Kyle/Lieberman Bill, passed last September with the overwhelming support of Senate Democrats...

<http://tinyurl.com/2cvby8> (<http://tinyurl.com/2cvby8>)

...designates the Iranian military as a "terrorist group". The President can attack "terrorist groups" at will, without seeking Congressional approval.

When will you people wake up and see that the 2 parties work in collusion with each other? There is no substantive difference between them.

Comment by JustAsking

2008-06-06 11:46:53

Pipes has an interesting backstory: Bush the Second nominated to the "Institute of Peace" — some few brave Senators blocked it, so Dumbya recessed appointed Pipes and he was a Bush *peacenik* from August 2003-January 2005

Pipes' buddy, Fleming Rose, a Zionist too, then went on to, IMO, deliberately create the Dutch Mohammad cartoon controversy. You remember that one - the cartoons of Islam's prophet Mohammad that basically set on fire what little part of the Islamic world that wasn't already enraged by the U.S. attack on Iraq and the continuing genocide of the Palestinians by U.S. funded Israel.

Haim Saban's, and other pro-Israel owned media in Europe, then picked up the cartoons, republishing them over and over with glee, and further enraging the Muslim world.

Great work Pipes! You sure are an emissary for peace, just like your sponsor, George W. What's-His-Last-Name-Again?

There is tremendous irony in all of this...but given Obama's cave-in to Aipac/ the Israel Lobby, the world is going to end soon.

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Comment by SW

2008-06-06 11:47:19

If Russia and China want to prevent war they should nuke DC.

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■ *Comment by JustAsking*

2008-06-06 12:15:28

And Israel and Hollywood and all Fox/ CNN/ MSNBC/ NBC/ ABC/ CBS "news" buildings.

Although the nuking of all of these would kill some innocent people — secretaries, by-standers, Palestinians...

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■ *Comment by Lincoln Miller*

2008-06-07 06:28:54

...and let's not forget Miami/Ft.Lauderdale and the Hamptons

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■ *Comment by anti-neocon*

2008-06-06 16:58:43

Shhhh, SW. You might give those two ideas.

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■ *Comment by Lester Ness*

2008-06-08 21:35:52

Probably all they need do is wait for Usians to turn on themselves.

Lester Ness
Kunming
China

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■ *Comment by Vassili*

2008-06-12 01:54:28

That would not happen, since from the very onset of the Cold War during the late 40s US nuclear forces were designed for the first, aggressive strike against USSR/Russia, whereas Russia was always on the defense.

Over the years systems were perfected this way - therefore US has ONLY the real capability to do the first strike, whereas Russia has very good capability to do a counterstrike.

The irony is that after one after another theoretical and modeling analysis performed in the US by numerous modeling efforts - the truth was revealed - apparent to every marginally moral person, which are quite rare in the US Govt. so it seems - so the Truth of the Nuclear War is:

THE SIDE THAT DOES THE FIRST STRIKE LOSES THE WAR

Well, until such time that SDI, anti-missile system would be implemented - so that the US can do the first strike, and then avoid the counter-strike.

Now - please understand all - that facing the creation of the fully operational and reliable US SD system - Russia (and China) simply HAVE to start the conventional war to prevent that SD system from being developed. The first choice of course is some peaceful kind of "war" - for instance strangling US economically.

Now, if only US were not so aggressive... but that's impossible - that's the design of the country.

The only way out is the election of Obama - "US Gorbachev", that would dismantle the Empire, people would hate him for that, people in the US would have to consume less (but would not that be actually great in terms of fighting the obesity problems face by most americans?) - but it would be a better World - in 20 years. In 10 years it would be better world for every place on the Planet - except to the US unfortunately.

If McCain wins.... That would Chinese option (like USSR/Russia option vs. Maoist China / Modern China option). There is one big BUT though - Americans are not Chinese - or... are they? Only more migration from China to US can save the World from the Big War. Well - for once it's China's turn to save the World I guess :-)

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Comment by Eric

2008-06-06 12:03:52

The "supporters" of Israel obviously prefer to see the entire world destroyed rather than allow Iran to enrich uranium, even though the NPT (which Israel disdains to sign and the US is violating) says all signatories have the "inalienable right" to enrich uranium, and all nuclear-capable signatories have the *obligation* to help non-nuclear countries acquire nuclear technology for peaceful use if they want it, including the capacity to enrich uranium.

Israel is the worst thing that ever happened to the United States of America. What a strange way for our country to meet its demise.

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■ *Comment by andy*

2008-06-06 14:13:06

Your right Eric. Once Israel was created and the USA decided to give it a Kaiser-like 'blank cheque' America was assured the animosity of the entire Arab world. I don't see one single advantage for America in its relationship with the Jewish state.

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Comment by jack

2008-06-06 12:04:58

Pipes is one of the worst neocons on the face of the earth. I don't know what lunatic Bush and Cheney are going to do. But if the bomb Iran hey should be hung for war crimes. Bush is great at signing death warrants, maybe attacking Iran will be his own.

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Comment by Eric Garris

2008-06-06 12:23:10

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Thank you for your patience.

Eric Garris
Webmaster, Antiwar.com

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■ *Comment by Bob Bogus*

2008-06-06 14:32:34

No, no! Leave the ads up. Maybe we'll get some more McManiac ads. Oh the irony! Plus, like the other guy already said, it costs the McCain campaign and I believe it will cost them even more if we click on them. Sooooo, leave'em up!

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■ *Comment by R. Nelson*

2008-06-07 02:59:03

Amen to Antiwar.com renting out ad space, and there's nothing wrong with using McCain's money to support Antiwar. It's better than jujitsu.

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Comment by JDonald

2008-06-06 12:37:13

If Bush is so crazy as to implement an undeclared war in November after Obama wins the 2008 election, then Canada will be the first country to indict the bugger for "Crimes against Humanity" in the World Court. Iran has every right (under the UN NPT) to develop nuclear technology for peaceful purposes and if Israel and the USA would permit the IAEA to do its job, they could validate true intensions. If Israel maintains that people who disagree with their current occupation of Palestinian lands and "imprisonment of its people" can never benefit from modern science, then it is clear that Israel is the problem, not Iran.

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■ *Comment by Ken Hall*

2008-06-07 13:01:19

If Bush was crazy enough to attack Iran after Obama "won" next november, then the UK will be the number one country defending his lunatic actions. Brown is such a traitorous, treasonous nutcase himself, he is a fully paid up member of the same insane elite clubs that are trying to "off" several billion "useless eaters." Do not look to "poor little defenceless" Israel to even show the slightest amount of gratitude. They look down on all non Jews as being less than vermin.

I would love to see Bush, Cheney, Rice, Blair and Brown in the dock in the Hague and see justice performed on them and all their genetic decendents.

Until that happy day, I am visualising a happy future where there is NO Fear, Infinite consciousness allows us all to evolve to a higher level and hatred is something we no longer feel, but will never forget.

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Comment by Quentin

2008-06-06 12:37:57

Oh great, so now the US threatens Russia and China: if you don't do what we want, we'll start another was. Ducky.

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■ *Comment by Quentin*

2008-06-06 12:39:37

Above: was = war.

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Comment by Eric

2008-06-06 12:48:52

When are Americans going to start understanding that Israel is RUINING us economically?

