

The reasons behind the deterioration of the U.S. Republican Party and ways of reform

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## **Signs of deterioration of the Republican Party**

### **1- The Republican Party imposes the religious beliefs of the Christian Right on the American people**

The Christian right is a term used in the United States to describe right-wing Christian political groups that are characterized by their strong support of socially conservative policies. Christian conservatives principally seek to apply their understanding of the teachings of Christianity to politics and public policy by proclaiming the value of those teachings and/or by seeking to use those teachings to influence law and public policy. The Christian right is an informal coalition formed around a core of white evangelical Protestants that draws support from politically conservative Catholics, Jews, Mormons, etc. (1).

The Christian right is notable today for advancing socially conservative positions on issues including school prayer, intelligent design, stem-cell research, homosexuality, contraception, abortion, and pornography. For some odd reason, they are also anti-environmentalist and anti-immigration. Caring for the poor, sick and homeless is rarely mentioned.

Evangelicals who were once committed to the view that Christian churches exist primarily to carry out God's work of saving souls; now about 70 percent of evangelicals, both black and white, agree that churches should express views on social and political issues. The

Christian Right organizations, such as the Moral Majority and the Christian Coalition, mobilized religious activists on behalf of the Republican Party.

It could be argued that the modern Republican Party is at heart a coalition between religious and business conservatives, in roughly equal parts.

The Christian Right often use soft namesakes like “family” and “freedom” to give the impression of docility, and they inundate their websites and blogs with American flags and eagles to give the impression that they are the tried and true patriotic Americans who are best poised to speak for the majority. It is often stated that if fascism were to ever come to America, it would be wrapped in the US flag and bearing a cross.

The Christian Right conservatives imposed their religious values on the Republican Party. The Republicans seek to impose a narrow interpretation of the Bible on everyone, ignoring the fact that a central tenet of the American way of life is individual freedom. The Americans desire to make their own decisions about their private affairs without interference from the Republican Party, which is influenced by far-right religious organizations. Republicans as well as Religious Right pressure groups do not support personal choice. Instead, they oppose church-state separation and seek political power to mandate their doctrines (2).

## **2- The neoconservative Republicans are war-mongering bullies**

Jesus vision was of peace and justice in a world that belonged to a God of justice and peace. However, the Christian Right republicans plan for war supports oppression and believes the world belongs to them! The Christian Right has equated Christian America with the kingdom of God, but peace and justice, not greed, violence, and war characterize the real biblical kingdom of God.

The Christian right Republicans use the Christian faith to advance agendas that seem clearly at odds with the kind of Jesus speak of in the Gospel.

Historically, Christians have always attempted to be—and have always publicly taught the importance of being—peacemakers. The early church was born in a baptism of love and unity. The church was a loving, caring, compassionate ecclesia.

Therefore, what has happened to turn the most peace-loving institution the world has ever known (the New Testament church) into the biggest cheerleaders for war? The biggest cheerleaders for the unprovoked, unconstitutional, pre-emptive attack and invasion of Iraq were the Republican evangelical Christians. They were the ones behind the wars in Afghanistan, the bombing of Libya, the attacks in Yemen, drone attacks in Pakistan, etc. Who is calling for the bombing of Iran? Evangelical Christians. Who cheers for sending more and more troops all over the world to kill more and more people (including innocents)? Evangelical Christians.

All we seem to hear from today's "churches" is "bomb," "attack," "wipe them out," etc. Then, at the same time, they get all emotional about sending missionaries to the same countries that they had just cheered-on the US military in raining down missiles of death and destruction upon to bring salvation to the lucky ones that weren't killed.

And who were the ones that belittled and impugned Ron Paul? Evangelical Christians. Why? Because he dared to tell the truth about America's foreign policy being responsible for much of the hatred and bitterness erupting in foreign countries against America.

The Evangelicals supported G.W. Bush's unconstitutional, unprovoked, pre-emptive wars of aggression, which resulted in the deaths of hundreds of thousands of innocents.

President Obama's escalation of America's wars in the Middle East is the one thing that evangelicals like about him. Yes, between a war-mongering socialist such as Barack Obama, and a peace-loving

freedom such as Ron Paul, the average evangelical would choose the warmonger (3).

The Christian Right and the neoconservatives succeeded to inject their radical religious ideas into America's politics. In the year 2000, they brought the Republican George W. Bush to power, and considered him as the earthly leader and God's man. The Evangelicals considered him as one of their own. They felt they have an ally in the White House because he was a mainline Protestant who shares many of their values and a number of their religious beliefs.

When Bush ran for the presidency in 2000, he offered himself as a candidate who promised to restore honour and Christian morality to the White House. He won the support of evangelical and conservative Christians with his openness and willingness to discuss his faith, including a memorable exchange during the Republican primaries. Candidates were asked to name their favourite philosopher, and Bush answered simply, "Christ, because he changed my heart."

George Bush believed that God talks to him and inspires him. He said, "God told me to end the tyranny in Iraq". He has claimed he was on a mission from God when he launched the invasions of Afghanistan and Iraq. Bush revealed the extent of his religious fervour when he met a Palestinian delegation during the Israeli-Palestinian summit at the Egyptian resort of Sharm el-Sheikh, four months after the US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003 when he said to them, "I am driven with a mission from God". God would tell me, 'George go and fight these terrorists in Afghanistan and I did'. And then God would tell me 'George, go and end the tyranny in Iraq and I did.'

Mr Bush went on: "And now, again, I feel God's words coming to me, 'Go get the Palestinians their state and get the Israelis their security, and get peace in the Middle East'. And, by God, I'm gonna do it."

In July 2004, he stopped to campaign with some Amish folks at Lapp Electric Service in Smoketown, Pa. Just as the meeting ended, Bush, according to Mennonite Weekly Review columnist Jack Brubaker told the

group: "I trust God speaks through me. Without that I couldn't do my job."

Around the time of the January 2002 State of the Union speech -- when President Bush broadened the scope of the "war on terror" to include an "axis of evil" consisting of Iraq, Iran, and North Korea -- the mood on the American right began to grow fierce. What had been a uniform chorus of patriotic support for the president and the Afghanistan campaign quickly evolved into a frenzy of bellicosity.

The Religious conservative Right and the neoconservatives have achieved an unprecedented political prominence with the election of George W. Bush. They easily convinced Bush to wage war against Iraq. This group of Republican neocons, first emerged at the time of President Reagan with a paper they wrote saying that Iraq must be invaded because it was a threat to the American security. This letter was signed by the Republican neocons: Donald Rumsfeld, Charles Pearls, Douglas Feith, Paul Wolfowitz, Dick Cheney and others. They re-introduced their letter to President Clinton, who wisely refused to submit to such unjustified hostility. Before Clinton left the White House, he left behind billions of dollars as a reserve in the American treasury.

The same persons introduced their evil suggestion to George W. Bush, and the result was that the man of God attacked Afghanistan then Iraq and turned them into ruins.

The Republicans invented a false excuse to conquer Afghanistan. They lied to their people saying, "We're not at war with the Afghan people -- look, we're bringing them food; we are trying to liberate the people of Afghanistan from Taliban tyranny; we are fighting Al-Qaida and Osama bin Laden...etc."

However, the reality is that Afghanistan occupies a strategic position between the Caspian and the markets of the Indian subcontinent and East Asia. It's prime territory for building pipelines, which is why the oil company Unocal -- as well as the U.S. government -- welcomed the Taliban's rise to power in 1996 as a promising source of "stability." That turned out to be a pipe dream, but Bush, the Republicans, and the

oilmen around him have never given up on the tremendous profit possibilities that Central Asia offers.

A small team of Pentagon officials and American geologists recently discovered the vast scale of Afghanistan's mineral wealth. They discovered that Afghanistan contained oil, gold, iron ore, copper, lithium and other minerals. Bush and his administration knew that Afghanistan was sitting on some of the world's greatest reserves of mineral wealth. That is why the American troops stayed there like an unwanted guest. Everyone but the American people knew for a long time, and before the 2001 invasion, that Afghanistan was a treasure trove.

As for the Iraqi war, it was largely about oil. In order to implement the vicious agenda of the Christian Right, Bush – the man of God – and his satellite Tony Blair, lied to the world claiming that Iraq possesses weapon of mass destruction, and therefore, occupied Iraq and killed thousands of Iraqi innocents and disturbed its national peace, occupied Afghanistan and disturbed its peace, launched an empty motto "road map" then at the same time gave the Israeli the green light to demolish the Palestinian houses and steal their land. Bush turned his back to the killing of the disarmed and innocent Palestinians claiming that Aerial Sharon is a man of peace and that the two parties should sit together and find a way. He meant by that of course that the vanquished should submit to the strongest. He spent the entire reserve money president Clinton generated due to his wise economic policy, and left the treasury empty thus overwhelmingly contributing to the present financial crisis America is suffering from now and perhaps for several decades to come. In his time, Muslims suffered a lot and their sacred Book the Koran was defiled. In his time, the so-called Christian leaders viciously attacked Islam as a religion. In this connection, Donald Rumsfeld said: "We can't stop people from talking, this is a free country." In his time, he invented the silly concept of "creative mess" and he left this concept to riot in the Middle East.

### **3- The Christian Right and the Republican Party are responsible for the spread of Islamophobia in America**

The Christian Right and its alliance with the Republicans, American Zionists and neoconservatives started all the hatred we see nowadays against Muslims and Islam. The Judeo-Christian coalition sowed the

seeds of hatred between non-Muslim and Muslim Americans without any logical reason. They implemented an evil agenda against the Muslim world by tarnishing the religion of Islam and convincing the people that Islam is a wicked religion and Muslims are terrorists and heretics. The Christian Right in association with the American Zionists worked hard to picture Islam as an evil religion and its adherents as savages and bloodthirsty. The falsehood they disseminated among the people about Muslims and their religion tore the American society apart.

Under the guise of defending freedom and American values, right-wing anti-Muslim activists are campaigning to prevent Muslim-Americans from freely worshiping and practicing their religion, curtail their political rights, and even compel their deportation. A growing faction in the American Right claims that Muslim-Americans, who comprise just 1% of the population, are subverting the Constitution and taking over the country. These accusations have helped to foster anti-Muslim hostility, reflected in the rise of anti-Muslim prejudice and increased attacks on Muslim-Americans and houses of worship. Tied in with hatred of President Obama, fear of religious diversity and hostility toward immigrants, anti-Muslim rhetoric and paranoia has become a mainstream if not ubiquitous part of the conservative movement and the Republican Party.

The objective of such hatred towards Muslims and their religion is to prepare the ground for a vicious war against Muslim countries in order to divide the Arab world into small entities based on religious differences, ethnicity, and racism. The plot against the Middle East known as the 'Arab Spring' or 'the New Middle East' is the result of the treacherous plot of the Religious Right and its allies against Muslims, Islam as a religion and the Arab world at large.

At the time of Bush rule, the Religious Right and its followers excelled in smearing Islam, attacking Muslims, defiling the Koran, humiliating Allah and slandering the Prophet of Islam, thus spreading dissension between Muslim and non-Muslim Americans. President Bush had not lifted a finger to stop them!

Right-wing Christian ideology, which is fully embraced by the Republicans, places Muslims beyond the pale. The idea that Muslims may also be in possession of God's revelation and truth, is not only unacceptable, it is an offense so blasphemous that it must be stopped. Evangelical Christians, as a core part of the Republican base, have actively pushed their ideas about Islam into the American mainstream. The Christian Right established a multi-million dollar cottage industry of fear mongers and the network of donors and organizations that support and perpetuate bigotry, xenophobia, and racism, and produce a climate of fear that sustains a threatening social cancer.

This industry of hate mongers had gone to great lengths to sell its message to the public. The difference, though, between this industry and others is that in many cases the very networks that spread their products are themselves participants in the ruse to whip up public fear of Muslims. It is a relationship of mutual benefit, where ideologies and political proclivities converge to advance the same agenda.

The most important nodes in this industry are the online peddlers and the bloggers of hate such as Bill Warner, Robert Spencer, Pamela Geller, Daniel Pipes, Sam Shamoun, Martin Kramer and several others. These online Islamophobes, spread each other's' postings and write-ups to their own audience, with each new click of the mouse, the story grows."

The Islamophobia industry does not just exist in the fever swamps of the online world. There is real on the groundwork being done. In addition, there are disparate players in this industry. They come, principally, from right wing Zionism and evangelical Christianity, uniting to form a Judeo-Christian front in their battle against Islam. Their funders, too, come from these worlds—though the right-wing Zionist world has fuelled the majority of anti-Muslim activists.



These vicious attempts to fight Muslims and their religion, had been aided by Republican figures such as Newt Gingrich, who while reinventing himself as an ardent Christian conservative has also spread panic about Sharia law taking over the United States. Many Christian conservatives are also, of course, Christian Zionists who see Israel as the fulfilment of biblical prophecy that will continue until the Messiah comes down again.

This Christian Zionism closely binds right-wing evangelicals with strong supporters of the Jewish state. The Zionists who spread anti-Muslim bigotry can be placed in three camps: religious (Jewish) Zionism, Christian Zionism and political Zionism. For Religious Zionists, prophecy is the main driver of their Islamophobia fervour. For them, Palestinians are not just unbidden inhabitants; they are not just Arabs in Jewish lands; they are not just Muslims, even. They are non-Jews—outsiders cut from a different cloth—and God’s commandments regarding them are quite clear. In addition, there is the political Zionism that sheds religious language but is still hostile towards Muslims. These figures, some of whom are neoconservatives, believe that the Jewish state is a Middle Eastern Fort Apache on the front lines of the Global War on Terror (4).

The Republican Peter King (R-NY) held several polarizing hearings targeting American Muslims, and introduced a report misrepresenting the Muslim faith and denigrating the Muslim-American community. King and his allies claim that Muslim-Americans are using both peaceful and violent means to destroy America and curtail the nation’s freedoms, and argue that Americans must curtail Muslims’ liberties and freedoms in order to stop them.

The success or failure of the anti-Muslim political strategies outlined in this report will not only affect the rights of Muslim-Americans, it will also speak volumes about America’s core values, including America’s commitment to religious diversity and fair and equal treatment under the law.

The report reviews seven key strategies employed by the Right to inflame anti-Muslim sentiment and turn hatred and bigotry into political weapons.

Strategy 1: Frame Muslim-Americans as dangerous to America.

Strategy 2: Twist statistics and use fake research to “prove” the Muslim threat.

Strategy 3: Invent the danger of “creeping Sharia”.

Strategy 4: “Defend liberty” by taking freedoms away from Muslims.

Strategy 5: Claim that Islam is not a religion.

Strategy 6: Maintain that Muslims have no First Amendment rights under the Constitution.

Strategy 7: Claim an “unholy alliance” exists that includes Muslims and other terrorists groups.

