

AT WHAT COST:

AN AMERICAN GLOBAL EMPIRE?



➤ **THE PROJECT FOR A NEW AMERICAN CENTURY** IS A PROGRAM CREATED BY A GROUP OF INTERVENTIONIST CONSERVATIVES THAT WAS ORGANIZED IN 1997. Their designs to assert American influence and domination on a full global scale utilizing pro-active military engagements were set out well before George W. Bush took office in January 2001, and well before the tragic events of September 11, 2001.

The Project for the New American Century (PNAC) signed and promulgated its Statement of Principles on June 7, 1997 (see www.newamericancentury.org). It declares:

“... (The United States) cannot safely avoid the responsibilities of global leadership or the costs that are associated with its exercise. America has a vital role in maintaining peace and security in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. If we shirk our responsibilities, we invite challenges to our fundamental interests . . . It is (therefore) important to shape circumstances before crises emerge, and to meet threats before they become dire. The history of this century should have taught us to embrace the cause of American leadership.

Among those signing the statement were: Elliott Abrams (former Assistant Secretary of State for Inter-American Affairs), Gary Bauer (Reagan’s Under Secretary of Education), William J. Bennett (Reagan’s Secretary of Education), Jeb Bush (Governor of Florida and brother to George W.), Dick Cheney (now Vice President), Eliot A. Cohen (now Defense Policy Board member, advisory to Rumsfeld), Paula Dobriansky (now Under Secretary for Global Affairs), Steve Forbes (Forbes publishing), Fred C. Ikle (former Under Defence Secretary), Donald Kagan (faculty Yale University), Zalmay Khalilzad (now Ambassador to Afghanistan), I. Lewis Libby (now Cheney’s Chief of Staff), Dan Quayle (former Vice President), Peter W. Rodman (now Assistant Secretary Defense), Donald Rumsfeld (now Defense Secretary), George Weigel (fellow Ethics and Public Policy Center) and Paul Wolfowitz. (now Deputy Defense Secretary).

➤ **PRE-EMPTIVE WAR EMERGED AS PNAC’S PRIMARY METHODOLOGY** TO ESTABLISH AND THEN PRESERVE AMERICAN DOMINATION IN KEY REGIONS AROUND THE WORLD, A GLOBAL “*PAX AMERICANA*.” In PNAC’s key strategy paper published in September 2000 which was entitled, “Rebuilding American Defenses,” (*RAD*) the Persian Gulf and East Asia are identified as their primary arenas where United States’ intervention was needed in order to defend its “security” interests:

“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.” (*RAD p. 14*)

Their plan for asserting American global domination is not for the fainthearted. It is to be achieved and preserved by any and all means available, primarily but not exclusively military. (*RAD p 2*).

In a series of articles written for the Washington Post Bob Woodward documents the actions of the Administration during the 10 days following September 11th. Woodward reports that during the first Bush Cabinet meeting on the day after September 11 Donald Rumsfeld argued persistently for attacking Iraq even though a consensus had already emerged that al Qaeda and Bin Laden were clearly the perpetrators of the attack and that Iraq was not involved. Nonetheless, Rumsfeld argued that the U.S. must seize this opportunity to establish American dominance in the Persian Gulf. It was Colin Powell – not part of the PNAC group – who successfully argued that the Administration’s focus of concern must remain on al Qaeda and Bin Laden.

➤ **PRE-EMPTIVE WAR IS ETHICALLY AND MORALLY DUBIOUS, AND VIOLATES INTERNATIONAL LAW.**

Ethicists representing widely differing perspectives (*participants listed below*) gathered on May 1, 2003 for a symposium on “Ethical Issues Raised by Preemptive War.” They found no ethical basis for any nation to instigate a war based on preemption.

The primary document considered was the Administration’s: *The National Security Strategy of the USA* published in September 2002. Its central thesis states: “America will act against . . . emerging threats before they are fully formed” Ethicists took this as a codification of the Bush Doctrine of Preemptive War. Their consensus was that attempts to apply various tests of the “Just War” tradition would be impossible since the Doctrine of Preemption is by its own definition based not on actual threats of “a clear and present danger,” but on mere speculation.

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Specific concerns were voiced on how this doctrine not only violates but also undermines international law. Further, concern was voiced that this doctrine could provide other countries such as North and South Korea, Pakistan and India with a basis for their own interventions.

The symposium was convened by The Churches Center for Theology and Public Policy located in Washington, D. C.: Universities represented included: George Washington University, University of Virginia, Emory University, Princeton Theological Seminary, and Wesley Theological Seminary. Religious groups represented included: the U. S. Catholic Bishops Conference, United Church of Christ, United Methodist Church, Presbyterian Church and the Baptist Church.

➤ MEMBERS OF PNAC NOW IN THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION CONTRIVED AND MANIPULATED INTELLIGENCE AS THE BASIS FOR AN ATTACK ON IRAQ.

BBC reported on June 6, 2003 that a top secret Defense Department memo dated September 2002 had been widely circulated within the Bush Administration. It advised that there was no credible evidence of any Weapons of Mass Destruction in Iraq.

NY Times investigative correspondent Paul Krugman documents in a June 3, 2003 article what has been suspected for some time: "the Bush administration "grossly manipulated intelligence" about Weapons of Mass Destruction."

According to a May 17, 2003 report in *The Washington Post* the U.S. Army's 75th Exploitation task force concluded an *unsuccessful* search of Iraq for prohibited weapons in early May 2003 on behalf of the Administration.

➤ THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE TO THE TRAGIC EVENTS OF SEPTEMBER 11, WERE INFLUENCED BY PNAC'S CYNICAL IDEOLOGY.

Demonstrating only ignorance of the Afghan peoples, the Administration blasted its way through that country killing nearly 3,700 civilians (see study by Dr. Marc Herold of Univ. of New Hampshire at: WWW.CURSOR.ORG/STORIES/CIVILIAN_DEATHS.HTM), only forcing al Qaeda and Osama Bin Laden underground.



Blatantly erroneous intelligence was cited as the Administration's basis for war with Iraq, while its real purpose was to further PNAC's preconceived plan of American global domination, *Pax Americana*. Deputy Secretary of Defense, Paul Wolfowitz in an interview for the *Vanity Fair* July '03 issue has explained that the threat of Weapons of Mass Destruction was merely a "bureaucratic common ground" that everyone in the Administration could agree to for going to war with Iraq. He

said, "for bureaucratic reasons, we settled on one issue – weapons of mass destruction – because it was the one reason everyone could agree on."

➤ PRE-EMPTIVE WAR HAS PROVEN TO BE INEFFECTIVE IN BUSH'S WAR ON TERRORISM.

While Saddam Hussein was forced from power, other means could have been used more effectively and without the loss of life incurred by the war. As of June 2, 2003 casualties numbered 5,000 – 7,000 Iraqi civilians, 6,800 Iraqi soldiers, and 209 Coalition soldiers (see WWW.IRAQOMETER.COM.)

While the war was publicly prosecuted under the guise of "national security interests," this premeditated war was carried out to establish American domination in the region and further extend *Pax Americana*:

- No credible connection has yet to be made between Iraq or Hussein and either al Qaeda or Bin Laden.
- No Weapons of Mass Destruction have as yet to be found by the U. N. or by the U. S. Army.

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