Just threatening Iran with war (which is TOTALLY driven by the Israel lobby) is already bankrupting us. Look at the headline from ABC (which of course buries, far below the lede, the explicit connection between US-Israel war threats and the oil price surge - it wouldn't be 'good for Israel' to highlight that!):

"Oil Skyrockets in Biggest One-Day Gain Ever, Almost \$11"

[oh yeah, and this just HAPPENS to happen on the day just as Barak Obama joins the amen chorus of AIPAC acolytes screaming thyat we have to "do something" about the phony "Iranian threat", on the day when an Israeli cabinet minister outright promises that this war will happen]

<http://abcnews.go.com/Business/Economy/wireStory?id=5010997>

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■ *Comment by Lester Ness*

2008-06-08 20:33:03

"Oil Skyrockets in Biggest One-Day Gain Ever, Almost \$11" I guess its time for conservatives to learn how to conserve!

Lester Ness

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■ *Comment by Lester Ness*

2008-06-08 21:56:12

Americans are to blame for their own problems. "He who lives by the sword, dies by the sword." — Jesus (Bush's favorite philosopher)

Lester Ness
Kunming
China

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Comment by David

2008-06-06 12:52:48

I am relying on China, Russia and India to keep civilization going after the Iranian debacle and American collapse, but I'm afraid Cheney may try to take the rest of the world with him when he goes, thinking he'll restore the glory days of American post-World War II sole-supplier prosperity. He doesn't realize that shop has already been sold.

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Comment by lester

2008-06-06 13:09:28

pipes was on NPR about a week ago. it was hlarious. he was trying to have some islamic school shutdown and a random caller completely owned him. he goes "what kind of show is this, why would you let her talk to me like that"?

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■ *Comment by abraham*

2008-06-07 08:39:20

Hey Lester.

Here is a link to that interview:

<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=90477620>

(<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=90477620>)

The link to the audio is near the top of that page. This is not the first time he melted down like this. He always does this when confronted with anyone who poses a viewpoint contrary to his. He is the weakest "debater" I have ever seen and I don't know why this guy has the national prominence that he does.

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■ *Comment by andy*

2008-06-07 12:15:19

Thanks for the link. The lady calls in and expresses a contrary opinion to him and he says the radio station is not a "responsible" station! Unbelievable!

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■ *Comment by Eric*

2008-06-07 12:34:10

Wow. These neocons simply have no concept whatsoever of the first amendment.

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■ *Comment by Bill Rood*

2008-06-07 13:32:04

I believe Pipes' father was quite influential. Another case of the original, and largest, affirmative action program ever instituted — "legacy" entitlement.

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■ *Comment by Lester Ness*

2008-06-08 21:00:43

"I don't know why this guy has the national prominence that he does." Because a lot of other half-wits share his prejudices. Most born-again are viciously anti-Muslim, for example.

Lester Ness
Kunming
China

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Comment by JustAsking

2008-06-06 13:17:07

June 10th is the National Call-in day to demand that your congressional reps support diplomacy and not an attack on Iran.

Toll-free number to call Congress is:

(800) 788-9372

More information on the National Call-in Day to stop an attack on Iran is here:

<http://newiranpolicy.org/536/29301.html> (<http://newiranpolicy.org/536/29301.html>)

Of course, my three reps, all Dems, are dyed-in-the-wool Zionists, but I'll call them anyway. I tell anyone who'll listen in my district about how our supposedly liberal representative is destroying our lives by his Zionism.

He's Howard Berman and he's the chair of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Berman just addressed Aipac, wouldn't you know it? His staff is composed of nitwits genetically combined with assholes, but they're all Zionists.

Call Berman's House Foreign Affairs office too, and ask the dickwad who answers the phone why Berman doesn't just go represent Israel in the Knesset, since he obviously is a traitor to the U.S. with his bending over forwards for Israel. (My apologies to anyone who likes it that way ;-)

You can use the same toll-free number I gave above to call Berman's House Foreign Affairs office.

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Comment by Eugene Costa

2008-06-06 14:10:07

One failed to find in Justin Raimundo's "Obama Capitulates", which does mention Mr. Paul, one word about impeachment.

One is tiring of those who, rightly analysing a situation, while calling themselves "Constitutionalists", somehow fail to highlight the obvious constitutional remedy.

A blind spot or something more?

The pattern of the threat seems a domestic version of Olmert's blackmail—"If the US does not do what we want you to do, we will unilaterally do it—e.g. use nuclear weapons on Iran—and you will have even more problems than if you just go along with what we advise"

The real perversion in this version smacks of Strauss and the Neo-Cons—using the United States' own nuclear weapons to threaten and coerce the domestic electorate with the possible end of the world.

A rather interesting definition of "terror tactics", isn't it?

Getting the least bit exercised is exactly what is sought. The only rational reaction is, "So what else is new?"

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■ *Comment by John Lowell*

2008-06-06 15:00:43

Eugene,

I can't imagine there being a "blind spot" when it comes to remedies and Raimondo on this question. Like so many of us, Raimondo is probably exhausted in his effort of opposing impending war with Iran only to see the one hope the system - and the Constitution - may have offered us go up in smoke at the AIPAC conference on Wednesday. Any "talks" Obama may hold with Iran prior to our striking them are likely to resemble Hitler's with Hacha in 1939. It will make little difference if its McCain or Obama who is inaugurated, Bush can be assured that war will be pursued at some time whether he is to act after the election or not. So who's to impeach respecting Iran, Bush, McCain, Obama? I know you've favored impeaching Bush for his earlier crimes and I have little doubt that Raimondo would rejoice in the thought, but that has not come about. I believe the matter to be quite beyond constitutional remedies, actually. The one we have has been so abused, so tattered, that it hardly has meaning any longer. We need a new constitution and all the public action necessary to bring it about.

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■ *Comment by Eugene Costa*

2008-06-06 15:42:48

Why a new constitution? If it is a question of ignoring any agreed upon rules, the old one does just fine, doesn't it?

In fact it has some interesting prescriptions on that score.

And what is the point of trying to agree on a new one with the very people who ignore the old one?

Which at this point also includes Ron Paul, save when he wants to give his naive little lectures on issues close to his pocketbook.

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Comment by John Lowell

2008-06-06 16:37:00

Eugene,

Well, in my view, the Constitution has long been superceded by events. As a practical matter, for some time now we've been in a condition tantamount to dictatorship. Our freedom of action when it comes either to foreign or to domestic policy is in the hands of those willing to pay for it and those in a position to receive the payments have erected a system utterly impervious to change by ordinary means. Extra constitutional measures are the only ones promising real hope at this point. The old solutions, the general strike, prolonged mass demonstrations and the like will be the only ones with any prospect of success. Now, of course, we are a very long way from those kinds of solutions. But with oil prices jumping \$11 as they did today on war prospects and the largest single increase in unemployment in 26 years sending the stock market into a 400 point spin, we are close to a beginning on experiencing the kind of pain that just might bring about them about. Anyone who reads Paul Roberts has a grasp of the economics ahead of us. The turning point just might arrive when the euro becomes the world's reserve currency. And who could deny that we're already in the midst of a financial and credit system meltdown. The critical work will be to direct the discontent to where it belongs when the crisis arises: A Constitution that made possible the kind of reality that had actually emerged. In the ensuing chaos will come the opportunity to expell the usurpers and to try and sentence them publically, this instead of the impeachment you seek. A second constitutional convention could follow producing a document chastened by the earlier experience. Frankly, I see no other way.