It is revealing that the religious right’s devout hatred for any faith outside of their distorted interpretation of Christianity has effectively debased, contaminated, and polluted the teachings of their namesake Jesus Christ under the guise of Christian purity. However, that is the Americanized version of Christianity, and like every hate group since the election of an African American man as President, the Christian purity crowd is rising and persecuting other faiths. It can only mean there are dark days ahead for a nation that was not founded on any religion; especially this new evangelical version of impure Christianity (5).

The Muslim-American community is a growing and integral part of the extraordinary fabric of America’s peaceful pluralism. According to law enforcement officials, Muslim-Americans have been an essential source for information and collaborative efforts to prevent and punish extremist violence. Yet in a destructive and cynical ploy to stir divisions for short-term political gain, anti-Muslim activists and the politicians who lead or cheer on their efforts are undermining American values and

devaluing the First Amendment, which protects the religious liberty of all Americans.

While anti-Muslim activists hope that Americans take their mischaracterizations of Islam at face value, events like the King hearings represent a valuable opportunity for Americans to speak out against the hatred and vitriol that has become all too commonplace in American politics. If anti-Muslim activists succeed in fostering a government-led assault against the rights and freedoms of the Muslim-American community, America will have a country that is less secure and less free (6).

Allah's light is unquenchable. The hostile Christian Right Evangelicals and the Republicans influenced by them, foolishly think that they can, with all the hatred in their sick hearts directed towards falsifying the truth, quench the very light of Allah by words propagating false rumours against Allah the Creator. However, Allah shall continue to guide people to His right path of rectitude albeit this is hateful to those who refuse to acknowledge the truth.

Allah says in the Koran:

They desire to extinguish with their mouths, the light of God; but God will perfect His light, though the unbelievers be averse. It is He who has sent His Messenger with guidance and the true religion, so that He may cause it to prevail over all religions, however much the polytheists may dislike it (As-Staff, 8-9).

In this verse "He may cause it to prevail over all religions" means that in terms of intellectual supremacy, all non-monotheistic beliefs about Allah (God) and religion in the world were to be demolished and monotheistic belief was to be promoted as the pre-dominant belief. All other beliefs were to be intellectually overcome. The Truth of Islam must prevail over all.

Although the enemies of Islam keep on attacking Islam without mercy, Islam is the fastest growing religion in Europe and in the United States in particular. The Muslim population in the United States is projected to more than double in the next 20 years, from nearly 2.6 million in 2010 to about 6.2 million in 2030.

Within two decades, the United States is expected to have the 43rd largest Muslim population in the world (in absolute numbers), up from 55th place in 2010. By 2030, the U.S. is projected to have a larger number of Muslims than any European country other than Russia (which is expected to have 19 million Muslims by 2030) and France (which is expected to have 6.9 million Muslims in 2030). By comparison, the United Kingdom and Germany are each projected to have nearly 5.6 million Muslims in 2030.

By 2030, Muslims are expected to account for 1.7% of the total U.S. population, up from 0.8% in 2010. If current trends continue, Muslims may constitute as large a share of the U.S. population as either Jews or Episcopalians do today. The Pew Forum's U.S. Religious Landscape Survey, conducted in 2007, found that Jews represented 1.7% of the adult population in the U.S., while Episcopalians (including Anglicans) accounted for 1.4%.

Islam will become the second-largest religious group in the United States by 2050, according to a report from the Pew Research Centre.

As the fastest-growing religion in America, by the year 2050, the number of Muslims is projected to more than double, surpassing Judaism as the country's second-largest religious group after Christianity. Those identifying with Islam are projected to comprise 2.1% of the U.S. population (7).

#### **4- The Republican Party is the party of hate**

Here lies the Republican Party and their ideology of hate:

Rep. Michele Bachmann

"I would build a fence on every mile, every foot and every inch on America's southern border."

Sen. Ted Cruz

"No legislation should be considered unless it prohibits Obama from expanding deferred action for childhood arrivals."

Rep. Lou Barletta

“Those here illegally are low skilled or may not even have a high school diploma.”

Rep. Steve King

“The practise of extending United States citizenship to anchor babies must end.”

Rep. Louie Rohmer

“People are being trained to act like Hispanics when they are radical Islamists.” (8).

## **5- The Republican Party is the party of “No”**

The Republican Party in America is now commonly identified as the “No” party to almost every policy proposed by the Democratic ruling party - policies intended to benefit all Americans. The Republicans come to the negotiating table on policies that only benefit the select few Americans from their circle. They are essentially the nation’s opposition party to any well-intended policies proposed by the Democratic leadership to move the nation forward. Their stonewalling ideologies, is sadly keeping America on the standstill in the 21st century as they relentlessly refuse to compromise on the viable bi-partisan policies brought forth by the Democratic leadership.

The Republican Party has been causing so much division within America and particularly between the Democratic counterparts. Republicans rather like to deal with their democratic counterparts as bitter rivals than seeing themselves as partners with common goals of keeping the country united and coming together to agree on what is best for all American people (9).

The Republicans say “No” to everything. The Republican Party is travelling a dark path leading to a dead end. The Republican congressional representatives in 2010 campaigned on defeating President Obama. They sought not to govern, not even to oppose, but to wreck, to literally diminish the government and prevent it from going. Their demands were often radical enough to threaten the President's agenda, and the very institution of Congress.

Obama, they decided, presented an existential threat to the GOP, and he needed not only to be blocked, but also discredited (10).

On the night of Barack Obama's inauguration, a group of top GOP luminaries quietly gathered in a Washington steakhouse to lick their wounds and ultimately create the outline of a plan for how to deal with the incoming administration. Among them were Senate power brokers Jim DeMint, Jon Keel and Tom Coburn, and conservative congressional representatives Eric Cantor, Kevin McCarthy and Paul Ryan.

After three hours of strategizing, they decided they needed to fight Obama on everything. The new president had no idea what the Republicans were planning. They have decided to stop everything from happening (11).

Now the Republicans won more seats in the Senate. When they were asked what they have in mind better than President Obama has, they could not introduce any plans surpassing those of President Obama. They however announced that they will strive not to give Obama a second term and they will cancel the insurance law! As if, their president was the enemy!

It is strange to see that two quarrelling parties, instead of working together in harmony, rule America each is trying to move the other away from the political seen. This is certainly not good and does not pour into the interest of the United States.

President Barack Obama used his Labour Day speech to slam Republicans for opposing an increase in the minimum wage, equal pay for women, affordable health care and more.

“Republicans in Congress love to say ‘no.’ those are just facts, they’re facts of life. They say ‘no’ to everything,” Obama said to the crowd gathered at Milwaukee’s Labrets.

The president began to outline his goals for working-class families, saying that he has “put [his] money down” on the middle class.

“I want an economy where your hard work pays off with higher wages, and higher income and fair pay for women and workplace flexibility for parents, and affordable health insurance and decent retirement benefits,” Obama said. “I’m not asking for the moon, I just want a good deal for Americans.”

He continued, “Most of the policies I’m talking about have two things in common: They’re going to help more working families get ahead, and the Republicans who run our Congress oppose almost all of them.”

As the crowd began to boo, Obama responded, “Don’t boo, vote,” a motto he has used before when directing speeches against Republicans as midterm elections approached.

President Barack Obama railed against Republicans during an event in Los Angeles, saying the GOP's willingness "to say no to everything" makes the upcoming midterm elections especially important.

“Their willingness to say no to everything -- the fact that since 2007, they have filibustered about 500 pieces of legislation that would help the middle class just gives you a sense of how opposed they are to any progress -- has actually led to an increase in cynicism and discouragement among the people who were counting on us to fight for them,” Obama said.

"The conclusion is, well, nothing works," Obama continued. "And the problem is, is that for the folks worth fighting for -- for the person who's

cleaning up that house or hotel, for the guy who used to work on construction but now has been laid off -- they need us. Not because they want a handout, but because they know that government can serve an important function in unleashing the power of our private sector."

Obama said a strong showing by Democrats in the midterm elections could help Washington "break out" of a vicious cycle.

"We're not going to make good choices unless we break out of this cycle in which dysfunction breeds cynicism, and cynicism then breeds more dysfunction. We have got to break out of it." Obama said.

The Republicans have no plans other than to make the Senate reject an endless parade of repeal Obama care' bills.

Their distorted behaviour put the nation and the world back into the pits of the great recession they had not yet recovered from.

The GOP has become an insurgent outlier in American politics. It is ideologically extreme; scornful of compromise; unmoved by conventional understanding of facts, evidence and science; and dismissive of the legitimacy of its political opposition.

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The House Republicans do not believe in majority rule. They do not believe in that kind of democracy. They believe in the primacy of their version of the Republican Party (12).

The deterioration in the Republican Party is clearly shown in the dysfunction in congressional performance, but most importantly, in the ouster of Speaker John Boehner by extreme conservatives—a group whose members found him guilty only of conspiracy to commit government.



The breakdown in responsible government America is suffering from over the past five years is not caused by some inherent flaw in the system, nor is it caused by mutual hyperactive partisanship. Instead, the breakdown is the sole responsibility of the increasing influence in the Republican Party of people who are not only on the far right of the American political spectrum on the substance of public policy, but who, more importantly, believe they are morally obligated to engage in rule-or-ruin politics.

This crucial last point is that the Republicans try to take the country hostage in response to their inability to effect change through the normal legislative process.

The growing influence of the far right of the Republican Party is not solely the problem. What has made effective governing so difficult in recent years is that that wing of the GOP is determined to ignore the normal constraints on achieving its policy goals—constraints that are imposed by both the Constitution and the traditions of a democratic system in which power alternates among advocates of conflicting policy outlooks.

The Right Wing of the Republican Party and the Tea Party failed to understand something for which they claim great reverence—the U.S. Constitution.

Their complaint is that they have been denied the fruits of their electoral victories. After both midterms, and especially after their great success in 2014, the right has defended its demand that the people should agree to its agenda or suffer severe disruption by claiming that the people are illegitimately refusing to honour their electoral mandate. Leaving aside the fact that they showed no such deference after the Democrats won one of the biggest victories in recent history in 2008; they blatantly ignore the essence of the governing system established in 1787. They ignore a principle that in other contexts they celebrate as a bulwark of liberty—the separation of powers.

Mainly, the GOP's right wing ignores that the Americans have distinct executive and legislative branches—and the latter is itself divided in

two—and that the people who serve in these institutions are elected at different times, for terms of different lengths (13).

**6- The Republican Party racked by religious and political disunion put forward the worst field of presidential candidates in 50 years.**

Today there are some seventeen candidates with various agendas. Some are realistic candidates, some are finding the water not to their liking or the party faithful likes, some are party window dressing, and others are idiots who want to show off their weird agendas. In general, right now it is a competition to see who can make the most outrageous statements to impress party activist but that they can walk back from later in the general election.

A part of the GOP problem is the plague of too many candidates, 17 at last count, with many of them competing for headlines by making outrageous statements targeting Hispanics, Muslims, President Obama, Hillary Clinton, or each other. They apparently feel the need to do so because not only Donald Trump— being the master of outrage— continues to draw the most media attention, but also because, as Trump's poll numbers demonstrate, a significant body of Republican voters feed on the anger and insult that is being dished out.

Instead of a serious policy debate, the Republican campaign is based on xenophobia, personality attacks, and crude taunts. Trump continued his rant against "illegals"; Ted Cruz called his party's legislative leader "a liar" on the floor of the Senate; Scott Walker was slightly more refined accusing his party's leaders of making "false promises"; Mike Huckabee charged that with the Iran deal, Obama was marching Israelis into the ovens; and Marco Rubio criticized Trump saying that America didn't need another president with "no class", because we already have a president with "no class" (14).

The Republican nominees for presidency are weak. Looking at the US political race report, November 1, 2015, one may realize that Ben Carson is leading in the Iowa Caucus polls. However, why is Carson even wasting his time running for the Republican nomination? One source reported in the New York Times says eighty percent of Carson's

supporters say they are not sure they would support him in the end. Given the demographics of primary activist of the Republican Party that is not unexpected. Despite his impressive QV from his statements, he is either an idiot that doesn't know either he is window dressing for the Republican Party or has chosen to ignore that that is his role in the party.

An interesting Republican candidate is Carly Fiorina but she has the other disqualifying characteristic among the Republican Party Activists. She is a woman. Other than that, she would probably be in the realistic group of possible Republican Party Candidates. In reality like Ben Carson, she is window dressing for the party.

What of Donald Trump? Trump has the advantage not being a politico but an outrageous candidate, which will play well in the early primaries and has already attracted attention. However, Trump has made so many racially bigoted and misogynistic comments that he would be the Democratic Party's preferred Republican Party candidate. The Republican Party establishment may be a collection of obstructionist, misanthropic, bigots but generally, they are not stupid enough to nominate Trump unless they are planning for 2020 run.

Donald Trump has taunted all of his competitors. He called former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush "low-energy," associated retired neurosurgeon Ben Carson with paedophiles, talked about Sen. Marco Rubio's money problems and referred to the "face" of businessperson Carly Fiorina.

Democratic strategists said their nominee would helm a unified coalition while the Republican candidate struggles. This circus on the Republican side has stained the Republican brand and will stain whoever the eventual nominee is. This process has had a negative prospect on Republicans prospects for winning in 2016.

Ted Cruz has an impressive red state political resume as the first Hispanic Senator from Texas. Donald Trump has poisoned the well for Hispanic Republican support. Can Cruz overcome that disadvantage or does he even want to? Ted Cruz seems more like a candidate who is trying to position himself for a run in 2020.

Chris Christie very early on was among the party establishment's leading candidates. Now his political baggage such as Bridge Gate and its apparent continuation with the Pulaski Skyway project has come back to haunt him.

Jeb Bush was probably the preferred candidate of the Republican Party establishment, but he has to deal his lack of personality and with the legacy of his brother being the worst president in recent memory. Currently his campaign is floundering and cutting back on campaigning. Will he fade away gracefully or will he star making outrageous statement to appeal to evangelicals that he cannot walk back from.

Bobby Jindal history up until the start of the twenty-first century seemed a possible revival moderate candidate for the Republican Party nationally. Since then his social policies have demonstrated how out of touch he is with the people of the country outside the red states. Economically he is all over the map. Then there is the racial situation, which puts him at a big disadvantage outside of the Louisiana.

Marko Rubio is similar to Bobby Jindal but without administrative and compromising experience of being a governor and getting things done. Of the Republican Candidates he seems the most electable nationwide. Since Rubio would probably carry Florida with its greater number of electoral votes than Louisiana that gives Rubio more of an edge in a national election than Jindal. However, on social issues, he cleaves too close to the current Catholic Pope and the pope's justifiable emphasizes on capitalism's faults and excesses that are too much for top economic one percent those financiers Republican Party Politics.

Can either Rubio or Jindal win the Republican nomination? It is not likely for racial reasons. Many would say that the South has grown out of such pettiness. However, it is still very much alive in the states of the old Confederacy.

