

Neocon Pawns

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TEHRAN, June 8 (MNA) -- The neoconservative movement is widely regarded as the ideological foundation behind the current government of the United States, but this is not the case.

It is true that many of the seemingly influential cabinet members and advisors of U.S. President George W. Bush are Neocon, yet they are actually only being used as pawns by the real power behind the throne, the plutocrats.

The incredibly wealthy plutocrats have their own advisors, such as Henry Kissinger and Zbigniew Brzezinski, who could best be described as Paleocons not Neocon.

There are several historical examples that shed light on what is really going on, one in particular.

In the early 1980s, the Moral Majority arose. It was a loose coalition of right-wing charismatic fundamentalist so-called "Christians" with a strong power base in the Bible Belt of the Southern states. Ronald Reagan used the Moral Majority's support to win the U.S. presidential elections of 1980 and 1984, ushering in an era often referred to as the New Dark Age, typified by increased tolerance of racism, the dismantlement of social programs, rising homelessness, tax cuts for the wealthy, and a general return to backwards attitudes and imperialistic policies which many people thought had been

relegated to the dustbin of history in the 1970s.

Members of the Moral Majority believed their day had come. They had the ear of the president. Yet their influence was not as great as it seemed and soon waned. They did succeed in getting a few pro-life judges appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court, but that was more of a concession.

The Moral Majority was being used by the plutocrats to promote their agenda. Many members of the loose coalition eventually realized this. Nowadays, the remnants of the Moral Majority are used by the Republicans as a voter bank in the Southern states, but they have no illusions about being the kingmakers they once thought they were.

The Neocons are basically being used today in the same way as the Moral Majority was used in the 1980s. However, they do not have a strong regional power base. And, they too will probably soon be cast into the dustbin of history when they have outlived their usefulness.

Political analysts who believe the Neocons are powerful in their own right have misread current events. They base their conclusion largely on the fact that it seems that the Neocon's infamous plan for U.S. world hegemony, the Project for a New American Century, is definitely being implemented. However, they have missed one fine point. The plan being implemented is not the Project for a New American

Century or PNAC, but the PNPC, the Project for a New Plutocratic Century.

Some of the objectives of the PNPC are the same as those of the PNAC, but some are different. The Neocons are right-wing nationalist Zionists allied with Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, another pawn. The Neocon plan envisions Israel as the base for U.S. hegemony over Southwest Asia and North Africa, whereas the plutocrats' plan has a Eurasian perspective, with control over Central Asia of paramount importance in their view.

The Neocons want Israel to be the regional power and do not want it to surrender any territory, whereas the Paleocons will definitely force Israel to surrender territory, most likely starting with Gaza in the near future. The Neocons and their allies in the Zionist settlements of Gaza will be pushed to the sidelines. Even Sharon has been forced to admit that the Zionist regime must withdraw from Gaza, much to the chagrin of the Neocons.

The grand strategy of the plutocrats, who are neoliberal globalist Zionists, envisions hegemony through neocolonialist client states and puppets. The Paleocons are well aware of the fact that the Zionist regime cannot directly rule the region from the Nile to the Euphrates. Hence they have adopted a neocolonialist strategy. Ironically, the fact that world public opinion is turning against Israel due to the Zionists' brutal suppression of the Intifada is furthering the Paleocon agenda.

In addition, the plutocrats will probably make the Neocons the scapegoats if things go terribly

wrong in the occupation of Iraq and the so-called campaign against terrorism. Indeed, there are already signs of this occurring, with speculation that Bush may dismiss some of his Neocon cabinet members and advisors in order to win more votes in the upcoming U.S. presidential election.

The Neocons will be no more than a footnote in history soon. The only one who may survive to become an advisor to the plutocrats is U.S. National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice, since they believe she is more intelligent than the other Neocons.

So, the Neocon pawns will soon be gone. But the plutocrats will undoubtedly find new pawns and scapegoats to use in their quest for global hegemony. And the Project for a New Plutocratic Century will continue.

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