■ *Comment by Eugene Costa*

2008-06-06 17:49:33

A Constitution that made possible the kind of reality that had actually emerged...

More ignoring it.

Paul Craig Roberts is hawkeye when it comes to simple economic patterns that the ill-trained do not wish to compass.

He also transcends ideology, which is key.

Nationalizing oil is one option, which the kneejerk ideologues are already calling "Communist" and "unconstitutional".

It is neither, and done right it is far superior to Nixon's price controls, which did not work.

Strictly in regard to the Constitution there is nothing unconstitutional about nationalization as long as there is just compensation. Indeed the Republican Party in freeing the slaves in the border states after the war paid compensation, as it did not do to the slaves in the Confederacy. It was virtually a form of "Nationalization".

Nationalization has also occurred in other contexts, as during World War Two.

There are many benefits to be had from nationalization of oil. The first and most important would be to separate domestic oil from the currency collapse, thus allowing the possibility of economic recovery.

Second, drilling off shore and in Alaska by a public entity for the public benefit would be possible.

Private companies, whatever they say, will sell any new resources at world market price, and the American economy be damned. Though the United States imports oil (Venezuela is still selling oil to the US at below market price), the oil companies often export when it suits their purposes.

The main concern about nationalizing oil is that it be done constitutionally (not like Truman's illegal order nationalizing steel) and that it be kept out of the hands of the politicians.

At any rate, I bring this forward merely as an example of the limberness of the old Constitution.

I see no reason for a new one rather than paying attention to the one that is there, which Paul is certainly not doing in regard to impeachment.

■ *Comment by Lester Ness*

2008-06-08 22:18:41

Re: nationalizing oil, why not learn to conserve? There's no reason the average American can't walk 20 minutes to a store.

Lester Ness
Kunming
China

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■ *Comment by Brad Smith*

2008-06-06 18:14:12

We don't need a new constitution, we need to use the one we have. Can you imagine what the new one would be like if it were written by our current crop of republicrats?

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■ *Comment by Eugene Costa*

2008-06-06 18:17:00

Hear, hear.

Again the half-brains agree.

■ *Comment by Bill Rood*

2008-06-07 14:16:15

It has become clear that the Constitution was fatally flawed from the beginning in that it is too difficult to remove the President. As a result, over the last 200+ years, the Presidency has consistently aggrandized itself.

Fortunately, there is a remedy should Congress decide to implement it. There needs to be a Constitutional Amendment making it easier to remove a President. I'm not quite sure myself what form this should take or how easy removal should be made. Perhaps a simple majority to convict and remove in the Senate after impeachment by the House. Perhaps the states should have some input in the decision to remove a President, or the people through petition should force a recall vote.

I don't know what the final formula should be, but it's clear the bar is too high in the current formula. One reason to hope this is possible is that the President can not veto a Constitutional Amendment.

■ *Comment by Eugene Costa*

2008-06-07 14:43:29

Impeachment, according to the Constitution, is fairly easy, and deliberately so.

The flaw is not structural.

Ron Paul illustrates the real problem aptly. Though claiming to be a Constitutionalist, and having rightly characterized Clinton as impeachable according to the Constitution, he declines to use the same principles in regard to Bush and Cheney.

Initially he opposed Kucinich's motion to impeach Cheney, for example, and then tepidly supported sending it to Judiciary, while claiming, in complete contradiction of his earlier arguments in regard to Clinton, that "proper procedure" must be followed.

There is no proper procedure beyond what the Constitution says on the topic, and anything, as Paul argued in relation to Clinton, a majority of the House considers impeachable is impeachable.

Too, some of what are now structural flaws are not in the original program, as in regard to the Vice President and the Senate, just for two examples.

Kurt Goedel, according to Einstein and others, in studying to acquire US citizenship, supposedly found a serious structural flaw in the US Constitution. Einstein and others, however, who thought that Goedel was being too logical, discouraged him from bringing it up during his citizenship examination, and no one, to my knowledge, now knows what Goedel thought it was.

For students of the Roman Constitution, with which many of the leading framers were familiar and on which much of the US Constitution is patterned, there is an obvious but merely potential flaw that for some reason the framers did not see.

This is a bit curious, for the Romans themselves saw it in their Constitution and remedied it fairly early.

I shall not mention what it is here, though some students of the Roman and American Constitutions, may easily guess what it is.

■ *Comment by [Ken Hall](#)*

2008-06-07 16:21:42

Yeah, it would be something like the "Lisbon treaty" AKA the European constitution.

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■ *Comment by [Vassili](#)*

2008-06-12 02:17:45

Constitution is just high level guidelines and goals that people of the land agreed to adhere to. People that reside in the US do not adhere to these guidelines and they do not share these goals.

If anything - the rough outline of REAL Constitution for the population of the US should start like this:

"War is Peace; Freedom is Slavery; Ignorance is Strength."

I'm not aware of ANY county in the World where these guidelines are followed closer.

Also - "Animals and prols are free" - that's exactly about and average immigrant in the 2nd generation person (and their dogs I guess, although, latter have somewhat less freedom).

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Comment by [andy](#)

2008-06-06 14:14:11

What happens on 'Bomb-day +1' etc.

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Comment by [Eugene Costa](#)

2008-06-06 14:28:51

Does it matter? Another cryptotype in the threat, which is presented as a rational and inevitable policy, is, "We_____ (insert Neo-Cons, Israelis, et al. as you choose) control the President of the United States."

Oh.

Again—what else is new?

At this point one at last begins to understand the crowds under someone high on a building ledge yelling, "Jump! Jump!".

Part of it coming to the conclusion that the potential suicide is too boring and predictable to live.

And if the man happens to be carrying a nuclear weapon as he threatens to jump—well, also too boring and predictable to live with.

After all, if he is prevented from committing suicide and gets whatever he wants, he'll just be back up there again next week.

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Comment by Tim R

2008-06-06 14:53:28

I have to say that I am impressed by the genuine gravitas of John McCain's understanding of the Iranian threat: "Look, if you don't want an American attack, then you have to join us in being very serious with the Iranians and making clear to them we will attack if they don't stop."

This is incredibly powerful wisdom! It's like walking into your neighbor's home with a loaded shotgun, pointing it at him, and telling him that if he doesn't stop reaching for his pistol, you will be forced to take action! That's what I want for a Commander-in-Chief!

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Comment by Eugene Costa

2008-06-06 15:23:17

A: Freeze!

B: Who are you and what are you doing in my house?

A: It's called a preemptive strike.

B: A preemptive strike?

A: Yes—a preemptive strike.

B: Why are you pointing that shotgun at me in my own house? Are you a robber?

A: No. I am here to stop you playing with your pistol.

B: My pistol [looks around the room]. What pistol?

A: Yes, your pistol. We know you have pistol and intend to come over to my house and kill me.

B: I have no pistol.

A: We know you have pistol. And if you don't have a pistol you have plans to build a pistol. And we know that you intend to use the pistol to come over to my house and kill me. Fork it over!

B: Fork what over? There is no pistol.

A: Then fork over the plans. Get down on your knees—confess that you want to kill me with the pistol that you are planning to build! Confess! You hate me and you plan to come over my house and kill me!