Since the South is a major part of the Republican base right now, it is doubtful that Rubio and Jindal have much chance of getting Republican nomination (15).

The Republican Party requires that all their Presidential candidates Conform to Consensus. However, the Republicans create consensus to their vision and goals. They change their positions mid debate. They welcome scorn from the masses because it creates the opportunity for dialogue. They look backwards to condemn what has already been done, they do not look forward to create a better future. They are dogmatic. They do not lead. The Republican Party does everything possible to discourage leadership. They want dogma. They want conformity. They want to conserve their romanticized past.

Conservative Republicans constantly cling to the past. They are a party of dogma, backwards and outdated thinking on social issues and the inability to embrace change. The GOP is at risk of becoming less of a political party and more like a talent agency for the conservative media industry. Jumping into the race provides a pseudo candidate with a national platform to profit from becoming a political celebrity. "If you don't run, you're an idiot," a top GOP consultant would tell you.

Sarah Palin disrupted the GOP nominating process and made being a potential primary contender a full-time job. Her decision to cash in by quitting the Alaska governor's office for Fox News and tea party stardom established a new business model. As this year's ballooning GOP field shows, many long-shot candidates are seeking to follow her path. Since January 2014, Ben Carson has earned as much as \$27 million from delivering 141 speeches and publishing three books including *You Have a Brain: A Teen's Guide to T.H.I.N.K. B.I.G.* Former Hewlett Packard CEO Carly Fiorina made nearly \$1 million in speeches last year and published a memoir. Mike Huckabee's Fox News contract was worth \$350,000 a year before he left to join the race, according to sources. This year he also released a book *God, Guns, Grits, and Gravy*. Ted Cruz made a reported \$1.5 million for his book, *A Time for Truth*.

These candidates have made six- and seven-figure paydays even before the first ballot is cast. With hours of free airtime on television to promote their brand, their market value is sure to increase. "Even if you lose, you exponentially increase your marketability," a GOP consultant said. "Right now, let's say you're giving speeches for \$20 grand. You run and it becomes \$40,000. If you do well, maybe there is a Fox show. Then you write a book about how to save the party. Then you

write another about why the next president sucks. There are a million marketing opportunities."

The Republican Party has essentially become the party of obstructions and bigoted whites with a very definite misogynistic and racial bias. Voters see the Republican Party as "scary" 'narrow-minded' and 'out of touch.'" The GOP will need to attract members of the growing groups that the GOP has spent years antagonizing like Hispanics, Asian Americans, Muslims and others. In a word: no. (16).

### **7- The Republican leadership now faces the most potent, extreme faction in its history.**

The Republican Party has been split open by an attack from the inside, and nobody is quite sure how to put it back together. While there has been simmering unrest within the GOP for some time now, the tensions have really come to a head this year.

Erica Werner and Andrew Tailor claim that the Republican Party is the worst political party since the civil War. The Republican Party is "gradually destroying itself. When Republicans took full control of Congress, they were determined to show voters they could govern responsibly. Instead, they have been tearing each other apart in extraordinarily public displays, delighting Democrats and giving some in the GOP heartburn as the party aims for the White House in 2016.

Texas Sen. Ted Cruz took to the Senate floor to accuse Republican Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of lying, provoking a public dressing-down from top GOP senators.

In the latest episode of Republican vs. Republican savagery in less than a week, a conservative lawmaker, Rep. Mark Meadows of North Carolina, filed a resolution aimed at unseating GOP House Speaker John Boehner of Ohio.

As with the incidents involving Cruz and Lee, the episode underscores the divisions and discontent within a fractured GOP that has struggled all

year to balance its promises of good governance with the demands of frustrated activists clamouring for action to thwart Obama.

The Republicans are creating an issue within the party that distracts the people from focusing on big issues like the deterioration of economy and national security (17).

The Republicans will go into the critical 2016 election divided, angry at each other. Since 2010, Republicans have been winning congressional elections by promising their voters they would undo everything President Barack Obama has done and restore conservative values to Washington. When voters gave them majorities of both the House and Senate, they expected them to deliver. Nevertheless, they could not, of course, because the White House is still firmly in Democratic hands. President Obama pressed on with his agenda, using executive orders and regulatory agencies to get much of what he wanted, and rendering Congress powerless to stop him. In the end, Obama wins anyway, because without the White House, Republicans can annoy but they cannot prevail (18). The fight for the Republican nomination is likely to get even more chaotic. However, that is what happens when a party decides to alienate its voters and commit suicide.

The Tea Party Republicans are saying. They do not trust a single elected Republican official in the current campaign for president in 2016. They have rejected - at least so far - Congressional figures such as Ted Cruz, Marco Rubio, Rand Paul, John Kasich, and Lindsey Graham. They do not trust Republican governors such as Bobby Jindal, Mike Huckabee, and especially, Jeb Bush, who was supposed to be the establishment candidate with the most money, whose campaign commercials were to drown everybody out of the race. Instead, Tea Partiers, and Evangelicals as well, are putting their trust in Donald Trump, the non-politician who ridicules politicians, and who promises a non-political solution to the nation's problems. Trump is going to use his business acumen as a negotiator, and his connection to other powerful people, to simply order that things be done, and the world will be made right.

Donald Trump is the culmination of Ronald Reagan's dream. Trump does not really believe in government or good governance; he will

govern by dictate, by fiat, by personal orders. Things will happen so fast "your head will spin." Illegal immigrants will be banished in the wink of an eye. Russia and China will bow down to America's dictates, because Trump will make our military more incredibly powerful than it already is.

On climate change, Trump tweeted in January: "This very expensive GLOBAL WARMING bullshit has got to stop. Our planet is freezing, record low temps, and our GW [Global Warming] scientists are stuck in ice."

Trump's blend of corporate practices with government power is fascism come to America, dressed up also as a religious crusade so that America can fulfil its destiny as God's chosen nation. Trump's political philosophies are 90% fantasy, 95% paranoia, and 100% racist demagoguery.

Republican elites are wondering how someone like Donald Trump could dominate so thoroughly the primary nominating process. Some of them might understand that Trump is the consequence of the Republican Party's Southern Strategy, which bought Democratic votes in the South with appeals to white supremacy. What they do not understand is that Trump's roots lie much deeper into the Party's history, and tie directly to the legacy of the sainted Ronald Reagan. If Trump falters in the polls, which is possible, some other non-establishment candidate may take his place, but even if an establishment figure like Jeb Bush were to win the nomination, the damage is already beyond repair (19).

#### **8- Republicans have engaged in treachery, acts of anti-Democracy and conduct detrimental to the people of the United States.**

The Jeb Bush administration illegally purged thousands of black voters resulting in George W. Bush "winning" by a mere 537 votes and was handed the Presidency by Republican Secretary of State, Katherine Harris who was also co-chair of Bush's Florida campaign. This caused a chain of events including Bush lying to the world about weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, the illegal invasion and war against Iraq, thousands of deaths, a 10 Trillion dollars deficit and more.



The 2004 election computers were hacked causing the votes, which were favouring Kerry to be flipped for George W. Bush. Republicans also engaged in tactics to prevent minorities from voting.

Republicans have passed laws making it difficult for young people, minorities and the elderly to vote. Not only has Republicans passed voter suppression laws to prevent Americans from voting, they have also Gerrymandered districts. This makes it almost impossible to remove these radical Tea Party Republicans from office and is destroying democracy.

On January 20, 2009, Republican Leaders in Congress plotted to sabotage and undermine U.S. Economy during President Obama's Inauguration. They made a pack to "Just say no" to everything, the new President was for. They engaged in "Obstructionism" with no regard to the American people.

Republicans say they are for less government, but when it comes to a Women's Right to Choose, they are passing anti-abortion laws in states they control, laws to close and limit access to Family Planning Clinics and laws to force women who wants an abortion to submit to forced ultrasounds.

Republicans has no problem spending trillions of dollars on the military, but they want to cut programs like food stamps, Medicare, social security, etc. which benefits regular Americans and the poor.

Republicans are bitter over losing the 2008 and 2012 elections and became a party of haters. Most Republican Congressmen are obstructionists and their only agenda is to do everything possible to make President Obama fail. Mitch McConnell stated this: "The single most important thing we want to achieve is for President Obama to be a one-term president".

Republican Governor Rick Snyder has subverted Democracy by installing Emergency Managers who can bypass and circumvent the power of elected officials. The Republican majority in the Michigan House have rammed legislation through which is going into immediate effect, even though they do not have the 2/3 majority vote required by

law. This is an outrage and goes against everything democracy is supposed to stand for.

Since the Republican Party is the party of the rich and they get billions of dollars in donations from billionaires, Republicans do not want Campaign Finance Reform.

Even though there is overwhelming evidence of Global Warming & Climate Change, Republicans has done nothing and impeded efforts to stop Global Warming & Climate Change.

For years, Republicans has accused Democrats as being “Tax and Spenders” but statistics proves that it has been Republicans who are responsible for wasteful spending.

80% of Americans want Gun Control legislation to be passed, but Republicans has blocked all efforts. Republicans are bought and paid for by the rich and are for giving tax breaks to the rich. The national debt could be reduced significantly if taxes were increased on the rich, but Republicans refuse to make the rich pay their fair share (20).

## **9- The issues on which the Republicans are supposedly running are either ridiculous or nowhere to be found.**

The Republicans never run on their policies anymore. They talk on how everyone else’s ideas are bad – but never really talk about ideas of their own. Some may talk about flat-taxes or unrealistic walls between Mexico and the United States, but most build entire campaigns on “look how bad the other guy is.

The constant attacks on Trump by many Republicans are proof that the Republicans have no ideas that would benefit their voters. The people know that their ideas are awful. They pretend to be offended by what Trump says, when all he is really doing is bluntly saying what Republicans have typically only subtly hinted at for years.

Despite what many right-wing religious fanatics think, America is becoming less religious; nevertheless, the GOP continues to shift further

and further to the right on religious issues. The presidential candidates are calling the Supreme Court tyrannical because the court dared to rule based on the Constitution, not the Bible. This is going to pit moderate Republicans vs. those who essentially want the President of the United States to be the Pastor of the United States.

Since the GOP embraced the Tea Party, the Republican Party became in a difficult situation: No matter what they try to do, it is going to backfire. If the moderate candidates try to steer the party toward more progressive ideologies, those individuals will face primary challengers and could be replaced by true conservatives. Nevertheless, if they do not embrace change, as the nation becomes more open-minded and progressive, they are going to continue to alienate voters and never stand a chance at winning the White House again. There is really nothing they can do but sit back, let the party rip itself apart and hope to rebuild it once it happens. At this point, moderate Republicans have more in common with Democrats than they do Tea Party conservatives (21).

On a national level, public perception of the Republican Party is at devastatingly historic lows. Polling studies have concluded that most Americans believe the Republican Party is out of touch and narrow-minded. Republican candidates are compelled to behave in an overly aggressive fashion. The inflammatory epithets that dominate the current Republican lexicon on issues such as immigration foster a tone that leaves many Americans feeling disenfranchised and alienated from the Republican Party.

Republicans have lost the popular vote in five of the last six presidential elections. States in which their presidential candidates used to be able to count on large shares of electoral votes are now increasingly voting democratic. Vital states like Ohio, New Hampshire, Virginia, Florida, New Mexico, Colorado, Nevada, and Iowa have moved, ideologically, closer to centre-left, and it has crippled Republican candidates ability to secure the necessary electoral votes.

A recent study revealed that a mere 32 percent of Republicans had a favourable view of their own party. The study concluded that the Republican constituents are not likely to think their party governs in an

honest and ethical way. To make things worse, the persuasive, inviting, noble, and inclusive essence that once attracted young people—a vital essence the party once had and needs, to win the white house—to their message is dead.

Politico recently calculated that of the aggregate 61 million individuals that voted for Mitt Romney in the 2012 presidential election, about 2.75 million will be deceased by the time the 2016 presidential election rolls around. Accounting for new voters—barring some significant change to the voter participation and political landscape—the numbers suggest that the Democratic Party will likely gain a momentous 2.5 million voter advantage overall. Whichever Republican hopeful actually ends up the Republican nominee, he or she would have to win roughly 30 percent of the non-white vote to secure a successful 2016 bid. That is nearly double the 17 percent that Mitt Romney was able to capture in his 2012 presidential bid. Marginalizing large portions of the electorate is the antitheses of what the Republicans need at this moment. The Republican message, or at least the one currently being translated to the American electorate, is failing.

The very fabric of American democracy is dependent on a multi-party system, a system wherein competing ideas and policy prescriptions are debated and compromises are reached. Donald Trump and his insurgent candidate colleagues have begun steering the party wildly down the road to capitulation. In doing so, they have not only spurred the self-immolation their Party, but the American people as well (22).

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Public perception of the party is at record lows. Young voters are increasingly rolling their eyes at what the party represents, and many minorities think that Republicans do not like them or want them in the country. When someone rolls their eyes at Republicans, they are not likely to open their ears to them.

The Republican Party needs to stop talking to itself. It has become expert in how to provide ideological reinforcement to like-minded people, but devastatingly it has lost the ability to be persuasive with, or welcoming to, those who do not agree with Republicans on every issue.

The perception, revealed in polling, that the GOP does not care about people is doing great harm to the party. Asked to describe Republicans, the people said that the party is 'scary,' 'narrow minded,' and 'out of touch.' ”

The end of the Republican Party has started. The Republican Party is dying. The Republican leaders in Washington would see the decline of Donald Trump as proof that they need do nothing to change. In such unhealthy system, the Republicans will find a way to crush Trump without adapting to his message. In which case the pressure the Donald has tapped will continue to build — and when it bursts, the G.O.P. as we know it may go with it.

The Republican Party is dying because the GOP in DC has gone corporate and K Street. They attack any Republicans who dare hold them to their promises. They have gone to war against Heritage Action for America, Club for Growth, the Madison Project, etc. They have blackballed any political consultant who does work for outsiders. Nevertheless, even more importantly, the GOP protects their failed consultants who keep bringing in the bacon.

In short, the GOP has become so incestuous it continues to haemorrhage and will die. It cannot adapt because the key consultants it has shaping its future are wedding to the capital that comes from not changing (23).

In their debates, Republicans barely mentioned the economy, and were unimpressive when they did. None of them floated any ideas to boost middle-class incomes, at least not directly. Mostly, they want to cut taxes and doubt global warming, and all of them accept the coal industry's argument that shifting electricity generation to natural gas and renewables will cost jobs. Chris Christie repeated several times that the

debate was about middle-class people's futures, but did not say much about how to restore the hope he says Obama has wrecked.

Nowadays it has become more and more questionable if the name "United States" still signifies the unity of the country, or has it become just an empty symbol with no practical substance attached to it (24).

