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Who Wants War With Iran?



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Since January 2002 when President George W. Bush coined the phrase “axis of evil” (in the modern context), Iran has been and remains one of the major offenders. Iraq has now gone, having been relieved of that title with the fall of Saddam Hussein; North Korea remains, but as far as threats to the West go, it is minor, if anything. That leaves Iran.

The 2008 US Presidential race was more significant than even most of the politically aware realise, because the choice was not between Democrats and Republicans, rather it was between Barack Obama and an American led/sponsored or endorsed attack on Iran, for if John McCain had been elected instead, that is surely what would have happened.

Although in some ways Obama has been a disappointment to those who expected real change in America, on the international front he has been doing things which although significant have gone largely unnoticed, none more so than his attempts to normalise relations with Iran.

Since the overthrow of the Shah in 1979, Iran has been an Islamic theocracy; that displeases most of our leaders, who seek to impose Western “norms” on the country, norms which appear now to include men marrying other men, the gratuitous mocking of Islam’s holiest book and its Prophet, near total state surveillance, and the continuing erosion of the rule of law. Every day our governments violate the human rights of their citizens, in the US especially police officers use disproportionate or even **lethal force** against non-violent protesters and suspects, and Iran is supposed to kowtow to us?

The most significant issue though was and remains Iran’s aspirations to harness nuclear technology, something that has led to calls to bomb it and thereby murder its citizens. Who is making the most noise about this? Would you believe those who support uncritically a truly belligerent nation, one that is also a nuclear power?

The major source of anti-Iranian hatred in the United States is **AIPAC**, an organisation whose website is a wonder of sophistry; therein you can read how the Flotilla Massacre of May 2010 was justified, how Iran is the major sponsor of terror in the Middle East, and all manner of other marvels.

Odious though AIPAC may be, Christian Zionism is no less so, as this American clergyman **pointed out** in August 2013, but it gets worse, even academics of a certain hue are not averse to beating the drum, indeed in March of this year one such individual penned **an op-ed** in the *Washington Post* calling for an open attack on Iran, a country that is still suffering under crippling sanctions, sanctions that of necessity always hurt the vulnerable the most.

Neither America nor more generally the West has any genuine interest in attacking Iran anymore than we have in endorsing the phony narrative of the clash of civilisations promoted by lunatics like **Pamela Geller**. Obama has had two terms as President, the second of which is coming to an end. If Americans do not vote for someone who continues his enlightened foreign policy but instead one of the hawks or Zionist puppets, we run a serious risk of yet another war in the Middle East, one that could have a domino effect that would set the world aflame as did the assassination of an obscure arch-duke in June 1914.

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