[doorbell rings]

A: Who's that?

B: [smiling] How should I know? Do you want me to answer it?

A: Yes, come with me to the door.

[get to door, which is opened and there stands....]

■ *Comment by David*
2008-06-06 15:48:59
WHO?

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■ *Comment by MetaCynic*
2008-06-08 08:58:03

"...and there stands..." Superman who wraps the shotgun around the intruder's neck and then heaves him into orbit around the moon to never again threaten the neighborhood.

Congress and the courts are clearly dysfunctional. For whatever reasons, they refuse to play their constitutionally assigned roles. I'm afraid that if Superman doesn't save us, then our last hope is a military coup organized by enlightened generals, if such creatures even exist. Let's face it. Desperate times call for muscular methods.

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■ *Comment by Lester Ness*
2008-06-08 22:49:08

The most likely "muscular methods": sitting around, complaining, drinking beer, shooting the beer bottles.

Lester Ness
Kunming
China

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Comment by Bob Bogus

2008-06-06 15:44:52

What Pipes said about Bush is what I've been thinking for about the last nine months. The only reason Bush hasn't already launched air strikes on Iran is that he doesn't want to doom the Republican presidential candiate in November. I've always thought that if it looked like the nominee had no chance Bush would go ahead and attack otherwise he would postpone the attack until just after the election.

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Comment by the legendary Bill

2008-06-06 16:25:31

Tim R. is such a provocative little shit isn't he? Hopefully, God will allow another Gen. Titus to scatter the racially narcissistic bastards to the four winds again..carrying their anti-Christian, anti-Gentile Talmuds under their arms..

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■ *Comment by DJ*
2008-06-06 16:57:25

Actually, it's a curiosity that he even attends the antiwar.com site. Maybe a neocon plant?

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■ *Comment by JustAsking*
2008-06-06 18:40:37

Tim R is wasting your time — rather than arguing with him, you should be calling Congress, or talking some sense to your neighbors/ friends/ relatives/ co-workers, about the Israel lobby and how it led to our attack on Iraq and will lead to an attack on Iran.

And then, after an attack on Iran, gas prices will be upwards of \$12-15 a gallon, which we can all afford, right? ;-)

Tim R. is probably a Megaphone operative. Megaphone, Israel's propaganda (hasbara) outlet, was started by Israel's Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni, who is now inline to become Israel's Prime Minister after Olmert, in order to lead us all into Armegeeddon.

Megaphone's specific purpose is to enlist Israel's supporters around the world, using email alerts, in order to have a rapid action response to any criticism of Israel.

Thus, the non-pro-Israel world is led to believe that the vast majority of the planet supports Israel, and that all Muslims are evil fiends, despite all evidence to the contrary.

And now, Tzipi, founder of Israel propaganda outfit Megaphone, has a real shot at becoming Israel's PM, while she destroys the U.S. by tricking us into attacking Iran and launching World War III.

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■ *Comment by Eric*

2008-06-06 20:11:35

The Israel lobby will only meet its match when an equally passionate force rises up to oppose it.

The fact is, most Americans (including many Jews) oppose the issue-by-issue positions of the Israel lobby, but they are not as passionate and or committed enough in sufficient numbers. What we need is an "anti-Israel Lobby lobby" that cares as much and works as hard and includes as many people as the Israel lobby.

The Israel lobby is more than a lobby; it's a movement, a culture. We need a corresponding counter-movement and counter-culture. And that's tricky, because it will certainly be branded anti-Semitic, and it will certainly attract some anti-Semites as well (but maybe not that many: anti-Semites are very often staunchly pro-Israel - a very strange paradox indeed).

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Comment by jack

2008-06-06 16:52:38

We need Vespasian and Titus to take care of the problem. I agree with that.

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Comment by anti-neocon

2008-06-06 17:08:41

Horrible message from Daniel Pipes! Thanks for telling us, Neither my dad, any of his brothers, or my any of my four grandparents made it to the age of sixty, but I was hoping I would make it to eighty. Doesn't look likely.

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Comment by andy

2008-06-06 18:00:28

Doesn't the USA have enough on its plate already, two losing, if not lost, wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Now it is going to take on a third country. NUTS.

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Comment by Skulz Fontaine

2008-06-06 18:14:52

Pipes? Did Pipes get that comment cleared with Michelle Malkin? Aren't Pipes and Malkin kind of, well you know, jiggy-wid-it?

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Comment by Brad Smith

2008-06-06 18:29:16

The plans to reshape the entire Middle East have already been written. The only thing holding back the neo-cons is the mess in Iraq, if it had been over as quickly as they thought we would have already taken out Iran. We will eventually go to war with Iran it's just a matter of time. Most Americans just don't care enough or don't have a clue how to stop it. I would love to stop it, but how? I could stand on a box and shout my lungs out all day and what would I get done? The American sheeple are asleep and they are not going to wake up any time soon. I would love to be proven wrong and I will still continue to fight against war, and please if anyone can show me how to be more effective clue me in.

Peace!

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■ *Comment by Eugene Costa*

2008-06-06 18:39:30

Attacking Iraq is economic suicide for the United States.

Mr. Paul—are you about to lead a group of anti-war Republicans and non-Neo-Cons in impeaching the two treacherous lunatics in the offices of President and Vice President?

Actually, at this late date, and after Kucinich, one might do—Cheney. Meanwhile if there is anyone sane left in the military the remaining figurehead is given a honor guard in a padded cell that looks like the oval office and the football handed over to adults.

I suspect Putin and the Russians, remembering the good faith of Reagan, might cooperate.

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■ *Comment by Eugene Costa*

2008-06-06 18:40:25

Corr: "Attacking Iran".

Attacking Iraq was similar, but the slower way to go.

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Comment by Charlie Chan

2008-06-06 18:29:44

This Pipes guy is a complete joke. His brother, Irving Pipes, said that "Danny" wet his bed until he was sixteen.

"Tim" is really Irving Lipshitz from the bolshevist union of the slew-footed.

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Comment by andy

2008-06-06 19:37:02

I can't understand why anyone would join the U.S. military. Your not defending your country, your enabling the neoconservatives to carry out their immoral agenda.

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■ *Comment by Brad Smith*

2008-06-06 20:08:02

I can tell you why I joined, I was young and dumb, Patriotic and filled with myself and propaganda. Unfortunately brains and common sense are not a requirement. I now work hard at talking anyone and everyone from enlisting or reupping but trust me it's a battle.

Peace!

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■ *Comment by Lester Ness*

2008-06-09 18:26:45

Well, I enlisted in the Navy in 1971 so I could use the GI Bill to go to college. Of course, I'd been raised with the idea that fighting for my country was good and glorious.

I helped bomb Viet Nam in 1972. I experienced two typhoons, a coup d'état and martial law in the Phillipines and a mutiny/race riot. It was educational! Especially seeing real martial law in action.

Yeah, it was dumb, but most 17 year olds are dumb. Never forget, most soldiers are teens with guns. Most officers are frat boys a couple years later.

Lester Ness
Kunming
China

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Comment by BluePearl

2008-06-06 21:46:51

Someone once said that you can easily tell what Bush will do. Bush will end up doing whatever hurts US the most. That is the effect if not the intention. Attacking Iran will have the worst effect on the US and that is why it will be done.

