

John Bolton: Trump Needs to Confront Russia, China, Iran, North Korea, and Embrace Forever War

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Because Donald Trump has zero foreign policy chops, he will delegate that job to his new secretary of state. With every passing day, it appears the person to fill that job will be [John Bolton](#), a diehard neocon.

On Saturday Bolton spelled out what he considers to be the foreign policy priorities of the new administration.

Bolton writes the top concern for America on the foreign policy front are “the closely related threats of radical Islamic terrorism and the Middle East’s spreading chaos.”

America electing [#Trump](#) was a clear repudiation of [#Obama](#)’s failed foreign policy. Voters want to restore American leadership in the world.

— John Bolton (@AmbJohnBolton) [10 November 2016](#)

This is followed by “nuclear proliferation” by Iran, a country that does not have a nuclear weapons program.

Trump may say he wants to make peace with Russia, but this is not on Bolton’s agenda. “Vladimir Putin’s Russia is on the prowl in Eastern Europe and the Middle East in ways unprecedented since the Cold War,” he writes.

Trump’s VP, Mike Pence, has similar thoughts on Russia.

Bolton forgets Russia was not “on the prowl” prior to the US placing missile batteries on the border in Poland, or before the State Department engineered the takedown of the government in Ukraine.

He also wants Trump to confront China in the South and East China Seas. “Continued failure to deal firmly with Chinese adventurism and intransigence will result in more Asian states falling under Beijing’s sway, as the Philippines appears to be doing, simply accepting their fate as Middle Kingdom vassals.”

On Sunday, Bolton took to the pages of the [New York Post](#). “Iran is now on a path to deliverable nuclear weapons, legitimized by Obama’s wretched deal, which is providing

untold economic benefits to Tehran through unfrozen assets and renewed trade and investment, especially from Europe. Iran's support for terrorism continues unabated, and its provocative international behavior has only worsened since the nuclear deal. Russia's influence in the region is higher than at any time since the 1970s," he writes.

My latest column in the [@nypost](#), "Trump needs to reverse the Iran deal and assert our interests" <https://t.co/IWQC6tqAgu>

— John Bolton (@AmbJohnBolton) [15 November 2016](#)

Bolton pushed creative destruction and order out of chaos, the favored approach of neocons. "Either a new state must be created out of the wreckage of Syria and Iraq, or some other durable approach must be found," he writes.

"I still think the decision to overthrow Saddam was correct," Bolton said last year during a failed effort to run for the nomination. "I think decisions made after that decision were wrong, although I think the worst decision made after that was the 2011 decision to withdraw U.S. and coalition forces."

He also wants to force Russia out of Syria. "Moreover, the new Russian airbase in Latakia, Syria, has dramatically changed the strategic environment in the eastern Mediterranean and beyond.

"Unfortunately, the base cannot be made to disappear simply by reversing Obama's erroneous policies."

According to Bolton, "Israel and America's Arab friends are desperately waiting for a strong American president who understands who his friends are."

Israel and its well-organized and financed lobbying effort in the United States has long determined US foreign policy in the Middle East.

As for our "Arab friends," this is a reference to Saudi Arabia, Qatar, and the Gulf Emirates, the very folks who are responsible for fanatical Wahhabi Islam embraced by al-Qaeda, al-Nusra, and the Islamic State.

None of these psychopathic groups would even exist if the CIA had not built up the Mujahideen in Afghanistan during its covert war against the Soviets. The Saudis, the CIA, and the Pentagon are directly responsible for the cancer now growing in the Middle East, not Iran.

On Tuesday, Kentucky Senator [Rand Paul](#) pointed out the hypocrisy of a Trump administration selecting Bolton as secretary of state.

War is sometimes necessary but as a country we should resist any would-be leader who wants to bomb now & think later <https://t.co/fNiS1ATXQ4>

— Dr. Rand Paul (@RandPaul) [15 November 2016](#)

“Bolton is a longtime member of the failed Washington elite that Trump vowed to oppose, hell-bent on repeating virtually every foreign policy mistake the U.S. has made in the last 15 years—particularly those Trump promised to avoid as president,” Paul writes.

Former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani is also being considered as Trump’s secretary of state. He also embraces the neocon ethos.

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