

## George and Nancy Make Nice

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It is show time, folks.

No sooner did the dust settle after the midterm elections, with the trumped up significance of a Democrat victory in both houses of Congress, did the corporate media begin concentrating on “reconciliation” between Democrats and the unitary decider.

“Within hours of an election that puts Democrats in charge of the House and the Senate for the final two years of Bush’s presidency, the president and the woman all but certain to be House speaker proclaimed reconciliation,” reports the [Associated Press](#).

George invited Nancy to lunch. George ate crow, we are told, and “Pelosi pledged to find common ground in a turned-upside-down Washington.” Bush said the “people have spoken, and now it’s time for us to move on,” and Nancy vowed no recrimination, declaring “Democrats are not about getting even. Democrats are about helping the American people to get ahead.”

Of course, as a result of the shell game successfully concluded earlier this week, we can expect more of the same, that is to say the only people who will “get ahead” will be the small number ensconced in the corporate plutocracy, determined to continue the incremental push to convert America into a feudal estate lorded over by bankster suzerains and their minions, such as Pelosi and Bush. Everything else, as they say, is show business.

As the Associated Press is eager to inform us, the Democrats will do nothing to upset the apple cart, lest they be viewed as “unproductive or too obstructionist” and chance “losing their majority” in two years, as if that sincerely means anything. “Hence all the happy talk about bipartisanship,” that is to say business as usual.

Don’t expect impeachment, an end to the Iraq imbroglio, or a cessation of threats issued against Iran. Expect the Neoliberal Order to continue its drive to render North America into a “free trade zone,” that is to say the sovereignty of nations will be destroyed and populations reduced to biddable pauperage.

According to CNN’s [Wolf Blitzer](#), all of this will be “an exciting ride” and “an enormous amount of responsibility... comes with the job” of making it appear Democrats will actually do something for the people, when in fact there ain’t a dime’s worth of difference between two sides of the same coin.

In regard to the “I” word, Pelosi’s own constituency demands action. “Pelosi represents what may well be the most impeachment-friendly district in the country. On Tuesday, San Francisco voters approved a referendum, Proposition J, urging impeachment,” notes [John](#)

[Nichols](#), writing for the Capital Times.

Nancy Pelosi is all about respecting the wishes of her constituents—who are, after all, the corporations that fill her coffers: Charles Schwab, IBM, Wells Fargo, and the usual list of suspects. “Just in the third quarter of this year, her donors included such GOP-friendly groups as the American Bankers Assoc, the American Hospital Assoc, Credit Suisse, the Financial Services Roundtable, the Mortgage Bankers Assoc, Honeywell Corp, Accenture, Genworth, Lockheed Martin and even the Nat’l Beer Wholesalers,” writes blogger [Jonathan Tasini](#). According to [Open Secrets](#), “securities and investment,” i.e., the banksters, run the Nancy Pelosi song and dance show.

As for foreign policy, Pelosi is as Zionist friendly as any Straussian neocon, albeit in a fuzzy Democrat sort of way, and thus we can expect more murder and mayhem in the Middle Eastern neighborhood.

Pelosi [“denies that the key issue is Israel’s occupation of the West Bank and Gaza,”](#) writes [Mark Gaffney](#). “The real issue, she states, is the survival of Israel” and “the biggest danger to Israel today comes from Iran, whose nuclear ambitions, though still unproved, also threaten the US. Her perspective contains the seed of ominous things to come, because, after all, something will have to be done about Iran, right? Yes, and soon.... Meanwhile, Pelosi manages to overlook Israel’s brutal treatment of the Palestinians,” a consistent crime, recently magnified to disgusting dimension by Israel’s recent attack on Beit Hanoun in the Gaza, killing innocents in their beds.

“The United States will stand with Israel now and forever. Now and forever,” [Pelosi avowed](#) last year at the AIPAC meeting, never mind the seeming inexhaustible crimes against humanity. “There are those who contend that the Israeli-Palestinian conflict is all about Israel’s occupation of the West Bank and Gaza. This is absolute nonsense. In truth, the history of the conflict is not over occupation, and never has been: it is over the fundamental right of Israel to exist.”

Last month, Pelosi “said that a party change in the House of Representatives wouldn’t affect support for Israel,” [Yedioth Internet](#) reported. “In an internet discussion with the pro-Israel lobby to the Democratic party, Pelosi emphasized that ‘a strong relationship between the United States and Israel has long been supported by both Democrats and Republicans,’” in other words, when it comes to slaughtering Palestinian children, there is a consensus. “Nancy’s Pelosi’s record on Israeli-related topics is perfect. She expresses interest in the situation in the country and has always participated in votes related to Israel. She has not harmed Israeli interests,” that is to say she has consistently and will continue to give the tiny outlaw settler state her blessing, no matter the slow genocide unfolding with horrific regularity.

“America’s commitment to the safety and security of the State of Israel is unwavering, regardless of which party is in power. However, the war in Iraq has made both America and Israel less safe,” Pelosi declared. Never mind that such commitment is destroying and dividing America, to say nothing of bankrupting its treasury of funny money (i.e., more loans from banksters will be required, pauperizing future generations) and killing and maiming our soldiers has made America less safe. Of course, of utmost importance here is the state of Israel, thus revealing Pelosi is an Israel Firster, not much different than the most rabid neocon.

Indeed, George and Nancy have made nice, casting aside the theatrical snipes of the campaign. In essence, there is little difference between the unitary decider, a sock puppet for the neocons, and Nancy Pelosi, champion of Palestinian genocide in slow motion.

Now that the smoke has dissipated and the mirrors have been yanked from the stage, we will see “bipartisanship” between Pelosi, as presumptive leader of the Democrats in the House, and the neocon Republicans.

In fact, the show will go on—Iran will be attacked, come hell or high-water, and Bush will not face the music on his egregious and obvious lies leading to the invasion and occupation of Iraq. Or for that matter will he be called to answer for his destruction of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. Meanwhile, the possibility of actually prosecuting Bush and crew for the inside job of nine eleven will remain about as remote as the Oort cloud.

Call me a doom and gloomer. But it should be manifestly apparent Pelosi and the Democrats have no intention of going after the unitary decider and his iniquitous crew.

Of course, I very well could be wrong.

I hope I am wrong.

But, at this juncture, delivering the thieves and warmongers to justice does not look very promising. It will take more, far more, than electing Democrats to office and then holding their feet to the fire.

It may take people going in the street and marching on Washington, and millions of people, not a few hundred thousand, a number effortlessly minimized by the New York Times, the Washington Post, Fox News, and all the other corporate conspirators who would have use believe the election signifies the beginning of a new start in America, when in fact it is simply another act of the same old rotten performance, complete with a rotating cast of singers, dancers, acrobats, and magicians.

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