### **10- Neocons have corrupted the Republican Party**

Neocons have so corrupted the Republican Party that in order to be considered a viable national presidential candidate and to be embraced by the regular members and Tea Party right, one must openly advocate for an open-ended continuation of the war on terror and a de facto war against Iran.

The Republican Party was born of corporatism and nurtured on bloodshed, so it's no surprise that the masses, programmed as they are and conned into an unreasoning fear of U.S.-created Islamic booger bears, are eager to embrace a candidate who pledges unwavering support to Israel and who wants to continue slaughtering Middle Easterners armed, trained, funded and inspired by America and its allies — including Israel.

The neocons see that it is the duty of America to police the world and "spread democracy" even when the people it's being spread to do not want or need it. If the people decide they don't want or need it, American government just deposes that regime and installs another... or not, as in the case of Libya, which has become a hellish cauldron of anarchy, bloodshed and terror for the poor inhabitants who enjoyed a prosperous and relatively free and safe existence before American drones and NATO bombs were unleashed in order to take out Moammar Gadhafi. The Republican regular members embraces this policy of military adventurism, thanks to Bush the Second and his policy of "kill them over there so we don't have to kill them here."

The neoconservatives are willing and eager to send their money and, worse, their sons and daughters and other people's sons and daughters into foreign lands on behalf of Christians caught in the millennial-long civil war between Islamic thugs and being slaughtered by U.S.-backed ISIS criminals, to send their money and their sons and daughters and other people's sons and daughters to back "rebels" seeking to overthrow regimes deemed unacceptable (Iraq, Libya, Syria and, if they get their wish, Iran) by the Council on Foreign Relations-controlled U.S. State Department and/or propaganda ministry, or to send their money and their sons and daughters and other people's sons and daughters to back rebels (either overtly or covertly) in the U.S.-inspired Ukrainian coup, because they believe in "freedom." Yet they applaud Lincoln's efforts to quash a secession (it was not even a rebellion, as the Confederacy sought to live as a peaceful neighbour) that led to the death — directly and indirectly — of close to 1 million Americans because he preserved the Union.

Bush the Second and his regime assured us that we would be made safer by "fighting them over there." Nevertheless, 14 years later, and we are still being told there is a radical Muslim somewhere nearby seeking to cause America harm!

No nation ever engages in foreign wars without at the same time initiating subtle and silent war on its own people. The war on terror has given America trillions of dollars in debt, reduced liberty, increased government spying and created a government even more hostile to its own people.

True conservatives are about small government. There is nothing conservative about a war party because wars are predicated on big government and fiat money, especially multiple wars on multiple continents. Yet a war party is apparently what Republicans have become because all of the presumptive candidates for the party's next presidential election back an interventionist, wartime foreign policy... and

that seems to be exactly what “conservatives” want (25).

The wars of Republicans against other nations are polluting the whole world. However, these wars are also taking America to its destruction. There is no way that a United Nations, treaties, or any other human instrument can bring about peace. Such things mean nothing when one nation desires the land and resources of another.

The Republican warmongers must understand that they have committed unprecedented stupidity by launching wars against defenceless countries. The war crimes committed during the rule of the Republicans are a clear declaration of war on God. If these atrocities of the Republican Party towards weak nations will continue, then God is going to enter in and bring justice. This tyranny usually brings about God’s wrath, and when that happens the innocent will suffer along with the guilty. It will bring about the destruction of the American nation. God’s wrath has already begun. Economic deterioration has been snapping America’s feeble body from the inside for several decades now. The collapse of America’s huge corporation and stock market, government shutdown in 2013, civil unrest, drought, natural disasters, and the deterioration of America’s ethical manners in all fronts are clear examples of the beginning of the divine wrath.

### **11-Apocalyptic GOP Is Dragging America Into a Civil War**

The Republican camp is increasingly acting as an apocalyptic cult. The insane decision to turn the once-routine procedure of raising the debt ceiling into a political crisis revealed that the GOP party mainstream had sunk to the level of terrorism – holding the economic system hostage in exchange for political concessions. This was a form of violence, and a serious escalation even from the days of George W. Bush, when the party was mostly limited in its willingness to use human beings as pawns in homicidal ploys for political power. Bush was willing to sacrifice Iraqi lives, and the lives of American service



members, for oil and votes. Nevertheless, this current crew of Republicans shook canisters of kerosene over the entire American population and threatened to light a match if it did not get what it wanted.

For the GOP, compromise of any kind defeats their central purpose, which is political totale Krieg. This party's entire reason for being is conflict and aggression. There is no underlying patriotic instinct to find middle ground with the rest of the American people, because the party does not have a vision for society that includes anyone outside the tent (26).

### **The reasons behind the deterioration of the Republican Party**

#### **1- The Republican Party is associated with several factions and sects that are obstructing its social and political role in the American society**

The Republican Party of the United States is strongly associated with several factions influencing its social and political actions. These are the Christian Right, Evangelical Protestants, the neoconservatives, the Judeo-Christian coalition, and the Tea Party. The distorted ideologies and policies of these factions and sects are in fact lethal to the Republican Party and are hampering its beneficial role in the social and political American sphere. These factions and lobbies do only care about their own narrow interests at the expense of the real concerns of the masses, and they work hard to impose their distorted religious ideas on the Republican Party to the extent of forcing it to implement them worldwide. The result is seeding bigotry and dissension between the American people, and spreading mischief and ruin in innocent countries affected by the Republican ideas of dogmatism, intolerance and prejudice. Wars in Afghanistan, Iraq, and the plot of the Arab spring in the Middle East and the killing and displacement of millions of civilian innocents are examples of such bigotry against Muslims and their religion.

The greater outrage is that the Religious Right has created a poisonous mixture of politics and religion. Extreme conservatives keep mouthing their quasi-religious love of the Constitution. Nevertheless, most of them, apparently, have never read it and do not understand it, because they keep trying to violate its most fundamental principle of separating state matters from religion.

The Christian Right Republicans are now the politicians – “Vote for me because I’m on God’s side.” The Republicans are people who want to destroy America – to destroy the ideal of America as a nation in which people of all faiths, or no faith, can pursue their lives free of religious oppression (27).

Every war has its mongers who profit from its sorrows, rubble and spilt blood. So too does terrorism. Along with its victims and perpetrators, it has its merchants who capitalize on its horrors, chaos and climates of fear and tension. To these, every terrorist bombing and shooting is an excellent opportunity to revive arrogant racist notions in a new Islamophobia format, thus enabling them to penetrate further into the mainstream, gaining new territory and more votes. The target is no longer "Africans", "Asians", "blacks", or "browns", but "Muslims", "Arabs", "Middle Easterners", or "Syrians". Against these, all limits may be dispensed with, the unspeakable may be spoken, and the unacceptable becomes acceptable.

The Republicans started promulgating once more the old symphony of "we" and "they" reverberated once more. "Our enlightened values were locked in existential struggle against their barbaric religion and savage culture. "They" here, of course, does not refer to extreme fanatical violent groups affiliated to al-Qaeda, or ISIS, but to hundreds of millions of Muslims around the world. Thus, suddenly, ordinary workers and women going about their daily lives in Indonesia or Malaysia, Bangladesh or Senegal, find themselves cast as the enemy vying to destroy "our" western civilization, "our" sublime ideals and way of life.

## **2- The Republicans believe in Christian Right’s distorted ideologies that are tearing it apart**

The Christian Right, with its distorted reading of the Bible and its false apocalyptic and dispensationalist beliefs, has destroyed the Arab countries. The Christian Right considers all Palestine a conclusive home for Israel and to hell with the Palestinians, the original inhabitants of the land. The Christian Right should have realized that by blindly supporting the Israeli aggression in Palestine, it had entered into the circle of injustice. Its hands became stained with Palestinian blood, and its conscious became burdened with the crimes of murder and expulsion. In the sight of Allah, supporters of criminals are equally guilty as criminals themselves. These crimes are the product of the Christian Right's unconditional support for Israel without considering the simple right of the Palestinians to live as human beings in their modest homes. They think that by killing Palestinian Muslims, they are clearing the universe from the enemies of God. They must not play God, for God is just to his servants and is against tyranny and aggression. Had they confined themselves to the real Christian teachings aiming at piety, righteousness, and peace, their relationship with God and the world would have been different and better.

The Christian Right is behind the division we see now in the Arab world. The only country that will benefit from this division is Israel, of course.

The Christian Right is threatening world peace because it is interfering in America's foreign policy, thus directing it to side blindly with Israel. The Christian Right is unwilling to see any peace settlement in the Middle East.

The Christian Right adjured American policymakers to adopt situations in the Middle East more harmonious to the Torah prophecies and to declare the right of the Jewish people to live on the land that was given to them by God, including the West Bank, Gaza, and Golan Heights. The leader of the Christian ethical majority claimed that as mentioned in the book of Genesis, the borders of Israel stretch east to the Euphrates River and west to the west of Egypt. He also added that the borders of the Promised Land enjoin parts from Iraq, Syria, Turkey, Saudi Arabia,

Egypt, Sudan, all Lebanon, Jordan, and Kuwait!

This is how the Christian Right thinks. God chose the Israelis, while the evil infidel Arabs were not blessed by God. The Christian Right believes that since it was God's wish that Israel be established, any Arab or Palestinian claims in Jerusalem or in Palestine land are false pretences.

The Christian Right even think that the Arabs are but pieces of chess in a holy cosmetic game, a hysteric power unfit to perform any reformatory or positive role in history. The Arabs are the enemies of God because their conflict with Israel is a challenge to His will. Moreover, as history is heading towards its end, the Arabs become the focus of evil, uniting with the disfigured impostor against God!

The Old Testament heritage made several American Christians look at the Arab-Israeli conflict as a reflection to the events depicted in the Old Testament. They consider the Israelis of the twenty-first century as the children of Israel mentioned in the Torah, and the Palestinians are the Philistines, whose hero Goliath fought David. It seems, therefore, that for the sake of Israel, the Christian Right is ready to inflame a nuclear war to ascertain the sacred prophecies.

Evangelicals also believe that the war in Iraq was predicted in the Bible! The theologian Michael Lerner says the fundamentalism of many American Evangelicals "fits neatly with a politics of militarism, xenophobic nationalism, and support for US domination over other countries."

The Republican neoconservatives are the reason behind the chaos the Muslim world is suffering from. Most of the neoconservatives are Christian Right Republicans. Their major concern is foreign policy. They strongly favour US military interventions overseas and becoming the world's police officer. Their core agenda is to reassert US global dominance through an aggressive foreign and military policy. They promoted the Iraq wars and are constantly the instigators for more

confrontation with Iran and the Sudan and other Muslim states. They were among the chief instigators of the Kosovo War and the American plot (the New Middle East) aiming at destroying the Middle East and dividing it into sects and factions living without borders.

Opinion polls showed it was the 60 million Evangelicals who were among the strongest supporters of Bush's administration, providing a moral and religious blessing for both the war on terror and the Iraq intervention. The support was partly based on dispensational premillennialism, which sees the world spiralling towards apocalypse.

Evangelicals also organize pro- Israel solidarity rallies and distribute videos that encourage the faithful to pray for Israel's victory over its enemies. The deceased Jerry Falwell said, "The Bible Belt is Israel's only safety belt right now." There is no safety belt for Palestinians.

The blindsiding of America with Israel against the Palestinians is fairly supported by the Christian Right and its factions and sects. The marriage between Zionism and the Christian Right, and its influence on the White House and American foreign policy, is a disaster that would take America to its demise. This baseless contorted marriage spread Islamophobia in the American society and threatened the solidarity of the American nation.

The Republicans designed the Arab Spring or what is known as "The New Middle East." The plot aimed at dividing the Middle East into religious and ethnic factions and sects living in small sectors without borders, so that America could draw the map of the Middle East in accordance with its geostrategic needs and objectives. This vicious plan has led to millions of deaths, displacements and refugees now scattered on the borders of foreign countries without food or water.

As examples, I forward here some of the distorted ideas influencing the decisions of the Republican Party.

## a) Dominionism

Several Evangelicals like Pat Robertson believe that there will never be world peace until God's house and God's people are given their rightful place of leadership at the top of the world. The late Jerry Falwell and D. James Kennedy and R.J. Rushdoony had endorsed similar ideas. The core theme is to reclaim America for Christ, whatever the cost. As the vice regents of God, the Christian Right is to exercise godly dominion and influence over the schools, the government, the literature and arts, the sports arenas, the entertainment media, the news media, the scientific endeavours; in short, over every aspect and institution of human society.

The Evangelicals Pat Robertson, Jerry Flawel, Franklin Graham, Jimmy Swaggart, John Haggee and others targeted the Republican Party as the vehicle through which they could advance their agenda. At the same time, a small group of Republican strategists targeted fundamentalist, Pentecostal and charismatic churches to expand the base of their political power. Now America is facing the danger of the rise of dominionists in the U.S. federal government. Today's hard right seeks total dominion. It is packing the courts and rigging the rules. The target is not the Democrats but democracy itself.

The Christian Right believe then in dominionism and tendencies toward authoritarian theocratic governance with an apocalyptic end times theological viewpoint that sees the war in Iraq as part of God's plan.

Dominionism is therefore a tendency among Protestant Christian evangelicals and fundamentalists that encourages them to not only be active political participants in civic society, but also seek to dominate the political process as part of a mandate from God. The religious right remains the largest voting bloc in the Republican Party.

This highly politicized concept of dominionism is based on the distorted reading of the bible - Genesis 1:26:

"Then God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the

livestock, over all the earth and over all the creatures that move along the ground.'" (New International Version).

The vast majority of Christians read this text and conclude that God has appointed them stewards and caretakers of Earth. Some Christians read the text and believe that Christians alone are Biblically mandated to occupy all secular institutions until Christ returns.

According to acclaimed journalist and television host Bill Moyers:

"True, people of faith have always tried to bring their interpretation of the Bible to bear on American laws and morals ... it's the American way, encouraged and protected by the First Amendment. However, what is unique today is that the radical religious right has succeeded in taking over one of America's great political parties. The country is not yet a theocracy but the Republican Party is, and they are driving American politics, using God as a battering ram on almost every issue: crime and punishment, foreign policy, health care, taxation, energy, regulation, social services and so on."

Dominion theologians preached that it was Christians' job to take over the world and impose biblical rule. Christ would not return until the church had claimed dominion over all of the world's governments and institutions.

According to Pat Robertson at a banquet in 1984: "Our aim is to gain dominion over society." The path to dominion was made clear when Robertson told the *Denver Post* in 1992 that his goal was to "take working control of the Republican Party." The American people need to embrace democracy with a passion -- for it was voter apathy that allowed Pat Robertson to get so many dominionists elected to Congress.

In 2000, the Republican Party of Texas declared that it "affirms that the United States is a Christian nation." That sentiment reached the national level. The Constitution Restoration Act of 2004 acknowledged Christianity's God as the "sovereign source" of our laws. It would reach back in history and reverse all judicial decisions that have built a wall

between church and state, and it would prohibit federal judges from making such rulings in the future.