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■ *Comment by Lester Ness*

2008-06-09 19:15:49

Bush listens to the voices in his head, the prophecy-preachers on radio/TV. Frankly, commenters here credit too much clout to Israel and the Neo-cons, not nearly enough to the Armegeddonites. They out-number all the Jews in the world several times.

Lester Ness

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Comment by Fan of Raimondo and Garris

2008-06-06 22:29:11

I wouldn't trust anything Pipes says. It is probably misdirection. I think Bush will attack before November.

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Comment by alekos

2008-06-07 00:43:27

There is no doubt at all that Bush does & doing great harm to America & world at large.

This lunatic and his advisers Cheney, Condi and others can be stopped by friendly fires or CIA or FBI officer. I am sure they can arrange that and it will be great service to Americans.

After that they can certify the officer as INSANE at the time or officer might claim that GOD instruct him to do that and he is off the hook.

After 100 years that officer might deserve to be great HERO.

Where is good old days? with SOVIET UNION WE KEPT THE BUSTARDS HONEST.

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Comment by Johanna Swaag

2008-06-07 01:37:57

To: Just asking.

As a Dutch person, I have never heard of the Dutch Mohammed cartoons, don't you mean Danish. They are 2 different countries.

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Comment by 8Ball

2008-06-07 02:59:20

These wars and rumors thereof have nothing to do with freedom & democracy or peace & safety. The basis for all of this madness is economic totalitarianism... The West, having bankrupted its economy through greed, is losing its grip on dollar denominated (say reserve currency) dealings. If Oil producing nations and other major economies start dealing in Euros or other currencies then the US dollar becomes toilet paper and America is exposed for the shallow, consumer-centric, economy that it is. The truth is that America no longer produces nor exports products that are not made better and cheaper in other places... The only thing of significance that it has been exporting of late is war. And this has been shown to be a poorly made product during tests in both Iraq and Afghanistan. We could title this episode in American history: The Empire Strikes Out...

The world's problem is that you have a pack of bankrupt madmen with nuclear weapons and other high tech weaponry who are living in denial. Just examine the Bush doctrine after 9-11: "you're either with US or you're with the terrorists". Couple that with some religious fanatics (who also have nuclear weapons) and you have the makings for an armageddon cocktail with a real kick.

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■ *Comment by andy*
2008-06-07 11:03:02

I have often thought that Saddam Hussein signed his own death warrant when he decided to demand oil payments in Euros instead of dollars. If other countries were to follow suit the American economy would be brought to the brink of collapse, would in fact collapse.

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■ *Comment by Eugene Costa*
2008-06-07 14:18:48

Saddam Hussein was in many ways a genuine Iraqi patriot, who tried to form a secular nation out of the various groups the British post-Imperial mapmakers decided to cobble together to maintain British economic dominance of the area.

To some extent he succeeded, and he may some day be remembered as a prophet and great martyr.

On the other hand, he had many flaws.

His strategic plan, keyed on oil, was sound enough and is being pursued by his erstwhile factional enemies today. His faith in conventional arms, however, purchased from the United States and the Soviet Union, was a serious mistake. In the period after the first Gulf War, he realized this, and began preparations for a guerrilla at least four years before the second Bush attacked.

Psychologically and politically he fell prey to his own Narcissism, which is a common flaw among those with great power (he was never, as portrayed in the West, an absolute dictator).

But his fatal mistake more general. Being rational himself, he presumed that the United States would see and act in its own best interests as a nation, in regard both to Baathist Iraq and the Middle East.

That was, in the end, his undoing.

The consolation is that it will also be, short of some dramatic change of course by the United States, fatal to his enemy.

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■ *Comment by Vassili*
2008-06-12 02:48:42

The only good thing about the situation, that fully operational SD system is not in place, and things are happening very quickly.

I hope you noticed that Russian President Medvedev announced couple days ago that his intention is to make Russian currency a reserve one as soon as possible (i.e. 2-3 years).

Euro countries are moving that direction as quickly as they can, same about China and Natural Gas OPEC is in the making - lead by Russia and ... Iran.

Yes, US may do a first Nuclear Strike, Russia would retaliate and damage to the US would be harder. Most of Russia basic infrastructure is inherited from the USSR, and most of that infrastructure was developed after 1950, and it was designed to be reasonably robust under the nuclear strike scenario.

This is simply not true about the US - funds were spend on weapons and wars, but not on defense systems. And, in actual fact Russia has reasonably good SD system in operation, which covers exactly one site - the Moscow region. Similar system in the US covers ... just the main nuclear command base in the US, which is located not in the densely populated area.

Moscow accounts for over 80% of all taxes collected in Russia. It is not that easy to destroy oil and gas fields with nuclear weapon - they are huge in area. Pipelines going to Europe can be destroyed of course. Well... too bad for Europe.

Aftermath of such US first nuclear strike would be - in the world that fortunately has other nuclear players - China, India - would be most likely a tight Eurasian Union between China, Russia and Iran.

On the other hand... who would want to deal with the US after that? Who and for what reason would supply anything to them? Russia/China/Iraq are completely self-sufficient and have very little conflicting interests at large, rather complimentary.

Europe and the US are not self sufficient - and don't have many common interests - since their only interest is to rob other countries of their resources.

Not to even mentioned, that ability of US (or British) military in the Real War with Russia had NEVER been proven.

Had I been the ruler of the US, with any degree of sanity, I would not have followed this scenario. That is the scenario of great suffering for Greater Eurasia, but it is the scenario of the End of the 1776 experiment.

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Comment by R. Nelson

2008-06-07 03:03:43

Lessee. If Obama wins this fall, Bush attacks Iran. If McCain wins this fall, McCain attacks Iran. If Obama wins this fall but Bush doesn't attack (due to a pretzel episode or some such), then there's a pause as AIPAC writes up Obama's marching orders, then Obama attacks Iran.

How many handbaskets would it take to carry America to hell?

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Comment by richard vajs

2008-06-07 04:32:58

Israel is basically an unstable country - all of its human energy is seemingly directed towards scheming and plotting against its neighbors, making its internal racial minority's lives miserable enough to leave, and leaning hard on its friends (actually friend) to share in their paranoiac hatreds. If Israel does prevail against the Arabs and bombs them into submission, manages to starve/eject every Palestinian and continues to bs America into providing arms and money, where will all this negative energy go? It is my guess that they will turn on each other and have some kind of civil war. And they will richly deserve it.

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Comment by George [:-)

2008-06-07 04:58:51

Crime syndicates are criminal organizations 'running common businesses'-Im referring to USi media. Nothing will change-never in USrael media. Did you notice that Obama was wearing a Star of David Lapal Pin at AIPAC ? Nothing will change folks!

;^)

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Comment by Eric

2008-06-07 05:09:20

The TV news reports are maddeningly downplaying the role of Israel in causing these crippling steep surges in oil prices.

I mean, today, finally, on MSNBC, they finally did mention that maybe Israeli minister-of-whatever Shaul Mofaz's declaration that war with Iran is certain had SOMETHING to do with the biggest one-day oil price rise EVER.

And then Lester Holt introduced an "analyst", and she said, "Well, this is a jittery market, and you could say practically ANYTHING and prices are going to jump." Oh, yeah. The Israelis could have said anything, or nothing at all, and prices would have behaved just the same!

