

## Joe Biden's Pro-War History ... Vote Independent

By [Stephen Lendman](#)

Global Research, September 14, 2020

Region: [USA](#)

Theme: [History](#)

In-depth Report: [U.S. Elections](#)

*Businessman Trump is a political novice, a geopolitical know-nothing.*

*Longtime Washington insider Biden has been active politically since 1973 as a US senator, vice president, and presidential aspirant.*

He never met a US war of aggression against a nation threatening no one or color revolution he didn't wholeheartedly endorse.

Throughout his public life, he's been pro-war, pro-business, anti-progressive, anti-labor, anti-governance serving everyone equitably— anti-what matters most to ordinary Americans.

If "elected" in November by fair or foul means, he'll likely continue or escalate ongoing wars on invented enemies and perhaps launch new ones.

He bragged about being Obama's geopolitical expert, once saying he was picked as vice president because his boss "lacked background in foreign policy."

Obama bragged about bombing seven countries in eight years — Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, Libya, Syria, Yemen and Somalia.

Did he order preemptive strikes on these countries without just cause based on advise given him by Biden?

According to Washington Post articles published last December, chickenhawk Biden as senator and vice president promoted US aggression in Afghanistan from inception, opposing its resolution.

Wanting his warrior past reinvented, he lied saying "I'm the guy, from the beginning, who argued that it was a big, big mistake to surge forces to Afghanistan. Period."

"We should not have done it, and I argued against it constantly."

He's one of many "guys" in Washington who backed every US war of choice against invented enemies throughout his near-half century in politics — opposing none of them.

Like many figures in the nation's capital, he disagreed at times on tactics, not fundamental imperial policy.

WaPo "won release of more than 2,000 pages of 'Lessons Learned' interviews conducted by the Office of the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction" it reported, adding:

“Those interviews reveal there was no consensus on the war’s objectives, let alone how to end the conflict.”

WaPo also obtained “confidential” Bush/Cheney regime memos. Material it reviewed showed that from inception to 2019, US ruling authorities “failed...for nearly two decades to deliver on their promises to end the war” in Afghanistan they want continued.

Biden shares guilt with others in high places. According to retired Army Col. Bob Crowley, a counterinsurgency advisor in Kabul from 2013 to 2014:

US “strategy became self-validating. Every data point was altered to present the best picture possible.”

The pretext for attacking Afghanistan in October 2001 was fabricated.

Countless trillions of dollars have been poured down a bottomless black hole of waste, fraud, abuse, Big Lies, and mass deception on all US preemptive wars of choice.

**Biden supported them all wholeheartedly.** As US senator in 1998, he told Senate Foreign Relations Committee members that “taking down Saddam” was the only way to eliminate his WMDs he knew were eliminated and no longer existed.

He told chief UN weapons inspector Scott Ritter, who confirmed the elimination of Saddam’s WMDs, that as long as he remained in power, there’s no way “to guarantee” that they don’t exist.

In 1995, Saddam’s son-in-law Hussein Kamel defected to the West.

In debriefings, he explained that “(a)ll weapons – biological, chemical, missile (and radiological) – were destroyed...Nothing remained.”

Interviewed by CNN’s Brett Sadler at the time, he was asked: “Can you state here and now – does Iraq still to this day hold weapons of mass destruction?”

Kamel responded “(n)o. Iraq does not possess any weapons of mass destruction. I am being completely honest about this.”

After US forces invaded and smashed Iraq in 2003, Western inspectors found no WMDs.

They were eliminated as Kamel and Ritter explained, what Biden knew at the time but pretended otherwise.

He supported genocidal sanctions on ordinary Iraqis and Bush/Cheney’s 2003 aggression.

As foreign policy advisor to Obama, he backed preemptive US war on Libya and Syria, along with terror-bombing five other countries during two terms in office.

If he succeeds Trump in January, he’ll likely ramp up unlawful occupation of Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria.

Perhaps he’ll preemptively strike Iran and other sovereign independent countries free from US control.

His near-half century in Washington leaves no doubt that he's pro-endless wars of aggression, pro-corporate predation, pro-dirty business as usual, anti-peace, equity, justice and the rule of law.

Followers of my writing know I'm sharply critical of Trump's domestic and foreign policy, his serving privileged interests over public health and welfare, his serial lying and much more to his discredit.

Yet unlike the Clintons, Bush/Cheney, and Obama/Biden, he launched no new hot wars on his watch.

I deplore his failure to end ongoing ones and wars by other means on Iran, Venezuela, Cuba, Nicaragua, and other countries, along with surrounding himself with right-wing extremists Pompeo, Elliott Abrams, and others cut from the same cloth.

A Biden presidency will likely end the string of years with no US wars of aggression.

For over the past century, Dems initiated many more wars than Republicans, warrior Biden likely to continue that recklessly dangerous tradition.

It's what Hillary would have done if elected in 2016, in her case, perhaps launching WW III by accident or design — with nukes able to kill us all.