The religious leaders –Christian Right evangelicals - are using the Republican Party as a way to gain dominion over society. As explained by journalist and author Chris Hedges:

“This movement is a hybrid of fundamentalists, Pentecostals, Southern Baptists, Conservative Catholics, Charismatics and other evangelicals, all of whom are at war doctrinally, but who nonetheless share a belief that America is destined to become a Christian nation, led by Christian men who are in turn directed by God...Lately the leaders of the movement have even begun to reach out to Mormons.

America becomes, in this militant biblicism, an agent of God, and all political and intellectual opponents of America's Christian leaders are viewed, quite simply, as agents of Satan.

Demonists seek to re-interpret the U.S. Constitution so that it conforms to their Biblical World View. Mathew Staver, founder of Liberty Counsel declares it is time to get Jesus into the judicial mix. According to dominionists, the Bible has supremacy over the U.S. Constitution. In a 2002 address to the Society of Catholic Social Scientists in Ann Arbor, Mich., federal judge James Leon Holmes, appointed in July 2004, affirmed the supremacy of the Bible:

“Christianity transcends the political order and cannot be subordinated to the political order.”

In other words, the principle of separation of church and state has no place in his vision for the future:

“The final reunion of Church and state will take place at the end of time, when Christ will claim definitive political power of all creation, inaugurating an entirely new society based on the supernatural.”

Dominionism has become a broad political impulse within the Tea Party as Christian Right activists and members of the Republican Party.



Dominionists celebrate Christian nationalism, in that they believe the United States once was, and should again be, a Christian nation. In this way, they deny the Enlightenment roots of American democracy. They promote religious supremacy, insofar as they generally do not respect the equality of other religions, or even other versions of Christianity. Dominionists endorse theocratic visions, believing that the Ten Commandments, or "biblical law," should be the foundation of American law, and that the U.S. Constitution should be seen as a vehicle for implementing Biblical principles.

Dominionists share the belief that Christians have a mandate to take dominion over every area of life, and it is just this tendency that has spread through Evangelical Protestantism, resulting in the emergence of various brands of dominionist thinkers in contemporary American Evangelicalism. This dangerous movement could descend into neo-fascism (28).

#### b) Reconstructionism

Christian Reconstructionism is a fundamentalist Calvinist economic movement (the state of being governed by God), that has been founded by Rousas John Rushdoony, and had an important influence on the Christian Right in the United States. Reconstructionism advocate theonomy and the restoration of certain biblical laws said to have continuing applicability. Christian Reconstructionists are usually postmillennialists (believe in end-times theology known as eschatology).

Christian Reconstructionism has played a role in promoting the trend toward explicitly Christian politics in the larger U.S. Christian Right. This movement has influence among advocates of the growth of the Christian home schooling and other Christian education movements that seek independence from the direct oversight or support of the civil government. Because their numbers are so small compared to their influence, they are sometimes accused of being secretive and conspiratorial.

In Matthew 28:18, Jesus says, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth." This verse is seen as an announcement by Jesus that he has assumed authority over all earthly authority. In that light, some theologians interpret the Great Commission as a command to exercise

that authority in his name, bringing all things (including societies and cultures) into subjection under his commands. Rousas John Rushdoony, for example, interpreted the Great Commission as a republication of the "creation mandate", referring to Genesis 1:28.

Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing...

For Rushdoony, the idea of dominion implied a form of Christian theocracy or, more accurately, a theonomy. For example, he wrote that:

The purpose of Christ's coming was in terms of the creation mandate... The redeemed are called to the original purpose of man, to exercise dominion under God, to be covenant-keepers, and to fulfil "the righteousness of the law" (Rom. 8:4)... Man is summoned to create the society God requires.

Several key leaders have acknowledged an intellectual debt to the economists. Jerry Falwell and D. James Kennedy have endorsed Reconstructionist books. Rushdoony has appeared on Kennedy's television program and the 700 Club several times. Pat Robertson makes frequent use of 'dominion' language; his book, *The Secret Kingdom*, has often been cited for its theonomy elements; and pluralists were made uncomfortable when, during his presidential campaign, he said he 'would only bring Christians and Jews into the government,' as well as when he later wrote, 'There will never be world peace until God's house and God's people are given their rightful place of leadership at the top of the world.'

It is therefore evident that Christian Reconstructionism had significantly influenced the Christian Right. The concept that Christians are Biblically mandated to 'occupy' all secular institutions has become the central unifying ideology for the Christian Right."

Christian Reconstructionism dramatically influenced the most influential form of dominion theology, and it influenced both the theological concepts and political activism of white Protestant conservative evangelicals mobilized by the Christian Right (29).

Christian Reconstructionists believe that as more Christians adopt dominion theology, they will eventually convert the majority of

Americans. Then the country will realize that the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights are merely codicils to Old Testament biblical law. For many, President Obama and the Democratic Party are among these "demonic forces." (30).

### c) Racism

Unfortunately, the white evangelical church carries a shameful legacy of racism, and in spite of that, it calls for a repudiation of racism and bigotry in all its ugly forms. Nevertheless, this call is merely lip service! It is a sign of a guilty conscience.

Ralph Reed, wrote: "The white evangelical church carries a shameful legacy of racism and the historical baggage of indifference to the most central struggle for social justice in this century, a legacy that is only now being wiped clean by the sanctifying work of repentance and racial reconciliation."

The Republican Party is known by its racism. It neglects the Bible verse (Ephesians 2:14): "For He Himself is our peace, who has made the two one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility."

The Christian right would have grown so large and powerful without the racial hostility that its leaders now hypocritically denounce. For all the goodwill talk, the Christian Right may still draw on racial animus in more subtle ways. There is nothing inherently racist in its attacks on welfare, affirmative action or illegitimacy. However, much of the racial conversation in America takes place by way of code. In addition, in some places the right's agenda is received as a winking affirmation of racial animus, whether its leaders intend that or not. The fact is that the Christian Right and racism are initially deeply intertwined (31).

The Religious Right has tried for years to lose its reputation for racism. With the emergence of the Tea Party and its overtly racist attitudes, one cannot help but be reminded of another so-called Christian organization - the KKK. Over the years, the Christian Right has tried to wash itself

clean from its racist past. Christian Right Republicans had been on the wrong side of the civil rights movement (32).

"Christian Identity" is the name of a religious movement uniting many of the white supremacist groups in the United States. Identity's teachers promote racism and sometimes violence. Their roots are deeply embedded in movements such as the Ku Klux Klan and the Nazis. They consider themselves true Israel, view the Jews as half-devils, and arch enemies. They believe all but the white race are inferior creations. Identity's religious views are bizarre and occultic, and their view of history is often informed by conspiracy theories. Identity's use of the name "Christian" to promote racism and violence is blasphemous. Jesus Christ as redeemer of all races is God's supreme answer to Identity's outrageous claims.

The Christian Right is organizing to force their way of thinking on other Americans. A quick visit to their website shows that this is not the first time they have successfully harassed advertisers for advertising on shows that do not conform to their ideology. It is not a coincidence that the organized Islamophobia networks in America often include the same people who are trying to force-feed the Bible into government, schools, and public life.

The Republican candidates for 2016 presidency Ben Carson and Donald Trump use racism to gain votes. The black Republican candidate Ben Carson has said that blocking potential terrorists posing as Syrian refugees from entering the US was akin to handling a rabid dog. "If there's a rabid dog running around in your neighbourhood, you're probably not going to assume something good about that dog," Carson told reporters at one stop.

Donald Trump called to ban Muslims from immigrating to the United States. He said, "They are not coming to this country if I am president." Trump also called to build a wall along the Mexican border, because this would make America safer.

"We're going to have to do things that we never did before," Trump told Yahoo News when asked if he might require registering Muslims in a database or giving them a form of special identification that noted their

religion. “Some people are going to be upset about it, but I think that now everybody is feeling that security is going to rule.”

The Republicans Donald Trump and Ben Carson are contributing to an already toxic environment that may be difficult to correct once their political ambitions have been satisfied.

The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) condemned controversial statements made by Republican candidates Donald Trump and Ben Carson about American Muslims and Syrian refugees. CAIR referred to the candidates’ remarks as “Islamophobic and unconstitutional.”

The Two Republican candidates are ignorant of the American constitution, which states, that the American nation was founded on a single, aspirational principle: ‘equal justice under law.’ They should have spread love and not Islamophobia. Americans need to come together and denounce such hateful speech.

#### d) white supremacist

The first and perhaps most socially undesirable form of racist theology rests on the notion of white supremacy, which holds that “white people” are superior to all other races, and that their destiny in this life is to dominate those other peoples. While some churches have struggled to reform a history of white supremacy, others still boldly proclaim a gospel of white power. David Duke declares that God's program of genocide in the Old Testament was intended to preserve both Israel's bloodline and its place of superiority over all other peoples. In this way, the life-and-death struggle between Israel and its neighbours was seen not as a merely territorial conflict, but an effort to protect the God-intended superiority and separation of the Israelites. Duke continues by proclaiming the supremacy of European Christianity over and above that embraced by other “sub-white” races. He writes that:

“Whatever the ethnic origins of the precursors of Christianity, over the centuries Christianity adopted a European cultural overlay both in its

artistic expression and its religious tones. We can see those expressions in the breath-taking paintings of the Sistine Chapel, the sculpture of the Madonna and Child, the gothic cathedrals of Europe, and even in the classic Christmas carols that so deeply touch our hearts. Christianity is tightly wound within the heritage of Western Man. No race is as intrinsically Christian as the European is, and I view all denominations that follow Christ whether they are Baptists or Catholics, Russian Orthodox or Methodist, Pentecostal or Mormons, as brothers in Christ. We may differ somewhat in our interpretation of the Scriptures, but all of us share our faith in him.”

In contrast to European forms of Christianity, Duke holds that African and Black Caribbean Christianity can only stray from genuine Christianity. He proposes that when white missionaries and their superior influence are absent, Christianity inevitably degenerates into idol worship, witch doctoring, voodoo, or other non-Christian practices. Duke's assumption is that black people are simply incapable of leading themselves into true Christianity, and that they need the guiding, sometimes coercive, hand of white mission Dom to herd them into the gates of salvation.

e) Distorted reading of the Bible by the Christian Right and its detrimental impact on world peace

After the September 11 terrorist attacks on the U.S., evangelical leaders emerged as strong critics and even antagonists of Islam. They announced that Islam is an essentially violent religion. This polemic against Islam takes three forms: apologetics to prove the truth of Christianity against Islam; prophetic literature linking Islam as the main protagonist in end-times scenarios; and charismatic literature applying spiritual warfare teachings to Islam. Leaders of the Christian Right such as Pat Robertson, Jerry Falwell and Franklin Graham denounced Islam as an evil religion and labelled Muhammad a terrorist and paedophile.

Pat Robertson's 700 Club TV show, which airs on Christian networks across the US and UK, never misses an opportunity to pair the word 'terrorist' with the word 'Islamic', almost as if to make the point that their

religion is always relevant to their action. In addition, on social media, many Christians are quick to point out the faith of the perpetrators of certain atrocities, and use this as a springboard to denounce Islam; sometimes with the kind of ranting heavy-handedness, which hardly glorifies their own God. The net result: a growing sense both inside and outside the church that Islam is something to be feared contained, even fought.

The Christian Right known also as Evangelical Christians, and the affiliated neoconservatives, want to start WWII to speed the second coming of Jesus. They are using religion to justify war against the Muslim countries. They believe that Christ will not come again until Israel wipes out the Palestinians from Palestine. They want to start a huge fire of war and death and destruction, so that Jesus comes quickly.

According to French President Chirac, Bush told him that the Iraq war was needed to bring on the apocalypse:

In Genesis and Ezekiel Gog and Magog are forces of the Apocalypse who are prophesied to come out of the north and destroy Israel unless stopped. The Book of Revelation took up the Old Testament prophesy:

“And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, and shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth; Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.”

Bush believed the time had now come for that battle, telling Chirac:

“This confrontation is willed by God, who wants to use this conflict to erase his people’s enemies before a New Age begins”...

Bush was driven by the belief that the attack on Saddam’s Iraq was the fulfilment of a Biblical prophecy in which he had been chosen to serve as the instrument of the Lord.

In addition, British Prime Minister Tony Blair long-time mentor, advisor and confidante said:

“Tony’s Christian faith is part of him, down to his cotton socks. He believed strongly at the time, which intervention in Kosovo, Sierra Leone – Iraq too – was all part of the Christian battle; good should triumph over evil, making lives better.”

Mr Burton, who was often described as Mr Blair’s mentor, says that his religion gave him a “total belief in what’s right and what’s wrong”, leading him to see the so-called War on Terror as “a moral cause”...

Anti-war campaigners criticised remarks Mr Blair made in 2006, suggesting that the decision to go to war in Iraq would ultimately be judged by God.

Bill Moyers reports that the organization Christians United for Israel – led by highly-influential Pastor John C. Hagee – is a universal call to all Christians to help factions in Israel fund the Jewish settlements, throw out all the Palestinians and lobby for a pre-emptive invasion of Iran. All to bring Russia into a war against us causing World War III followed by Armageddon, the Second Coming and The Rapture.

This all revolves around what is called Dispensationalism. Dispensationalists include the following mega-pastors and their churches: Jerry Falwell; Pat Robertson; Billy Graham.

They are supported by politicians such as: Newt Gingrich; Joseph Lieberman; John McCain; Texas Senator John Crony; Former House Minority Whip Roy Blunt; Former House Majority Leader Tom DeLay and several others. The battlefield of such destructive world is Islam and Muslims and the Middle East of course.

According to such erroneous interpretation of the Bible, over one-third of those Americans who support Israel report that they do so because they believe the Bible teaches that the Jews must possess their own country in the Holy Land before Jesus can return.



Millions of Americans believe that the Bible predicts the future and that we are living in the last days. Their beliefs are rooted in dispensationalism, a particular way of understanding the Bible's prophetic passages, especially those in Daniel and Ezekiel in the Old Testament and the Book of Revelation in the New Testament. They make up about one-third of America's 40 or 50 million evangelical Christians and believe that the nation of Israel will play a central role in the unfolding of end-times events. In the last part of the 20th century, dispensationalist evangelicals became Israel's best friends-an alliance that has made a serious geopolitical difference.

In their commitment to keep Israel strong and moving in directions prophesied by the Bible, dispensationalists are supporting some of the most dangerous elements in Israeli society. They do so because such political and religious elements seem to conform to dispensationalist beliefs about what is coming next for Israel. By lending their support-both financial and spiritual-to such groups, dispensationalists are helping the future they envision happen.

Dispensationalists believe that the Temple is coming too; and their convictions have led them to support the aims and actions of what most Israelis believe are the most dangerous right-wing elements in their society, people whose views make any compromise necessary for lasting peace impossible. Such sentiments do not matter to the believers in Bible prophecy, for whom the outcome of the quarrelsome issue of the Temple Mount has already been determined by God.