Don't blame poor little powerless underdog light-unto-the-nations Israel — but do send us more money, America (and we'll take that in Euros, thanks), because oil — which we buy from IRAN — is so expensive these days. Why, the Holy State can barely afford to build swimming pools for the new settlements in the West Bank!"

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■ *Comment by Eugene Costa*

2008-06-07 13:59:53

Does the FBI have a task force of accountants investigating oil futures trading?

Military intelligence perhaps?

A word here and a word there from the right source and futures prices move.

No doubt the Russian Federation has an army of analysts on the job.

Internationally and insofar as such commodities are concerned the SEC, and like bodies, are—for various reasons—deaf, dumb, and blind.

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Comment by John Kurius

2008-06-07 05:57:43

All those rumors and speculations about attacking Iran is just pure bull-cunning propoganda. As critical as America's economic positioin is it would be pure lunacy to do any such thing. I could imagine the Iranians and the Americans getting together and working out a secret deal (like the Israelis and the Syrians) and dropping a few bombs on some useless facility to satisfied the screaming domestic public that the attacking nation has lived up to its reputation of toughness. One of the things the American public is not quite aware of is the precariousness of the Israeli state. That nation is on the verge of imploding. A poll taken not too long ago found that a quite significant portion of the Israeli population say they would leave the country should any of their Arab or Persian neighbors develop a nuclear bomb. In fact if you come to NYC and walk the streets you would see a quite large number of persons going about their business that are Israelis—and they are not tourists neither. One wonders about the astronimcal number of new buildings going up in Manhattan and its outer boroughs—and we are now learning that much of this space is being created for the expected avalanche of Israelis that has already began departing their country. John Kurius

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■ *Comment by Eric*

2008-06-07 09:11:55

"...it would be pure lunacy to do any such thing."

And when has the fact that something is pure lunacy ever stopped the neocons from doing it?

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Comment by JustAsking

2008-06-07 07:21:53

This is anecdotal, but I have noticed a surprising number of Israeli (not generic Middle Eastern, these are Israeli) restaurants in the San Fernando Valley (Los Angeles) area. This is surprising because of the small amount of Israelis there are in general, but maybe these restaurants also get American Jews and others who have been to Israel.

Do Israelis have to go through the same immigration process as citizens from any other country, or do they get special treatment in that regard as well?

Also, to anyone who wants to see real news, that treats the situation in the Middle East fairly (tells the truth about Israel's actions) Democracy Now and I.N.N. World Report (on Dish TV) are two great sources.

Democracy Now streams at its site too, and is also on many radio stations — it blows the mainstream media out of the water:

<http://www.democracynow.org> (<http://www.democracynow.org>)

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■ *Comment by Lester Ness*

2008-06-10 17:39:14

Probably most of the individuals who immigrated to Israel after '49 would have gone straight to the USA if they could have. I once spoke with a woman who'd been sent (deported? repatriated?) from China to Israel in 1949. She was age 13, and had no real choice. Later, she ended up in California, working as a secretary.

Lester Ness

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Comment by abraham

2008-06-07 08:21:42

It is time to declare people like Pipes and his ilk persona non-grata on the streets and in any public area of the United States. These people should be put under threat of anal rape if they dare venture outside their secure, gated homes or communities.

I'm tired of these assholes ruining America because of their own personal paranoia and intellectual shortcomings.

If I get within 5 meters of Daniel Pipes, I hereby declare that I will physically accost and anally rape him.

Mr. Pipes, you've been warned.

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■ *Comment by Eric*

2008-06-07 09:14:05

" I hereby declare that I will physically ... "

You want to get that filth on yourself? That is a very strange ambition.

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■ *Comment by anti-neocon*

2008-06-07 18:38:26

Perhaps, the moderator will delete this crude threat posted here by 'abraham'.

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Comment by Thomas Georgopoulos

2008-06-07 08:29:44

How does it go?...Oh what a tangled web we weave,
When first we practice to deceive!!! && now if you want peace.....Vote for McCain?? or "their guy" GWB will start another war???? Yea, thats it!! So these neocon thugs that brought us 911, the war in Afghanistan, the war in Iraq, pre-emptive war (of THEIR enemies), murder, torture kidnapping, rigged elections, outing of intelligence assets and a spy nest in the oval office, Larry franklin, Scooper Libby and a panoply of murderous dual citizens....We should put them for another term....for peace. I see.... Maybe this EXPLAINS the compliant speech Obama made B4 AIPAC.... To distance himself from the Israel First reflex currently on display would frighten the assembled enablers...and...potentially cause the pre-emptive death of another million people in a new and improved (for prime-time) "Shock and Awe" on the people of Iran.....Halburton could help dispose of the bodies, if of course, the leaders came to their senses....after and signed all the oil over to Exxon.....And Israel lives happily everafter....War IS peace... Long live Big Brother!!!

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Comment by denny

2008-06-07 08:52:00

Oh, the neocons have just been warming up. Chaos is their medium. The more chaos, the more they can dump their draconian bulls**t upon the rest of us. They have had eight years to take over The Bureaucracy of our nation and fill it with their acolytes just as the Nazis did after Hitler won the election in the early thirties. Smart move if one wants to control the state at all levels. If Obama does win, his movement will have to go through the bureaucracy and purge these functionaries. Whether they have the wherewithal to do something more closely associated with Bushco remains to be seen. If not, then we won't be getting anywhere as far as 'progress' is concerned. If not Iran, then something as chaotic.

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Comment by Lear K

2008-06-07 08:57:58

Could a "Pearl Harbor!" like incident transpire to justify attacking Iran as was the case with Iraq?Would a state of emergency be declared,martial laws imposed,and the detenion camps opened?!!

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Comment by jack

2008-06-07 09:28:46

I am afraid all of us outspoken ones will be the first in the camps or worse.

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Comment by survivor

2008-06-07 10:19:58

I believe we Americans need to make a tough decision about groups like AIPAC and individuals associated with like groups. That decision is to force these groups and individuals associated with like groups to register with our government that they are agents of a foreign nation, i.e., ISRAEL. I am so sick and tired of these groups and individuals, who by the way make up only 2% of our population, putting another country's interest over ours. I am sick of them using our precious resources: money and blood to do their dirty work. Finally, I am sick and tired of them yelling anti-semite because I am putting my nation before the one they apparently have more allegiance to. Finally, these groups and individuals need to make a decision that they are either with the U.S.A or they are with Israel. Remember, Israel doesn't have a formal treaty with the U.S.A; therefore, by law, they are not allies with us.

As of right now, Iran hasn't attacked Israel nor are they even threatening them. Sorry Israel but Iran has every right to produce nuclear energy (for civilian purposes) whether you like it or not. Based off of this, before Israel attacks Iran without provocation, we need strongly warn Israel that if you do this, you are on your own that if you continue being troublemakers, then, we will not support you. And, if groups like AIPAC and individuals associated with like groups disagree, then by all means, they can turn in their passports, go pledge allegiance to Israel, and then, fight and die for them. Then, they will be putting their loud mouths where their money is.

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■ *Comment by Lear K*

2008-06-07 11:38:31

These groups are tax-exempt too!

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■ *Comment by Strider*

2008-06-07 14:51:00

"And, if groups like AIPAC and individuals associated with like groups disagree, then by all means, they can turn in their passports, go pledge allegiance to Israel, and then, fight and die for them. Then, they will be putting their loud mouths where their money is."

