

# **VIDEO: The Israel Lobby**

# High-quality documentary produced in The Netherlands

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The link is to a high-quality documentary produced in The Netherlands. It is in English with a few subtitles featuring interviews with Richard Perle, John Mearsheimer, Kenneth Roth, Daniel Levi, Lawrence Wilkerson, Toby Judt and others discussing the influence of the Israel Lobby on the US government.

Clips of George Bush, Joe Biden, Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton are interspersed with others of John Hagee and Dick Cheney. This documentary will be of great interest to Americans who are deprived of the right to see these sorts of productions in broadcast airspace due to the peculiar circumstances restricting the mainstream media in the USA.

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### The Israel Lobby (Marije Meerman, VPRO Backlight 2007)

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For many years now the American foreign policy has been characterized by the strong tie between the United States and Israel. Does the United States in fact keep Israel on its feet? And how long will it continue to do so? In March 2006 the American political scientists John Mearsheimer (University of Chicago) and Steve Walt (Harvard) published the controversial article 'The Israel Lobby and US foreign policy'. In it they state that it is not, or no longer, expedient for the US to support and protect presentday Israel. The documentary sheds light on both parties involved in the discussion: those who wish to maintain the strong tie between the US and Israel, and those who were critical of it and not infrequently became 'victims' of the lobby. The question arises to what extend the pro-Israel lobby ultimately determines the military and political importance of Israel itself. Colonel Lawrence Wilkerson (Colin Powell's former chief-of-staff) explains how the lobby's influence affects the decision-making structure in the White House.

With political scientist John Mearsheimer, neocon Richard Perle, lobby organization AIPAC, televangelist John Hagee, historian Tony Judt, Human Rights Watch director Kenneth Roth, colonel Lawrence Wilkerson, Democrat Earl Hilliard, Israeli peace negotiator Daniel Levy and investigative journalist Michael Massing.

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