Leo Strauss is the father of the Neo-Conservative movement, including many leaders of the Bush administration. Indeed, many of the main neocon players – including Paul Wolfowitz, Richard Perle, Stephen Cambone, Elliot Abrams, and Adam Shulsky – were students of Strauss at the University of Chicago, where he taught for many years.

The people pushing for war against Iran are the same neocons who pushed for war against Iraq. For example, Shulsky was the director of

the Office of Special Plans – the Pentagon unit responsible for selling false intelligence regarding Iraq’s weapons of mass destruction. He is also a member of the equivalent organization targeting Iran: the Iranian Directorate.

Strauss, born in Germany, was an admirer of Nazi philosophers and of Machiavelli. Strauss believed that a stable political order required an external threat and that if an external threat did not exist, one should be manufactured. Specifically, Strauss thought that:

A political order can be stable only if it is united by an external threat . . . Following Machiavelli, he maintained that if no external threat exists then one has to be manufactured.

Strauss taught that religion should be used as a way to manipulate people to achieve the aims of the leaders. As a result, a swarm of spam emerged in the Republicans and Strauss followers claiming that all Muslims are evil, that they want to take over the world and establish a Muslim caliphate, and that they want to nuke Israel. They misquote Muslims and use false statements to try to stir up religious hatred.

They are simply promoting the Straussian playbook: stir up religious sentiment – even if you are personally an atheist – to create and demonize an “enemy”, to promote war.

The Republican Party is influenced by the Tea Party. The Tea Party includes those who possess a strong belief in the foundational Judeo-Christian values. The Tea Party is a movement, not an organization. There remains no headquarters for the Tea Party, no leader, and no wholly accepted direction. Propelled by the media and shaped by political elites – such as the charismatic former vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin – in 2009, citizens across America began attending gatherings of varying sizes under the wider umbrella of the Tea Party. The movement seemed to afford an opportunity to the Republican Party to garner replenished electorate support. This was due to many, at least partly-, shared beliefs that Tea Partiers were echoing across the America.

The Tea Party is not the Christian Right: It does not organize churches or afford a special place for religious communities or their leaders. Nevertheless, it largely shares social conservatives' goals. White evangelicals make up about 40 percent of Republicans nationally, not to mention a majority of Tea Party identifiers. While the Tea Party has not escaped the central dilemma of the Christian Right, and so many other social movements across American history—how to take a minority viewpoint and make coalitions to forge a national majority – it carries the torch of social conservatism that the Christian Right brought to the Republican Party. The Christian Right provided in fact a useful template for the Tea Party.

Though the ranks of the Tea Party are predominantly made up of committed conservatives, the Tea Parties are not operating under the guidance of official GOP institutions. The Republican National Committee is not in charge, and neither are state party organs. Instead, a mix of local networks, resource deploying national organizations, and conservative media outlets constitute Tea Partyism and give it a great deal of dynamism and flexibility at a pivotal juncture in US politics. Grassroots Networks At the grassroots level, Tea Parties are small, loosely interrelated networks, assembled at the initiative of local and regional organizers, who often use online organizing tools. The website Meetup, which helps people with given interests identify one another and arrange face-to-face meetings, has been very widely used by Tea Partiers (33).

Republicans and their supporters are very much influenced by the ideas of the Tea Party.

The Tea Party has undergone some fundamental changes over the years, primary among them the embracing of the religious right. What began as a protest against liberal spending policies has solidified into a movement championing a wide array of traditional American Christian values, among them opposition to abortion, support of Second Amendment gun rights, and continued calls for reduced

spending. However, the views of many of those within the Tea Party have become increasingly extreme, and the positions of their politicians have followed suit. Thus we have witnessed such spectacles as congressman Paul Broun stating that evolution and the big bang model (scientific theories in disagreement with the teachings of the Christian Bible) are “lies straight from the pit of Hell”, and former representative Todd Akin claiming that women are able to “shut down” their body’s reproductive system when they are raped. Cases such as these are worrying for the Republicans, because such positions are often not only tolerated, but also positively demanded by the ultra-religious Tea Party before a candidate will be considered for nomination in the primaries. Unfortunately, it is difficult for these candidates to divorce themselves from such extreme statements in the general election, when they must answer to voters with decidedly more centrist views.

The Republican politicians fear that they say things in public that may prove self-destructive in the general election, or maintain middle-road electability and face the danger of never being nominated. One need only reference the case of Eric Cantor, whose out-of-nowhere loss in his own primary shocked the GOP (and sent ripples throughout American politics), to understand the ongoing influence wielded by the Tea Party within the modern Republican tent (34).

Although the movement holds pockets of support stretching across the US, it is important to stress that it is a minority group. Although their views are very vocal and often amplified by conservative media sources like Fox News, the group predominantly represents the views of older, white, religious, conservative males. Despite representing a very specific demographic, the movement’s heightened activism – relative to rank-and-file Republicans – has enabled it to have a disproportionate effect on the behaviour of the Republican Party. Direct support from the movement, or willingness to affiliate with its

principles, clearly improved a candidate's electoral prospects. It is apparent that in the 2010 mid-term election, several candidates backed by the Tea Party went on to win handsomely in strong Republican States.

The Tea Party's ties to the Republican Party have conceivably been consistently dragging its political position to the right. Association with the movement has definitively damaged Republican performance in important elections since 2010; and crucially may have served to drag Mitt Romney's political stance too far to the right in the 2012 presidential election to capture the confidence of swing voters. After November 2012, the Republican Party has elevated its effort to distance itself from the Tea Party movement (35).

The demise of the Tea Party was loudly announced right after Congress voted to lift the debt ceiling and reopen the federal government. The Republican fever was broken, and President Obama won decisively over the Tea Party (36).

f) Neo-conservatism of the Republican Party threatens the world peace

The Neocons have so corrupted the Republican Party that in order to be considered a viable national presidential candidate and to be embraced by the regular members and Tea Party right, one must openly advocate for an open-ended continuation of the war on terror and a de facto war against Iran.

Of course, the Republican Party was born of corporatism and nurtured on bloodshed, so it's no surprise that the masses, programmed as they are and conned into an unreasoning fear of U.S.-created Islamic boogymen, are eager to embrace a candidate who pledges unwavering support to Israel and who wants to continue slaughtering

Middle Easterners armed, trained, funded and inspired by America and its allies — including Israel.

Neoconservative Republicans envision a world in which the United States is the unchallenged superpower, immune to threats. They believe that the US has a responsibility to act as a “benevolent global hegemon.” In this capacity, the US would maintain an empire of sorts by helping to create democratic, economically liberal governments in place of “failed states” or oppressive regimes they deem threatening to the US or its interests. In the neocon dream world, the entire Middle East would be democratized in the belief that this would eliminate a prime breeding ground for terrorists. This approach, they claim, is not only best for the US; it is best for the world. In their view, the world can only achieve peace through strong US leadership backed with credible force, not weak treaties to be disrespected by tyrants.

Any regime that is outwardly hostile to the US and could pose a threat would be confronted aggressively, not “appeased” or merely contained. The US military would be reconfigured around the world to allow for greater flexibility and quicker deployment to hot spots in the Middle East, as well as Central and Southeast Asia. The US would spend more on defence, particularly for high-tech, precision weaponry that could be used in pre-emptive strikes. It would work through multilateral institutions such as the United Nations when possible, but must never be constrained from acting in its best interests whenever necessary.

Most neocons believe that the US has allowed dangers to gather by not spending enough on defence and not confronting threats aggressively enough. One such threat, they contend, was Saddam Hussein and his pursuit of weapons of mass destruction. Since the 1991 Gulf War, neocons relentlessly advocated Mr. Hussein’s ouster.

Most neocons share unwavering support for Israel, which they see as crucial to US military sufficiency in a volatile region. They also see Israel as a key outpost of democracy in a region ruled by despots. Believing that authoritarianism and theocracy have allowed anti-Americanism to flourish in the Middle East, neocons advocate the democratic transformation of the region, starting with Iraq. They also

believe multilateral institutions, which they do not trust to effectively neutralize threats to global security, unnecessarily hamper the US.

Finding a kindred spirit in President Reagan, neocons greatly influenced US foreign policy in the 1980s. But in the 1990s, neocon cries failed to spur much action. Outside of Reaganite think tanks and Israel's right wing Likud Party, their calls for regime change in Iraq were deemed provocative and extremist by the political mainstream. With a few notable exceptions, such as President Bill Clinton's decision to launch isolated strikes at suspected terrorist targets in Afghanistan and Sudan in 1998, their talk of pre-emptive military action was largely dismissed as overkill.

Despite being muted by a president who called for restraint and humility in foreign affairs, neocons used the 1990s to hone their message and construct their blueprint for American power. Their forward thinking and long-time ties to Republican circles helped many neocons win key posts in the Bush administration.

The terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 moved much of the Bush administration closer than ever to neoconservative foreign policy. Only days after 9/11, one of the top neoconservative think tanks in Washington, the Project for a New American Century, wrote an open letter to President Bush calling for regime change in Iraq. Before long, Bush, who campaigned in 2000 against nation building and excessive military intervention overseas, also began calling for regime change in Iraq. In a highly significant nod to neocon influence, Bush chose the American Enterprise Institute (AEI) as the venue for a key February 2003 speech in which he declared that a US victory in Iraq "could begin a new stage for Middle Eastern peace." AEI – the de facto headquarters for neoconservative policy – had been calling for democratization of the Arab world for more than a decade (37).

Republican neoconservatives were the strongest supporters of the Iraq War. The engineers of the Iraq wars were the Republican neoconservatives: former U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney, former Secretary of Defence Donal Rumsfeld, former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, former U.S. Deputy Secretary of Defence Paul Wolfowitz, former Under Secretary of Defence for Policy Douglas Feith,

former UN ambassador John Bolton, Senators John McCain, Lindsey Graham, and Marco Rubio, Congressman Peter King, and pundits Charles Krauthammer, William Kristol and Davis Frump.

Though Saddam Hussein did not use weapons of mass destruction nor set fire to Iraq's oil fields nor attack Israel with rockets, the war has had many serious results ranging from death and destruction in Iraq to regional instability to a weakened world economy.

The Republican Bush the son beautifully succeeded in implementing the agenda of the people he belongs to: the Christian right wing, the neoconservatives, the Judaeo-Christian coalition, the Christian leaders hating Islam, and the Zionist organizations supporting them.

The Middle East and Muslims everywhere are fed up of such arrogant, double standard and irrational foreign policies of the Republicans. It is their image that they have to change by adopting wise and rational policies toward the Islamic world and American Muslims in particular.

In conclusion, the terrorism the world is suffering from today is due to a good deal to the American provocation and injustice applied on Islam as a religion and on Muslims in general.

Due to the irresponsible policies of the Republicans toward the Middle East, Muslims and Islam, in addition to the hatred spilled out from the big mouths of the so called Christian leaders against Islam, we can now find in the Middle East as well as in several other parts of the world shouts calling for abandoning the dollar in exchange to other currencies, trade and oil embargo, plus allying with other superpowers striving to inherit the position of the US in the area in order to benefit from the Arabs' wealth.

Do the Republicans are aware of such important facts? Could they predict what bad consequences are in store for them in the near future if they do not think rationally? Right now, they are just looking under their feet trying hard to implement their ugly agenda of persecution against



Muslims. By doing this, they are in fact losing the support of 7 million American Muslims plus millions of other Americans sympathetic with them. Implementing their agenda will add over losses to their already sick economy (38).

In order to invade Iraq without any logical reason, the Republican President George W. Bush invented lies to attack Iraq. He lied without hesitation or remorse. Bush and his administration led propaganda to convince Americans that war with Iraq was inevitable and necessary. Bush falsely claimed that the Iraqi regime possesses biological and chemical weapons, is rebuilding the facilities to make more, and could launch a biological and chemical attack in as little as 45 minutes after the order is given. The regime has long-standing and continuing ties to terrorist groups, and there are al Qaeda terrorists inside Iraq. This regime is seeking a nuclear bomb, and with fissile material could build one within a year.

Various scientific surveys of Iraqi deaths resulting from the first four years of the Iraq War estimated that between 151,000 to over one million Iraqis died because of conflict during this time. A later study, published in 2011, estimated that approximately 500,000 Iraqis had died because of the conflict since the invasion. Counts of deaths reported in newspapers collated by projects like the Iraq Body Count project found 174,000 Iraqis reported killed between 2003 and 2013, with between 112,000-123,000 of those killed being civilian non-combatants.

For troops in the U.S.-led multinational coalition, the death toll is carefully tracked and updated daily, and the names and photographs of those killed in action as well as in accidents have been published widely. 4,491 U.S. service members were killed in Iraq between 2003 and 2014.

As for humanitarian crisis, with close to 4 million displaced people in and outside of Iraq, an average of about 100 people killed daily, and a third of the population living in poverty, Iraq's humanitarian emergency has

reached a crisis level that compares with some of the world's most urgent catastrophes.

With stepped up Coalition bombing and ground attacks as well as rise in sectarian violence, a growing number of Iraqis are being forced to leave their homes and minority groups are now seriously at risk. According to UNHCR, there are 1.9 million internally displaced people in the country and 2 million refugees escaped to neighbouring countries, especially Syria and Jordan. Unemployment and poverty rose sharply, too. According to the United Nations Development Programme, one-third of the population now lives in poverty. Education has broken down. Further, Iraqis basic needs in drinking water, food, sanitation and electricity are not met. Hospitals lack basic medical supplies and are understaffed.

During the war and occupation, the Coalition has failed to protect Iraq's incomparable cultural heritage, exposing it to looters and art thieves. The National Library and the National Museum, along with many other important cultural institutions, were badly damaged and looted in the early days of the occupation.

Shortly before the outbreak of hostilities, UN Secretary General stated that the use of force without Council endorsement would "not be in conformity with the Charter" and many legal experts described the US-UK attack as an act of aggression, violating international law.

This is one of the many sins for which Bush, his administration, and the Republican Party supporting him if they all spend a life time atoning, their sin will never be forgiven. They will all carry this sin on their shoulders on the day of accountability, and all the deaths and ruins, which resulted from this war, will be laid to their charge.

Former US congressional representative Ron Paul has said that the Republican Party's control of the Senate will cause more "neocon wars in Syria and Iraq." And that is what exactly happened.

### **g) Republicans and the Tea party are against Islam**

Analysis of recent Pew Research Centre data reveals that those who are more likely to hold racist beliefs against Islam include conservatives, Protestants, Republicans, whites and older Americans. All of these groups are disproportionately represented in the Tea Party ranks. This kind of blatant racism is due to lower levels of education, lack of acquaintance with Muslims, and increased reliance on the bias mass media. Right wing media pundits – the primary source of information for Tea Partiers have played a critical role in fomenting the anti-Muslim, anti-Arab paranoia that is so disturbingly prevalent in the Tea party.