Biden is too pro-endless wars of aggression to trust as president and commander-in-chief with his finger on the nuclear trigger, perhaps willing to squeeze it.

Trump hasn't gone that far. As a billionaire businessman-turned politician, he's more interested in moneymaking, further self-enrichment, and serving likeminded privileged interests than waging endless wars.

Time and again, politicians reinvent themselves when campaigning for office, making promises to be broken if elected.

It's why nothing members of the US political class say can be believed, none trusted.

Throughout his time in Washington, he pledged one thing campaigning, then did something entirely different.

Interviewed by Stars and Stripes last week, he expressed support for ending US "forever wars," adding:

**"I support drawing down the troops (sic). But here's the problem. We still have to worry about terrorism (sic)."**

He knows but failed to say that ISIS, al-Qaeda, and likeminded jihadists were made-in-the-USA, used by the Pentagon and CIA as proxy forces — heavily armed, funded, trained, and directed to serve US interests in nations US dark forces want transformed into vassal states.

As president, Biden is certain to continue endless US new millennium wars of aggression.

He wouldn't be Dem standard bearer otherwise. Peaceniks don't qualify for US high office, clearly not the highest.

Biden's warrior credentials got him the Dem nomination to assure continuity if elected.

He also told Stars and Stripes that reductions in the US war budget won't happen on his watch, increases alone for certain.

Last week, US CENTCOM commander General Frank McKenzie said US forces in Iraq will be reduced by around 2,200, force strength in Afghanistan cut by around 4,100, as Trump ordered.

Will Biden as president ramp up what Trump draws down? His pro-endless wars suggest it.

After Obama ended US occupation of Iraq in 2011, thousands of Pentagon forces again occupied the country.

According to Stars and Stripes, Biden said as president and commander-in-chief, he'll **"press for (US) military strength...to maintain (the Pentagon's) dominant position as the world's most powerful force."**

The publication quoted him saying "(f)irst thing I'm going to have to do, and I'm not joking."

**"If elected, I'm going to have to get on the phone with the heads of state and say America's back." You can count on us."**

What he means is that the worst of the Clintons, Bush/Cheney, and the Obama regime he was part of will be prioritized on his watch — virtually guaranteeing endless US aggression will continue in current war theaters, new ones perhaps launched.

A vote for Biden supports an agenda hostile to what just societies cherish.

His longstanding record in office proves it.

It's why I urge voting independent to make a statement or stay home.

\*

Note to readers: please click the share buttons below. Forward this article to your email lists. Crosspost on your blog site, internet forums. etc.

Award-winning author **Stephen Lendman** lives in Chicago. He can be reached at [lendmanstephen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lendmanstephen@sbcglobal.net). He is a Research Associate of the Centre for Research on Globalization (CRG)

His new book as editor and contributor is titled "Flashpoint in Ukraine: US Drive for Hegemony Risks WW III."

<http://www.claritypress.com/LendmanIII.html>

Visit his blog site at [sjlendman.blogspot.com](http://sjlendman.blogspot.com).

The original source of this article is Global Research  
Copyright © [Stephen Lendman](#), Global Research, 2020

---

[Comment on Global Research Articles on our Facebook page](#)

[Become a Member of Global Research](#)

Articles by: [Stephen Lendman](#)

### About the author:

Stephen Lendman lives in Chicago. He can be reached at [lendmanstephen@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lendmanstephen@sbcglobal.net). His new book as editor and contributor is titled "Flashpoint in Ukraine: US Drive for Hegemony Risks WW III." <http://www.claritypress.com/LendmanIII.html> Visit his blog site at [sjlendman.blogspot.com](http://sjlendman.blogspot.com). Listen to cutting-edge discussions with distinguished guests on the Progressive Radio News Hour on the Progressive Radio Network. It airs three times weekly: live on Sundays at 1PM Central time plus two prerecorded archived programs.

**Disclaimer:** The contents of this article are of sole responsibility of the author(s). The Centre for Research on Globalization will not be responsible for any inaccurate or incorrect statement in this article. The Centre of Research on Globalization grants permission to cross-post Global Research articles on community internet sites as long the source and copyright are acknowledged together with a hyperlink to the original Global Research article. For publication of Global Research articles in print or other forms including commercial internet sites, contact: [publications@globalresearch.ca](mailto:publications@globalresearch.ca) [www.globalresearch.ca](http://www.globalresearch.ca) contains copyrighted material the use of which has not always been specifically authorized by the copyright owner. We are making such material available to our readers under the provisions of "fair use" in an effort to advance a better understanding of political, economic and social issues. The material on this site is distributed without profit to those who have expressed a prior interest in receiving it for research and educational purposes. If you wish to use copyrighted material for purposes other than "fair use" you must request permission from the copyright owner. For media inquiries: [publications@globalresearch.ca](mailto:publications@globalresearch.ca)