

## "Obama the Muslim:" Ploy to Cover-up Years of US-Al Qaeda Support

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US establishment admits arming Al Qaeda, but blames it on "Obama the Muslim." Neo-Conservative Frank Gaffney thinks you are stupid. After plotting for the better part of a decade, arming Al Qaeda across the Arab World in a documented conspiracy to use the notorious terror group as a proxy against Lebanon, Syria, and Iran, Gaffney and his colleagues are attempting to jettison responsibility and all the blunders that have come with the plot, on US President Barack Obama. President Obama for his part, faithfully and knowingly carried out this strategy, "heeding" signed <u>letters sent to him from Gaffney's</u> <u>warmongering circle</u>, imploring him to not only support terrorists in Libya <u>and Syria</u>, but to do so more overtly.

Gaffney, in a Washington Times article titled, "<u>GAFFNEY: The real reason behind</u> <u>Benghazigate: Was Obama gun-walking arms to jihadists?</u>" Gaffney answers the question by stating correctly, "yes." What Gaffney doesn't tell readers is that the plan to arm these terrorists and array them against Syria was a plan set into motion, not by Obama the alleged "crypto-Muslim," but in 2007 during the Bush administration.

Seymour Hersh, in his 2007 New Yorker article, "<u>The Redirection Is the Administration's new</u> <u>policy benefitting our enemies in the war on terrorism?</u>" (covered in depth here) compiled interviews from Bush administration officials, as well as Saudi and Lebanese politicians who openly admitted that weapons, cash, and support were already being lent to extremist groups, many with direct ties to Al Qaeda and the Muslim Brotherhood. Hersh would report:

"To undermine Iran, which is predominantly Shiite, the Bush Administration has decided, in effect, to reconfigure its priorities in the Middle East. In Lebanon, the Administration has coöperated with Saudi Arabia's government, which is Sunni, in clandestine operations that are intended to weaken Hezbollah, the Shiite organization that is backed by Iran. The U.S. has also taken part in clandestine operations aimed at Iran and its ally Syria. A by-product of these activities has been the bolstering of Sunni extremist groups that espouse a militant vision of Islam and are hostile to America and sympathetic to Al Qaeda." -<u>The Redirection, Seymour Hersh (2007)</u>

Hersh's report would continue:

"the Saudi government, with Washington's approval, would provide funds and logistical aid to weaken the government of President Bashir Assad, of Syria. The Israelis believe that putting such pressure on the Assad government will make it more conciliatory and open to negotiations." -<u>The Redirection</u>, <u>Seymour Hersh (2007)</u>

The report also stated:

...[Saudi Arabia's] Bandar and other Saudis have assured the White House that "they will keep a very close eye on the religious fundamentalists. Their message to us was 'We've created this movement, and we can control it.' It's not that we don't want the Salafis to throw bombs; it's who they throw them at—Hezbollah, Moqtada al-Sadr, Iran, and at the Syrians, if they continue to work with Hezbollah and Iran." -<u>The Redirection, Seymour Hersh (2007)</u>

Clearly, at least as early as 2007, the US, then under the Bush administration, was already funding and arming terrorists across the Arab World to trigger the very sectarian war now unfolding in Syria and beyond.

Gaffney echos the 2007 Hersh report, but attempts to pin it entirely on President Obama, claiming in his recent Washington Times article that:

What we do know is that the New York Times — one of the most slavishly pro-Obama publications in the country — reported in an Oct. 14 article, "Most of the arms shipped at the behest of Saudi Arabia and Qatar to supply Syrian rebel groups fighting the government of Bashar Assad are going to hard-line Islamic jihadists, and not the more secular opposition groups that the West wants to bolster."

In short, it seems President Obama has been engaged in gun-walking on a massive scale. The effect has been to equip America's enemies to wage jihad not only against regimes it once claimed were our friends, but inevitably against us and our allies as well. That would explain his administration's desperate and now failing bid to mislead the voters through the serial deflections of Benghazigate.

President Obama merely carried on <u>exactly where Bush left off</u>, and exactly where presidential candidate Mitt Romney will pick up if elected in 2012. In reality the White House is not responsible for the creation of policy. It merely serves as public relations, selling a particular narrative to the public, and taking the fall (with little or no consequence) for when details emerge implicating the US in the global state sponsorship of terrorism. Behind Bush, Obama, and Romney are <u>corporate-financier funded think tanks</u> that craft policy and/or the talking points used to sell such policy to an unwitting public.

Gaffney belongs to just such a think tank, the "Center for Security Policy," <u>which includes</u> Morris Amitay, Paula Dobriansky, Douglas Feith, Richard Perle, and Michael Rubin – Neo-Cons who were behind letters publicly imploring President Obama to commit even more weapons, resources, and military support to the opposition in Libya and now Syria.

In an <u>open letter to House Republicans</u>, the Foreign Policy Initiative which consists of Gaffney's fellow Neo-Conservatives, stated in regards to Libya (emphasis added):

We share the concerns of many in Congress about the way in which the Obama administration has conducted and justified this operation. The problem is not that the President has done too much, however, but that he has done too little to achieve the goal of removing Qaddafi from power. The United States should be leading in this effort, not trailing behind our allies. We should be doing more to help the Libyan opposition, which deserves our support. We should not be allowing ourselves to be held hostage to U.N. Security Council resolutions and irresolute allies.

While the establishment now attempts to portray Obama as having unilaterally and recklessly given support to the "opposition" in Libya, in June of 2011 Obama's feigned "right" opposition was clearly in favor of providing these terrorists with just such support,

and more.

If the public remained ignorant over the true nature of Libya's "opposition," in all likelihood Ambassador Stevens would still be merrily arranging arms and fighters to be sent from Benghazi to fight America's next proxy war in Syria, while Neo-Cons on the fake-right continued calling for more support to be given to Syria's "opposition."

However, as public awareness grows regarding the United States and its allies funding, arming, and training <u>listed-terrorist organizations in Libya and Syria</u>, the system is attempting to compartmentalize the damage by placing full blame on President Obama, hoping the vast majority of the population's concept of history is neatly divided and isolated into 4 year presidential terms. The establishment also hopes that people have never read Seymour Hersh's report regarding the use of Al Qaeda affiliated terror groups starting under Bush.

Gaffney <u>cites his collaborators in this effort to manipulate the public</u> – notably Fox News, WorldNetDaily (WND), and RadicalIslam.org, run by <u>the Clarion Fund</u> and part of the <u>Islamophobia propaganda front</u> responsible for the film that in fact <u>triggered the embassy</u> <u>violence in which US Ambassador J. Christopher Stevens died</u>. Clarion also has produced a number of other war propaganda films, including the ridiculous "<u>Iranium</u>."

There is an obvious attempt to salvage the West's overarching agenda by jettisoning the blunders and crumbling narratives out with the Obama administration while reestablishing a renewed false left/right paradigm headed by establishment cognitive infiltrators like <u>Glenn</u> <u>Beck</u> and <u>WND</u>. How successful this attempt is depends entirely on the burgeoning alternative media and its ability to quickly expose and discredit the talking points highhandedly peddled by the likes of Gaffney and his collaborators.

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