While they're at it, they can take their Armageddonite sycophants with them. And may the door not smack their backsides too hard on their way out.

Future historians, when studying the downfall of the former United States, will scratch and/or shake their heads in total puzzlement at how the mightiest superpower in history could be made to meekly kowtow to a tiny, two-bit nation a third of the way around the world.

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■ *Comment by anti-neocon*

2008-06-07 18:41:03

u r right, survivor.

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Comment by Rich

2008-06-07 10:55:26

This neocon crazie Daniel Pipes is correct to assert that Bush will attack Iran in November if Barack Obama is winning the presidential race to the white house over John McCain. What he fails to elaborate on is the consequences and the events that will transpire in this country after a decision to attack Iran is made. Any attack on Iran will surely blossom into a full scale war and very possibly a regional conflagration. In the atmosphere of such a conflict there would be no general elections held in November. As the Iranians bring the war to our doorsteps, the president will invoke his many presidential directives signed in the event of a national emergency and declare martial law in this great land. The Bush administration will then officially become a de-facto American dictatorship. What happens at this point is beyond our wildest dreams. May God help us all.

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Comment by Thomas Georgopouis

2008-06-07 11:36:31

If there is NO election, God help them & their DUAL CITIZEN fellow travelers!! Such events would wake the dog of American Nationalism and there is no telling where it would end...

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Comment by JustAsking

2008-06-07 12:52:59

I tried to post my correction, which was that the controversial Prophet Mohammad cartoons came from a DANISH, not DUTCH paper, but for some reason the post isn't here.

So, to correct myself — Flemming Rose, a friend and admirer of Daniel Pipes, published the controversial Prophet Mohammad cartoons in a DANISH paper not a DUTCH paper. The Danish paper is Jyllands-Posten.

The cartoons were then picked up by a massive European media conglomerate, Axel Springer. Axel Springer was headed by a friend (and alleged fellow Zionist) of Haim Saban. Saban notoriously told the New York Times that he was buying up portions of the media worldwide in order to sway world opinion towards Israel.

Rose's motives for publishing the cartoons, and the motives for other European media owned by alleged Zionists for re-publishing the cartoons over and over, remain very suspicious to me. But the net result was that even moderate Muslims worldwide were angered, and any manifestation of their anger was portrayed in the media as proof of Islamic "extremism."

I think that the publication of the Prophet Muhammad cartoons were a purely provocative act, yet again meant to get Muslims to react, and then have that reaction further sway world opinion towards Israel — which claims to be "the island of 'democracy' amongst a sea of barbarians."

I don't know if anyone saw that article posted on antiwar.com a few days ago that said that the British studied Israeli tactics to learn how to be tricky in warfare. The article came from one of the wire services, AP or Reuters, so was by no means written by a "fringe" element.

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Comment by eddie

2008-06-07 13:30:34

Web Bot thinks October 8th to the 10th something MAJOR going to happen Good Luck..!

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Comment by Mr Wrong

2008-06-07 13:44:45

I think we have reached the point where it is time for those of us who know the truth to start our own little clean up program. all we ask is one dead neocon a day. Straightforward Direct Ruthless. one by one no central organization just individuals making their presence felt, until the Constitution is restored and the criminals are dead. this of course is a lot harder than blogging or commenting on bloggs, but who knows maybe some of us have the guts. I know most of us have the knowledge about why. Just remember, no one was thinking "if we could just bring Hitler to trial we could fix this" in 1940. By the time it became obvious what Hitler was up to(like it is now in the USA) there was only one way to stop the Nazis. So I ask.... On July 4th who among you will read the declaration of independence, quite their job (if you have one) take their retirement money and step on the path of our forefathers. Sacrifice is not just a word, it is an act. So.... who among you shall be the first? Even 100 of us would make news... and the neocons would be running for the hills. Until then, sadly, they will continue to operate as if there is no one to stop them. Which of course is true. So who among you has what it takes....?well.....? no excuses now

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■ *Comment by Eric*

2008-06-07 14:14:52

I'm going to assume that you will calm down and think this over. I'm as angry as you, but please try to consider how foolish and evil and certainly counterproductive it would be to go down this road.

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Comment by Steve

2008-06-07 14:40:32

Geoge W. Bush has always maintained that all great presidents had a war. He will go down in history as one of our greatest because not only did he start the present fiasco in Iraq but in his next effort he will achieve far more greatness when he attacks Iran. The only way to deal with this is to buy bicycle stock because that will be the future when this happens.

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Comment by Andrew Milner

2008-06-07 14:43:34

Political suicide for a US presidential candidate in 2008 would be to declare:

- "I'm an atheist. Religion is a comforting myth for those too weak-minded to handle mortality. Ask yourselves which is more likely. When we die some go to Heaven but most go to Hell. Or, when you draw your last breath it's Game Over."

- "Wake up fellow Americans. Our enemy is Israel. Bleeding us dry while stabbing us in the back."
Unacceptable today, but sometimes the obvious is the hardest to say.

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Comment by Ben

2008-06-07 15:06:15

I know this is anti-war.com, but I'd just like to say that once we overthrow the current government, I would be in full support of bombing Israel. I mean we have to get rid of all these unnecessary weapons somehow, we might as well do something productive with them.

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■ *Comment by JustAsking*

2008-06-07 18:09:32

If we bombed Israel we would be reduced to Israel's level of killing innocents, like the people in Gaza, and in our proxy war for Israel in Iraq.

We should cut off all aid to Israel, and try every single member of the U.S government for treason who supported Israel's interests above our own (which would be almost all of them)

Again, the national call-in day to Congress to stop an attack on Iran is June 10 — CALL CONGRESS!!!

The toll-free number to your three representatives in Congress, one in the House, two in the Senate — just ask for their offices, is:

800 788 9372

CALL CONGRESS ON JUNE 10 (HELL -CALL THEM EVERYDAY) AND DEMAND NO ATTACK ON IRAN!!!!!!!!!!!!

ALSO DEMAND THAT THE ISRAEL LOBBY BE THROWN OUT OF ANY DECISION IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY!!!!!!

JUST SAY NO TO THE ISRAEL LOBBY. Before an attack on Iran kills your drafted kids or starves them to death when oil reaches over \$200 a barrel.

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■ *Comment by anti-neocon*

2008-06-07 18:45:46

Thanks, justasking.

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■ *Comment by Eric*

2008-06-07 20:11:15

I agree that bombing Israel is off the table even as a fantasy. Let's just for a moment set aside the fact that bombing Israel is morally out of the question.

Assuming that one is proposing as fantasy to bomb Israel for the sheer satisfaction of it (being temporarily insane with anger at the Holy State): this doesn't even work as a fantasy for me.

My fantasy world is not one in which some new epic tragedy befalls the Chosen Nation, making them once again the Focus of All Human Attention in a Heartbreaking New Biblical Spectacular That Will Astonish the World.

No: my fantasy is much, much sweeter than this tawdry spectacle of pornographic violence you (presumably unseriously) entertain: my fantasy is much more rarefied, idealistic, romantically, heartbreakingly impossible: we simply stop supporting, caring, talking, or thinking much at all for good or ill about Israel. We as a nation cease to concern ourselves with Israel to any greater extent than we concern ourselves with any country of similar size.

