



Let's talk about Israel, the 800 Pound Gorilla

CONNECTICUT DEMOCRATS HELPED US INTO THE IRAQ WAR. How? By backing a candidate who was a huge mistake for our country – Joe Lieberman.

Neoconservatives Joe Lieberman and Paul Wolfowitz, urged the European community at the Wehrkunde Conference in February 2002, to back the US for war in Iraq; this was important prelude to the fateful speech by Colin Powell on the floor of the United Nations (2-03) that closed the deal for war. Remember, there were never any weapons of mass destruction in Iraq – a handful of Neoconservative and AIPAC (the Israel Lobby) played the United States. Good ole' Joe was part of it. He then attempted to pull a fast one again in 2007 with the Kyl-Lieberman Amendment which would have given George Bush the authority to attack Iran without Congressional approval – a move that would have been disastrous. Joe Lieberman was never a "turn-coat" as Ned Lamont suggested – he was always a Neoconservative. Connecticut Democrats just didn't know it. Let's not make the same mistake again. What do Neoconservative believe? They believe the goals of the United States and Israel are one-and-the-same and that the US should use its might to further Israel's goals. Some of us in the mainstream disagree and we are tired of the widespread anti-American sentiment for our blind support of a country that, for 60 years, still refuses to make peace with its underclass--the Christian and Muslim indigenous culture.

Democrats vet your candidates. Don't repeat the same mistake.

Friends, at this juncture in our history, a defiant Netanyahu has refused Presidents Obama's repeated requests to stop the Settlement building (3-10-10). Five US presidents have demanded that the Settlement building end. Why? Because it is wrong and contributes to growing anti-American sentiment. What are the Settlements? More than 500,000 people – many are New Yorkers, who feel that it is their God-given right to go to Israel and take the homes and land of the indigenous Christians and Muslims. Israeli soldiers stand by and allow it because the Settlers are the "right" religion. The Settlements must stop. Our president is poised for a showdown with Netanyahu. Where will your senator stand, with our President or with Netanyahu? We must know.

Make Merrick Alpert and Richard Blumenthal prove they are not closet Neoconservatives. Insist that they detail their views on the Settlements. It matters.

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In the Senate I'd fight for lobby reform to bringing power back to mainstream Americans and out of the hands of AIPAC. AIPAC the American Israel Public Affairs Committee is the most powerful lobby group in the world. Talk about it. Bring this powerful leviathan into the light.



Don't be an ostrich! Choose candidates who are not in the pocket of AIPAC – the Israel Lobby.

Through money, AIPAC controls most Senate and Congressional elections. President Carter addressed this issue on 4-21-08 when he said, "I understand the political pressures on every candidate in the United States ...they can't possibly approve of anything the Israeli government disapproves." As your senator I'll fight to change that with campaign spending caps and term limits.

Also, I'll fight on the floor of US Senate at every opportunity to end the \$15 million a day we give to Israel, a country that is not impoverished. A country that will not lift one finger to solve its domestic problem (the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict) A domestic problem that is the main reason for wide-spread anti-American sentiment. We need the money for our own crumbling infrastructure.

Understand that being anti-AIPAC and anti-Settlement (Zionist) does not make you an anti-Semite. Talk about it!

There are Jews who are not Zionists and Christians who are. Know the distinction and talk about it. Don't let anyone stop the dialog by name-calling. At this time in our history preventing the discussion by calling someone an "anti-Semite" is downright un-American.

As a US Senate candidate I wish to address the Connecticut Democrats at the May 2010, Convention.

Do not let party leaders deny any candidate the right to speak. The worst that can happen is that you learn something. Political rivalry is part of the vetting process. As a Congressional candidate in 2008 I was shutout of the convention. You deserve to hear all the candidates. Demand it!



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