

## Neocons Urge War on Iran

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Bipartisan neocons infest Washington, supporting endless wars of aggression – Iran a prime target to attack, regime change the objective, wanting pro-Western puppet governance replacing its sovereign independence.

Will Trump challenge their extremism or join them, a key question remaining to be answered?

United Against Nuclear Iran (UANI) is a militant anti-Iranian group for war and regime change – on the phony pretext of preventing the nation from obtaining nuclear weapons it doesn't want, and stopping its nonexistent "support for terrorism and gross human rights violations."

It's chaired by former neocon senator Joe Lieberman. Former hawkish GW Bush administration UN representative for management and reform Mark Wallace serves as CEO. Neocon Counter Extremism Project executive director David Ibsen is president.

Zionist supporter of attacking Iran preemptively Dennis Ross is an advisory board member.

Anti-Iranian advisors include former Mossad head Tamir Pardo, Jeb Bush, Bill Richardson, UK MI6 head Richard Dearlove, John Bolton (a possible, though unlikely Trump secretary of state choice), Otto Reich of Iran-Contra infamy, and Roger Noriega, notorious for destabilizing Latin and Central American governments.

On December 7, a joint UANI/Foreign Policy Institute (PNAC renamed) [Future of Iran Policy](#) event discussed US policy on Iran, with the incoming Trump administration in mind.

A rogue's gallery of anti-Iranian extremists participated – including Joe Lieberman, Rep. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, and neocon Foundation for Defense of Democracies head Mark Dubowitz, among others.

Neocon lunatic UANI/FPI members and supporters urge military confrontation with Iran, wanting Washington to sink its ships, attack its Syrian advisors, impose stiffer sanctions, and rescind the JCPOA nuclear deal.

Dubowitz said America must "restore coercion." Sanctions aren't enough, noting Syria is "a target-rich environment" to incite conflict.

Lieberman endorsed a similar agenda, saying Trump must "make it explicit with the power he has as commander-in-chief that if they challenge some of our naval assets, we will fire on them."

JCPOA requires removing sanctions, not imposing new ones. Ros-Lehtinen and others urged escalating them. She predicted “a flurry of Iran-related activities early in the New Year” – looking forward to the “opportunity to undo a lot of the problematic concessions that we have seen over the last few years.”

“I can’t wait,” she added. Acting belligerently toward Iran without just cause risks direct confrontation with Russia – perhaps ending any chance for normalizing ties and cooperating in combating terrorism.

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