Don't fantasize about more stupid Holy Land massacres and drama and all the rest of that crap we're all so sick of! Dare to dream bigger than that!

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Comment by [Dekzsty Drive](#)

2008-06-07 17:10:08

You guys are unreal: Don't you know that the 9/11 gang has ALREADY tried to attack Iran at least twice - (by "air accident"). Why do you think the Air Force top hawks have been FIRED? Go to: "WhatDoesItMean.com" to get the score from Asiatic Intelligence. WAKE UP - you and Z-Net are starting to read like corporate outputs!

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Comment by Ponyboy

2008-06-07 17:39:18

If the CIA and the Pentagon told the White House an attack on Iran "would spiral out of control and engulf the Middle East"....

and the resignation of Admiral Fallon paves the way for a "surgical strike" vs Iran

and the two Air Force higher ups are fired (the B52 nuke fiasco)

it all comes down to:

The 11,000 Iranian missiles vs our AGEIS cruisers.

Help us, Obama-Won Kenobe, bring Camelot back.....

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Comment by Tim R.

2008-06-07 20:21:00

I know that many on on here will not believe me and will just call me a liar and a zionist but then again, maybe some of you are fair minded and so I will give it a try:

I think that allowing radical Muslim nations obtain nuclear weapons is a clear and present danger to the United States, REGARDLESS of Israel. Even if Israel would cease to exist tomorrow, I would not want the Iranians to get nuclear weapons. I was in lower manhattan getting off the subway on 9/11 and I saw, first hand, what 19 muslim fanatics can do with a bunch of box cutters. I shudder to think what such fanatics could do if they were allowed to obtain nuclear material.

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■ *Comment by andy*

2008-06-07 20:35:03

It's not WHAT they can do but WHY they did it. Perhaps it would not have happened if the United States had a different foreign policy? Pakistan has had nuclear weapons for a number of years now. Its a muslim country. No catastrophe has resulted to America because of this. The fact is Iran is not producing nuclear weapons, the neoconservatives are just looking for an excuse to pick a fight.

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■ *Comment by Kenneth*

2008-06-07 21:12:17

Your argument begins and ends with hypotheticals. At no point do you prove that Iran is pursuing a nuclear weapons program (for which there is no evidence) or that it is ruled by fanatics- you merely treat these as givens and proceed according to the worst scenario you can conceive. Iran's potentate, Ayatollah Khamenei, allows stem cell research, not normally the kind of behaviour one anticipates from religious obscurantists, and even issued a fatwa against nuclear weapons. The latter is a very serious ukase- if Iran were engaging in the production of nukes, it could only do so with the Ayatollah's appeal, and any such revelation would effectively destroy his credibility as a religious authority. So your entire argument is off base and hasn't the slightest shred of relevance. Even granting your conjecture, it is nothing that the arsenal the United States already possesses could not remedy in the event of a nuclear strike.

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■ *Comment by Eugene Costa*

2008-06-08 00:42:51

It is a pleasure to run into "ukase" by someone who knows how to use it. Edictum originally under the Czar, now a decretum Presidentiale in the RF?

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■ *Comment by Lear K*

2008-06-07 21:33:08

Like Hiroshima and Nagasaki!

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■ *Comment by 1984*

2008-06-08 06:45:25

Your neocon buddies would bring forth the champagne bottles, because this would mean permanent war. But really, you know that there is no evidence, none at all of a nuclear weapons program. Sold another war..not as a defence, not even in the form of an offense but instead pure imperialism. How'd Operation Ajax end?

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■ *Comment by MetaCynic*

2008-06-08 10:22:06

Tim R:

If 19 Muslim fanatics were responsible for 9/11, why is it that no Arabic names appeared on the "hijacked" planes' passenger lists? Instead of trumpeting his success at bloodying the Great Satan, why did Bin Laden deny any involvement in 9/11? To date the only "evidence" of his involvement is an easily discredited "confession" video conveniently "discovered" in a house raid in Afghanistan.

Having once been on the FBI's 10 Most Wanted list, Bin Laden has now been demoted to merely one of the FBI's most wanted terrorists. His FBI resume makes NO mention of any involvement with the events of 9/11. This is akin to a biography of Babe Ruth failing to mention his home run records! However, this is not the result of a bureaucratic muddle. An FBI spokesman has officially stated that there is insufficient evidence to indict Bin Laden for 9/11. I once heard of a federal prosecutor who boasted that, if he chose to do so, he could find a reason to indict a ham and cheese sandwich. Perhaps so. But from the looks of things, a ham and cheese sandwich is more guilty of 9/11 than is Bin Laden.

The only source claiming that Bin Laden and 19 Muslim fanatics were responsible for 9/11 are the folks who lied us into two ongoing losing wars and are working feverishly to lie us into yet another war.

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Comment by Feral

2008-06-07 21:01:28

When we attack Iran the war against zionism here will commence.

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■ *Comment by Kenneth*

2008-06-07 21:12:45

I hate to sound flippant, but bring it on!

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Comment by Lear K

2008-06-07 21:36:43

Who really are the fanatics here!?

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■ *Comment by Kenneth*

2008-06-08 22:57:26

Clearly, those who allow dogma to supercede pragma in policymaking, ie, the neocons.

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Comment by Matt

2008-06-07 22:49:28

I can't wait for Israel to attack Iran then we have a reason to obliterate Israel. Bye bye.

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Comment by larry

2008-06-08 05:59:12

Israel is the aggressor. They have a long history of agitating nations into war and only Israel benefits. The Mossad motto is, "By Deception, Thou Shalt Make War" and through the years, they certainly have proven this to be a fact.

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Comment by Andy

2008-06-08 12:51:47

If the U.S. attacks Iran it will be a terrible blunder.

- 1) The price of oil will increase dramatically.
- 2) The U.S. will be even more isolated in the world.
- 3) No one will support the U.S. aggression. The U.S. will be branded a bully.
- 4) Iranians will universally rally to their government as Americans rallied to a certain pet-goat reader after 9/11.
- 5) Iranians will move in their thousands into Iraq to aid the insurgency.
- 6) Muslim opinion will be even more inflamed with America.
- 7) Much much more, all bad. I can't think of a crazier thing to do.

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Comment by Dave

2008-06-09 06:19:03

Just thinkin' false flag attacks on amerikan mainland, mossad attack on us ship in Persian gulf (blamed on Iran), War with Iran, declaration of martial law, suspension of constitution, cancellation of elections, opening of amerika's very own concentration camps, citizens rounded up by ssshhh - the marines. BINGO - you get to keep the bush/cheney/clinton crime syndicate with Halliburton enforcers and the marines (till they wake up) and the neocons get the total destruction of america as planned. Brilliant, a plan so cunning you could put a tail on it and call it a weasel.

HULLO AMERICA!!! IS THERE ANYBODY IN THERE???

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Comment by John Maszka

2008-06-10 08:21:28

"I believe President Bush is going to order air strikes (on Iran) before he leaves office"
-Norman Podhoretz (Lyons, 2007).

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Comment by Vito

2008-06-10 17:19:45

Obama would get a dispensation if a nude negro policy ever goes into effect because he is one of the so called elites.

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Comment by Just Me

2008-06-14 20:31:55

Doomed I say, the world will end, um probably not...

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