Where do Tea Partiers get their misguided conceptions of Islam and its alleged threat to America? Tea Partiers admit that they rely heavily on right-wing media – Fox news - as their trusted source of news. Fox notoriously disseminates racist messages against Muslims. However, Fox is not the only source of American ignorance regarding Islam. The U.S. media as a whole have long spread racist images and messages against Islam. The U.S. movie industry has been awash with offensive images of Arabs and Muslims that encourage a pervasive and unapologetic degradation and dehumanization of Muslims. Individuals who rely primarily on the mass media for their information about Islam are likely to hold racist, anti-Arab and anti- Muslim attitudes (39).

Matt Taibibi sees that Tea Partiers as narcissists – people concerned to slash social programs that help less advantaged others but determined to preserve programs that serve their own interests. He believes that the Tea Partiers are both racist and narcissists.

The sheriff in Broward County, Florida, Scott Israel is under fire from an anti-Islam group and Tea Party members for hiring and refusing to fire Hamza, a Muslim deputy who also serves as director of the Council on American Islamic Relations (CAIR) in Florida.

"I hate Islam. Islam is evil," anti-Islam activist David Rosenthal said, according to WPLG and Raw Story. "Ideally, I would ban Islam in the United States. I am against Sharia-compliant Muslims having any position in government, law enforcement or the schools."

WFTL radio host Joyce Kaufman also wrote an online post to criticise the hiring of Hamza.

Last October, the activists and Florida Tea Party members rallied, calling for the resignation of Israel and Hamza.

The anti-Islam protesters said Hamza should not be in law enforcement because he refused to renounce Islamic law.

At the rally, Tom Trento of the anti-Islam group The United West said, "What the hell is going on with Scott Israel that he hires a terrorist!"

Wilfredo Ruiz, a local attorney who works with Hamza at CAIR, said it is another example of hate speech towards Muslims.

"We don't want to make the same errors like putting people in the camps, like we did to the Japanese [during World War II], or segregating schools like in the '50s here in Florida. We are far past that," he said.

Ruiz is cooperating with the FBI in a case about recruitment by ISIS locally.

"These ISIS clowns murder more Muslim men and rape more Muslim women than anyone else," Ruiz said.

He said Hamza is a dedicated officer and does not deserve to be maligned.

"Like him, thousands of other Muslims in America today are wearing the uniform. ... I was myself, a naval officer. Nobody from a desk can tell me what patriotism is when I have worn my uniform," he said.

Rosenthal maintained though "the Islamisation of Broward County has begun."

Each of the 2016 White House hopefuls made their case to the Republican Jewish Coalition's Presidential Forum on why they'd be the strongest defender of America's and Israel's national security against the kind of violence seen in San Bernardino, California.

Nearly all of the candidates — Kentucky Sen. Rand Paul was detained by Senate votes and never made it — argued that the incident was an example of the terrorist threat facing America and Israel and proceeded to attack President Barack Obama for not readily using the term "radical Islamic terrorism."

Speaking before influential Washington Jewish Republicans, some of them heavy-hitting donors, the candidates competed to be the staunchest supporter of Israel and the biggest opponents of the Iran deal.

But also playing out on stage was a battle to define the Republican Party and its future, with Sen. Lindsey Graham delivering a strong rebuke of what he called the "hateful rhetoric" that he said will doom the GOP.

### **h) The entire Republican Party has fallen prey to bigotry and paranoid fantasy**

The Republicans seem to have made up their minds: they will divide, degrade and secede from the Union. They will do so with bullying, lies and manipulation, a willingness to say anything, no matter how daft or wrong. They will do so by spending unheard of sums to buy elections with the happy assistance of big business and wealthy patrons for whom the joys of gross income inequality are a comfortable fact. By gerrymandering and denying the vote to as many of the poor, the elderly, struggling low-paid workers, and people of colour as they can. In addition, by appealing to the basest impulses of human nature: anger, fear and bigotry.

Donald Trump is just the most outrageous and bigmouthed of the frothing wolf pack of deniers and truth benders. The Republican Party has become an insurgent outlier – ideologically extreme; contemptuous of the inherited social and economic policy regime; scornful of compromise; unpersuaded by conventional understanding of facts, evidence and science; and dismissive of the legitimacy of its political opposition.”

Just four-and-a-half years ago, Washington mainstays Thomas Mann and Norman Ornstein shocked the inside-the-Beltway establishment (especially the press, with its silent pact to speak no evil of wrongdoers lest they deny you an interview) when they published their book, *It's Even Worse than It Looks*. The two esteemed political scientists wrote, in the years since, an ugly situation have only gotten increasingly dire, and with right-wing radicals whipped into frenzy by a Republican establishment that thought it could use their rage, only to find it running amok and beyond their control. In a recent interview with Francis Wilkinson of Bloomberg View, Norman Ornstein said, “The future still looks pretty grim.” In addition, Thomas Mann noted, “The burden is on the GOP because they are currently the major source of our political dysfunction. No happy talk about bipartisanship can obscure that reality. Unless other voices and movements arise within the Republican Party to change its character and course, our dysfunctional politics will continue.”

The fever is pandemic not only among the party’s presidential candidates but throughout the House and Senate right down to the state governments. Witness erstwhile GOP presidential candidate and current Wisconsin governor Scott Walker cutting off food stamps for the hungry and possibly bankrupting food pantries in his state just in time for Christmas – because many of those on the lowest rung of the ladder haven’t yet found a job.

And here’s multimillionaire Bruce Rauner winning the governorship of Illinois after spending some \$65 million — half of which came from himself and nine other individuals, families or the companies they control. Now he is calling once again on his wealthy friends and allies around the country who, The New York Times reports, “are rallying behind Mr. Rainer’s agenda: to cut spending and overhaul the state’s pension system, impose term limits and weaken public employee

unions”– even though a majority of ordinary citizens in Illinois are opposed (40).

**i) The Republican Party says something and does something else!**

Neoconservative Republicans claim to follow the Constitution but sometimes they do not. If a Democrat creates, a law that is unconstitutional then neoconservatives would strongly fight it but if a Republican were to create a law that was unconstitutional, they would support it.

Even though they claim to follow the Constitution, they strongly support the Patriot Act, which violates American citizen’s constitutional rights.

Neoconservative Republicans always talk about supporting a small limited federal government but they never ever make it smaller and barely attempt to make it smaller. It just gets bigger under there watch. Ronald Reagan when he was president talked about making the government smaller but he did not make it smaller even though many conservatives try to say he did. The Republican George W. Bush as president made the federal government much, much bigger! Republican neoconservatives will give you a pass on making the federal government bigger as long as you are a Republican. Neoconservatives are “big government conservatives.” They only talk about supporting a small federal government to get votes.

Neoconservatives support tax cuts and cut taxes but they also claim to support cutting spending but they barely ever cut it. They also claim to want a balanced budget but they have done nothing but create massive deficits! They always cut taxes but never lower spending and when you cut taxes you create less revenue and must lower spending or else you end up with budget deficits and this is what has happened. They think deficits are “not that big of a deal.” Pork barrel spending has also gone up under Republicans. Starting with Reagan’s

presidency to present time all Republican presidents have grown the deficit big. Reagan's administration was the start of the neoconservatives influence. Reagan grew the deficit big and George W. Bush grew it massively. Republicans look like big hypocrites when they yell at Obama for creating big deficits but do not mention that the last couple Republican presidents have created big deficits too.

Neoconservative Republicans talk about cutting the spending on welfare programs yet they barely ever do it. They sometimes talk about getting rid of welfare but it is a lie and they do not completely oppose welfare. They support a moderate system of welfare. The first neoconservatives supported most of the New Deal.

Neoconservative Republicans are in bed with corporations and practice crony capitalism, which makes capitalism look bad. They support corporate welfare. They will do whatever big business tells them to.

Neoconservative Republicans want to keep the Federal Reserve while Paleo conservatives want to abolish it and replace it with a constitutional monetary system.

Neoconservatives support free trade but if you look back in history it was actually always the Democratic Party who supported free trade and lower tariffs and the Republican Party supported protectionism and high tariffs ever since the founding of the party. Over the last few decades, the parties have seemed to swap stances on this issue.

Neoconservative Republicans support a very aggressive foreign policy that includes pre-emptive war. They support imperialism. They support nation building. They support a strong military and a big inflated military budget. They support a Wilsonian foreign policy and Wilson was a Democrat. Their foreign policy is actually dangerous to America.



One reason it is dangerous is that it can cause blow back. If there is a war going on in another country neoconservative Republicans may get America involved in it to help one side but this causes America to gain enemies. One reason Osama Bin Laden attacked America is because America is heavily supportive of Israel sending them foreign aid at the expense of the Arabs. Al-Qaeda did not attack America because they “hate our freedoms” like all Neoconservative Republicans try to say.

Neoconservative Republicans support giving out foreign aid, which is taxpayer’s money. They always talk about cutting spending but never ever do it. Neoconservatives are globalists (not the same as globalization). Globalists place the interests of the entire world before America. They give foreign aid to other countries when America could really use that money instead. America should come first not other countries.

They claim to oppose illegal immigration but there actions have shown this is false. Ronald Reagan gave amnesty to 3 million illegal immigrants and George W. Bush signed the Dream Act (41).

The "Religious Right" - known to some as the "religious wrong" - is a voting block comprising religiously-motivated right wing conservatives such as American conservative Christian voters. The Religious Right plays an important role in the Republican Party. Many Republican politicians have explicitly identified themselves as religious conservatives. It could be argued that the modern Republican Party is at heart a coalition between religious and business conservatives, in roughly equal parts.

The Religious Right helped propel the Republican George W. Bush to victory in the 2000 and 2004 presidential campaigns.

In their Statements of the 2012 Republican platform, the Republicans decided to restore the American dream by rebuilding the economy and

creating jobs; reviving small Business and Entrepreneurship; balancing the Budget, ensuring Sound Monetary Policy.

The Republican oath in the 2012 platform included an important issue:

“We believe that sound money policy should be our goal.”

However, they broke their oath. The Bush administration did such a good job in squandering the American public’s hard-earned taxpayer’s money on counter-productive policies that plunged the nation into worse socioeconomic and political state than it was under the watch of any Democrat leadership.

Most of this lavish spending was directed towards contracts awarded to the same Republican-run corporate entities. This means that all the huge wasteful spending directly or indirectly ends up in the pockets of Republican corporate contractors that are usually awarded the no-bid governmental contracts.

Several US companies that were awarded the no-bid contracts ranging from rebuilding to feeding the troops in Iraq were all grabbing as much pieces of the public pie as they were allowed to grab by the Bush administration while other companies of equal professional capabilities that competed for the same contracts, but owned by non-Republican bosses were shot out of their fair chance to bid for these contracts in Iraq.

Economically, the Bush-Cheney administration has left behind a big financial and economic mess. Bush administration has brought misery upon America by its misguided economic policies that have built a mountain of shaky debt and rendered dysfunctional large segments of the American banking industry and large sectors of the U.S. economy, through inappropriate deregulation to enrich greedy special interest characters, wheeler-dealers, corporate con men, professional short-sellers and other scam artists and swindlers. In so doing, it has empowered rich parasitic speculators and turned the financial sector into a giant casino, thus risking the health of the entire economy.

The Bush-Cheney administration has emptied the public treasury, debased the U.S. currency and fuelled deflation, inflation and, in the

end, produced stagflation and what can turn out to be a very serious recession.

It is thus no accident that the Bush-Cheney administration has presided over one of the worst financial collapses and credit crises in U.S. history, by packing regulatory agencies with cronies whose mission, it was to let rapacious speculators and market manipulators go wild. The result has been the creation of a casino-like speculative economy that collapsed and crashed down.

Under Bush-Cheney, financial markets became manipulated by unscrupulous bankers and by rapacious hedge funds, as public regulation was reduced to a minimum. Millions of Americans lost their homes through foreclosure and many more saw their working and pension incomes eroded and destroyed by inflation and plant closings.

The Republican George W. Bush will be remembered for having financed his whimsical and ill-conceived three-trillion-dollar war of aggression against Iraq on credit, thus worsening the U.S. financial situation in the world, irrevocably. He left behind him a financial mess like no one has seen since the great depressions following 1873 and 1929.

The Bush-Cheney administration has presided over economic dislocations and greed-fed financial bubbles, and it has been an agent of poverty and of financial and economic crises. This is an administration that will be sadly remembered for its huge tax cuts for the super-rich, for its huge fiscal deficits bequeathed to future generations and for its huge and costly bailouts for speculators and high flyers, and very little for families and ordinary citizens.

Therefore, overall, Americans are today poorer than when Bush took power, while the gap between the very rich and the average American has never been wider. It has been a regime that has borrowed and borrowed, debased the currency, waged unnecessary wars and doled out defines contracts in the most

reckless possible way, with a minimum of oversight and accountability.

Perhaps one of the greatest indictments of the Bush-Cheney administration is the way it has used crude covert propaganda techniques worthy of a totalitarian regime. Indeed, it has launched a sophisticated propaganda campaign to manipulate information and public opinion that has had the effect of undermining democracy and the freedom of information. For one, it has subverted the major American TV and radio networks by provided them with false independent "analysts".

The Republican George W. Bush was unqualified for high office. This is a politician who presided over an administration that has acted as a wrecking crew, destroying most of everything it has touched.

In its countless failures, the Bush-Cheney administration has been an unhealthy mixture, rarely seen in a democracy, of immorality, lawlessness and incompetence (42).

In this regard, several polls illustrated the following:

- 69 percent blame Bush for the current economic problems facing the United States;
- 61 percent say the Bush's decision to wage war in Iraq was the "wrong thing" to do;
- 56 percent disapprove of the way Bush handled his job as a president;
- 51 percent blame Bush for "the situation in Iraq," as the Iraqi government has failed to find a sustaining coalition to help keep the country from breaking apart;
- 47 percent answer "a lot" when asked if the Bush administration was to blame for "the difficulties the middle class has faced in the last decade";
- 43 percent believe that Bush will be viewed by historians as either "below average" or "poor" president.

The bad policy of the Republican George W. Bush is summarized as follows:

- Spent US budget surplus and bankrupted the US treasury.
- Created the largest annual national deficit in US history.
- Two million American lost their jobs during the first year.
- Set the record for the most private bankruptcies in any one-month period in US history.
- Set the record for the biggest drop in US stock market in the nation's history.
- Set the record for the most campaign fund-raising trips by a US president.
- The credit markets, gripped by panic, had frozen overnight, and banks were refusing to lend money.
- Housing prices inflated and a foreclosure crisis occurred.
- For much of the Bush presidency, the White House was preoccupied by terrorism and war.
- Millions of Americans faced home foreclosures (43).

