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Don't be Neoconned. Ron Paul on Understanding the Grave Threat to Our Constitutional Republic

NOTE from Stewart: If you consider yourself a conservative, and a defender of the Constitutional Republic the men of April 19, 1775 founded when they stood their ground and fired the shot heard round the world, but you have also taken to calling yourself a "neoconservative," I urge you to reconsider placing that label on yourself.

I also urge you to take a hard look at the intellectuals who make up the leadership in the Neoconservative movement. Neoconservatives are neither anything new, nor are they conservative. They are but the latest manifestation of the totalitarian, statist mindset that has plagued mankind for thousands of years. Their worldview is incompatible with that of the Founding Fathers.

Neoconservatives do not believe in limited government. They have no respect for the principles of unalienable, natural rights our Declaration of Independence proclaimed "to a candid world." And Neoconservatives, like their close cousins, the socialist far-left revolutionaries, despise the Constitution of the Founders, with its limited, divided, dual sovereignty structure. They worship not just executive supremacy, but government supremacy.

Here is a brief summary of the general understanding of what neocons believe:

1. They agree with Trotsky on permanent revolution, violent as well as intellectual.
2. They are for redrawing the map of the Middle East and are willing to use force to do so.
3. They believe in preemptive war to achieve desired ends.
4. They accept the notion that the ends justify the means—that hardball politics is a moral necessity.
5. They express no opposition to the welfare state.
6. They are not bashful about an American empire; instead they strongly endorse it.
7. They believe lying is necessary for the state to survive.
8. They believe a powerful federal government is a benefit.
9. They believe pertinent facts about how a society should be run should be held by the elite and withheld from those who do not have the courage to deal with it.
10. They believe neutrality in foreign affairs is ill advised.

11. They hold Leo Strauss in high esteem.
12. They believe imperialism, if progressive in nature, is appropriate.
13. Using American might to force American ideals on others is acceptable. Force should not be limited to the defense of our country.
14. 9-11 resulted from the lack of foreign entanglements, not from too many.
15. They dislike and despise libertarians (therefore, the same applies to all strict constitutionalists.)
16. They endorse attacks on civil liberties, such as those found in the Patriot Act, as being necessary.
17. They unconditionally support Israel and have a close alliance with the Likud Party.

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Neoconservatives are as much mortal enemies of our constitutional republic as the communists were during the cold war. In fact, as Congressman Ron Paul explains, you can trace the modern origins of neoconservatives to communist revolutionary leader Trotsky.

Congressman Paul's speech on the House floor, entitled Neo-CONNED, is one of the very best explanations of the actual beliefs of neoconservative scholars and political leaders. I urge you to read or watch this speech and learn the full extent of the threat to our Republic by the neocons who have cloaked themselves as real conservatives when they are anything but. I have posted video of the speech and then an excerpt and a link to the written transcript. - Stewart

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Neo – CONNED !


The modern-day limited-government movement has been co-opted. The conservatives have failed in their effort to shrink the size of government. There has not been, nor will there soon be, a conservative revolution in Washington. Party control of the federal government has changed, but the inexorable growth in the size and scope of government has continued unabated. The liberal arguments for limited government in personal affairs and foreign military adventurism were never seriously considered as part of this revolution.

Since the change of the political party in charge has not made a difference, who's really in charge? If the particular party in power makes little difference, whose policy is it that permits expanded government programs, increased spending, huge deficits, nation building and the pervasive invasion of our privacy, with fewer Fourth Amendment protections than ever before?

Someone is responsible, and it's important that those of us who love liberty, and resent big-brother government, identify the philosophic supporters who have the most to say about the direction our country is going. If they're wrong—and I believe they are—we need to show it, alert the American people, and offer a more positive approach to government. However, this depends on whether the American people desire to live in a free society and reject the dangerous notion that we need a strong central government to take care of us from the cradle to the grave. Do the American people really believe it's the government's responsibility to make us morally better and economically equal? Do we have a responsibility to police the world, while imposing our vision of good government on everyone else in the world with some form of utopian nation building? If not, and the contemporary enemies of liberty are exposed and rejected, then it behooves us to present an alternative philosophy that is morally superior and economically sound and provides a guide to world affairs to enhance peace and commerce.

One thing is certain: conservatives who worked and voted for less government in the Reagan years and welcomed the takeover of the U.S. Congress and the presidency in the 1990s and early 2000s were deceived. Soon they will realize that the goal of limited government has been dashed and that their views no longer matter.

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