The Republican oath in the 2012 platform was also:

"We believe in equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity for all, regardless of race, creed, age, sex or national origin. We believe that persons with disabilities should be afforded equal rights, equal justice and equal opportunity as well."

Again, the Republican Party broke its oath. Donald Trump and Ben Carson stood against Muslims and showed ugly racism against their religion. They should have realized that people of all faiths are welcomed in the U.S. because the nation was founded on religious tolerance.

Donald Trump – the bad choice of the GOP - has a weak chance to win the White House. In 2012, Romney easily won the non-Hispanic white vote, but it wasn't nearly enough to overcome his poor showing among Hispanics, who broke 71 to 27 percent for Obama. A recent Post-Univision News poll found that 80 percent of Hispanics have an unfavourable view of Trump. Given that the electorate is expected to be less white than it was in 2012, Trump would have to win an unprecedented share of the white vote to stand a chance. Furthermore, Trump's campaign has a poor record of setting up

the competent field operations needed to boost turnout among his base of support.

Nor will the media advantage that has helped Trump in the Republican primaries carry over to the general election. As the rival party's front-runner — and someone willing to take Trump on from the start — Clinton will have a much easier time getting her fair share of free media. In addition, barring a dramatic turn in the controversy over her State Department email, there is not much reason to think Clinton will struggle in the fall. Some have suggested that record turnout in the Republican primaries bodes ill for the Democrats come November. However, there is no historical evidence of such a connection. In 1980 and 1988, millions more people voted in the Democratic primaries than in the Republican contests — and Democrats lost in the fall. In 2000, Republicans had the edge, and the GOP lost the popular vote. In addition, there is no consistent relationship between increases or decreases in a party's primary turnout from four years earlier and victory in November.

Some, on the other hand, worry that attacks on Trump for his long record of accomplishment of lies and failures seem never to stick, or that he will be able to magically cast off the burden of his extremist stances by moving to the middle. However, that is what Democrats feared about Mitt Romney this time four years ago. Yet Latino voters did not forget about Romney's call for self-deportation, and attacks on Romney as a corporate raider proved much more effective for Obama than they were for Romney's foes in the GOP primary. Nor was Romney able to make voters forget the big gaps in his implausible budget and tax plan.

The hostility of Trump towards Muslims would certainly reduce his chance to win marginal votes. "In the 2000 election, approximately 70% of Muslims in America voted for Bush; among non-African-American Muslims, the ratio was over 80%.

In order to win the vote of the American Muslims, the Republicans have to stop insinuating that Muslims are alien to

the American nation. They have to stop implying that they support terrorists. They have to stop accusing Muslims of being anti-American. In addition, they need to denounce anyone in their ranks who does those things.

Of the nearly 1,000 Muslim registered voters planning to vote, half said they support the Democratic Party, and 15 percent said they back the Republican Party. About one-quarter of the registered voters did not want to share their political affiliation.

Due to the hostility of the Republicans towards American Muslims and their religion, Muslims are now shifting toward the Democratic Party.

Republicans might not need to worry just yet about winning back the Muslim vote, noting that Muslims compose about 1 percent of the national voting population. However, Republicans should care, because there are many young Muslims, which mean many new voters. Even though Muslims only make up 1 percent of voters, in a swing state "their vote will matter, because it's such a marginal difference.

President Barack Obama has a message for Donald Trump — being president is tougher than being on a reality show and the American people are too "sensible" to elect him.

"I continue to believe Mr. Trump will not be president," Obama said at a news conference in California after a meeting with Southeast Asian leaders. "And the reason is that I have a lot of faith in the American people. Being president is a serious job. It's not hosting a talk show, or a reality show."

He went on: "It's not promotion, it's not marketing. It is hard. And a lot of people count on us getting it right."

The presidency is not "a matter of pandering and doing whatever will get you in the news on a given day. And sometimes, it requires you making hard decisions even when people don't like it," Obama said, adding that whoever succeeds him needs to be able to reflect the importance of

their office and give foreign leaders confidence he or she knows their names and something about their nations' histories.

Obama also appeared to raise the question of whether Trump was prepared to be commander-in-chief.

"Whoever's standing where I'm standing right now has the nuclear codes with them, and can order 21-year-olds into a firefight, and (has) to make sure that the banking system doesn't collapse, and is often responsible for not just the United States of America, but 20 other countries that are having big problems, or are falling apart and are going to be looking for us to do something."

He added: "The American people are pretty sensible, and I think they'll make a sensible choice in the end."

Trump responded to Obama during an event in Beaufort, South Carolina.

"He has done such a lousy job as president," Trump said, before adding that he did not mind being targeted by Obama, saying he took it as a "great compliment."

**K) The Republicans were behind “The Arab Spring” known as the New Middle East”. They created ISIS and implanted it in the Arab world.**

ISIS is the acronym for the Islamic State of Iraq and Syria, which has officially changed its name to the Islamic State. These Muslim radicals now control large swaths of territory in Syria and Iraq, including areas on the Turkish border, as well as parts of eastern Libya and the Sinai Peninsula of Egypt.

U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice (who was credited by the Western media for coining the term) introduced the term “New Middle East” to the world in June 2006 in Tel Aviv in replacement of the older and more imposing term, the “Greater Middle East.”



This shift in foreign policy phraseology coincided with the inauguration of the Baku-Tbilisi-Ceyhan (BTC) Oil Terminal in the Eastern Mediterranean. The U.S. Secretary of State, subsequently heralded the term and conceptualization of the “New Middle East,” and the Israeli Prime Minister at the height of the Anglo-American sponsored Israeli siege of Lebanon. Prime Minister Olmert and Secretary Rice had informed the international media that a project for a “New Middle East” was being launched from Lebanon.

This announcement was a confirmation of an Anglo-American-Israeli “military roadmap” in the Middle East. This project, which has been in the planning stages for several years, consists in creating an arc of instability, chaos, and violence extending from Lebanon, Palestine, and Syria to Iraq, the Persian Gulf, Iran, and the borders of NATO-garrisoned Afghanistan.

Washington and Tel Aviv introduced the “New Middle East” project publicly with the expectation that Lebanon would be the pressure point for realigning the whole Middle East and thereby unleashing the forces of “constructive chaos.” This “constructive chaos” –which generates conditions of violence and warfare throughout the region– would in turn be used so that the United States, Britain, and Israel could redraw the map of the Middle East in accordance with their geo-strategic needs and objectives.

Secretary Condoleezza Rice stated during a press conference that “what we’re seeing here [in regards to the destruction of Lebanon and the Israeli attacks on Lebanon], in a sense, is the growing—the ‘birth pangs’—of a ‘New Middle East’ and whatever we do we [meaning the United States] have to be certain that we’re pushing forward to the New Middle East [and] not going back to the old one.” Secretary Rice was immediately criticized for her statements both within Lebanon and internationally for expressing indifference to the suffering of an entire nation, which was being bombed indiscriminately by the Israeli Air Force.

Bush Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice openly declared the plot against the Middle East in November 2006. However, the massacre against the Middle East, the Arabs, and their religion began few years before that when the Republican Bush under false pretences launched wars against Afghanistan followed by Iraq.

The plot continued at the time Of Barak Obama because the Republicans seized Senate, gaining full control of Congress. The plot was to divide the Middle East into sects and factions living in small dominions or sectors without borders so as to redraw the map of the Middle east according to the geostrategic interests of the US, Britain and Israel.

## **Ways to reconstruct and reform the Republican Party**

### **1- The Republican Party must stop spreading hatred against Muslims and their religion.**

Trump's anti-Muslim presidential campaign was years in the making. During the Obama presidency, Republican lawmakers held hearings portraying American Muslims as clandestine radicals or clueless dupes in the grip of would-be terrorists. Bryan Fischer, a leading radio talk show host and activist, said Muslims are a "toxic cancer" who worship a "demon God" and that they should be banned from entering the country or deported if they are already here. During the 2012 presidential race, Republican candidates appeared on his radio program, as have other Republican lawmakers. At conservative gatherings it was not at all unusual to hear statements like "Islam is not a religion," or worse. Republican lawmakers in several states attempted to ban Sharia law.

Mainstream Republicans in the US increasingly endorse this ugly rhetoric, which is more characteristic of the far right. The theme of civilizational clash between the West and Islam has been a favourite in the Republican debates. Marco Rubio, the Cuban-American senator and Republican presidential hopeful, went as far as to draw analogies between Islam and Nazism as he angrily reacted to Hillary Clinton's statement that she did not believe the United States was at war with Islam. "That would be like saying we weren't at war with Nazis, because

we were afraid to offend some Germans who may have been members of the Nazi Party but weren't violent themselves", he suggested. "This is a clash of civilizations. For they do not hate us because we have military assets in the Middle East. They hate us because of our values."

In addition, just like the far right in Europe, Republicans have swiftly moved to raise the question of Syrian refugees' settlement in connection with the Paris attacks. While Marine Le Pen, leader of the xenophobic Front National demanded an "immediate halt" to the intake of Syrian refugees into France, Republicans lined up to urge a ban on any "middle Eastern" migrants in the US. A succession of governors, mostly Republicans, announced that they would not allow any Syrian applicants to be placed in their states, vowing to block the government's plans to resettle a mere 10.000 of those fleeing the war in Syrian into the US.

Jeb Bush went further, demanding that the US only accept those applicants proven to be Christian, after thorough vetting and checks to ensure that they are indeed Christian. "We should focus our efforts as it relates to refugees on the Christians that are being slaughtered," he declared. Bush is not alone in calling for a discriminatory approach to the Syrian refugee question. A number of senior Republicans such as Ted Cruz have endorsed the position. "If there are Syrian Muslims who are really being persecuted", he objected, they should be sent to "majority-Muslim countries." "On the other hand, Christians who are being targeted for genocide, for persecution. We should be providing safe haven to them".

That such bigoted, exclusionist language could be used by Republican politicians in the 21st century is scandalous. Those fleeing brutality, death and destruction are no longer to be seen as human victims who deserve shelter and safety, but as Christians and Muslims, good victims and bad victims. As if it were not enough for Syrians to lose everything, their possessions, and homes and loved ones, this sick narrative would have them stripped of their victimhood too.

The Republicans seem to forget that the US had never invaded Iraq, had never been defeated there and forced to withdraw in a hurry, exhausted and humiliated. They seem unaware of the chaos and destruction their absurd wars had unleashed on the whole region and the great damage they had caused to the United States itself. One of modern history's greatest ironies is that no one has done more to dissipate the

neoconservative dream of American world supremacy and bury the New American Century Project than the former Republican neocon administration itself.

What makes the Republicans' discourse on Islam and the Muslim world dangerous is that it is disseminated through a wide and powerful network of media outlets and right wing think tanks then consumed by a public with no direct contact or first-hand knowledge of the Muslim world.

The truth is that cultures, civilizations and lifestyles do not clash. Humans clash, with their interests, ambitions, illusions and fantasies. Instead of the twisted binary logic of 'us' vs. 'them', terrorism should render Americans more keenly aware of the interconnectedness of our world, of our shared existence and the dangers that threaten us all. Terrorists do not ask for their victims IDs before mutilating their bodies in Paris, Beirut, or Tunis. The solution to the insane chaos into which America had been dragged since 9/11 begins with an active rejection of the ugly dualisms of "us" and "them", of believers vs infidels and of Westerners/Europeans vs the Muslims other (45).

The religious Right and its allies (neoconservatives, Judeo-Christian coalition, Tea Party, affiliated Republicans) taken by arrogance and ignorance, forgot that their plots against innocent people would certainly bring Allah's curse. By attacking Islam, the last divine revelation sent by Allah to all people, the Republicans and the above-mentioned cults and groups have rebelled against their Creator and deserved His wrath. Allah removed His blessings from the Republican Party and spread dissension between them. They became separated from the people, and grew into bigotry, racism, political failure, unreasonableness, disunity, dissension, insensibility, irrationality, and obstructionism.

Hatred against Islam has already shown itself of their big mouths, and what their breasts conceal is yet greater. They think that their ugly words against Islam will just disappear in the air without any serious consequences. Due to their shallowness and ignorance, they do not know that on the Day of Judgment, their limbs and faculties will be the strongest witness against them. Their tongues, their hands and their feet

shall have much to answer for against them and bear witness to their evil actions.

Allah says in His Glorious Koran:

“On the day when their tongues, their hands and their feet shall testify against them touching that they were doing.” (An-Nur, 24).

As for the terrible chastisement awaiting those opposing Allah and His religion, the next verse expresses exactly what is in wait for them:

And let not the unbelievers suppose that the indulgence We grant them is better for them; We grant them indulgence only that they may increase in sin; and there awaits them a humbling chastisement (Al-Imran, 178).

The Republicans have to stop dividing the people by spreading dissension between Muslim and non-Muslim Americans. Whatever rational decisions the Republican Party may take concerning political and social issues, negative results will always accrue because Allah’s blessings are removed. Being the enemies of Allah and His religion uproots their knowledge and deeds and render them ineffective. Being the enemies of Allah and His religion is an act of disbelief that would bring the anger of Allah, which usually starts by effacing the blessings from the nation.

Allah says in the Koran:

Yet had the peoples of the cities believed and been god-fearing, We would have opened upon them blessings from heaven and earth; but they cried lies, and so We seized them for what they earned (Al-A’raf, 96).

Imam Ahmad in his book al-Musnad narrated that the Prophet quoted Allah saying:

“I am Allah. If I am pleased, I bestow blessings and My blessings have no limit. If I am angry I curse and my curse extends to the seventh generation.”

In a land that the Koran was defiled, belied, and burned. In a land that Allah's name was humiliated, His prophet was slandered, and mocked at, and His obedient servants were subjugated, that land is cursed and becomes most remote from any good or blessing. Anything that is associated and linked to it or is a route to it will contain no blessing whatsoever. It is from this perspective that disobedience has the severest effect on effacing the blessings of one's age, sustenance, knowledge and actions. Any period of time in which Allah is disobeyed, any wealth, body, status, knowledge and action Allah is disobeyed with, will count against the doer and not for him.

Disobedience of Allah eradicates His blessings. Obedience to Allah by following His path and be just to all materialize His blessings; and sincere endeavours directed to problem solving bring about their fruit.

As we read in the Gospel:

Luke 6: 43

"A good tree doesn't produce rotten fruit, and a rotten tree doesn't produce good fruit.

No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit.  
Matt 7: 15-20.

"People don't pick grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles, do they? In the same way, every good tree produces good fruit, but a rotten tree produces bad fruit. 18 A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, and a rotten tree cannot produce good fruit. 19 Any tree that fails to produce good fruit is cut down and thrown into a fire. 20 So you will know them by what they produce.

The Republicans must contemplate and think. Subjugating Muslims and humiliating their religion, launching illegitimate wars against defenceless countries in the Middle East and elsewhere, leaving behind thousands of victims, ruined homes and millions of refugees,

has brought Allah's wrath on America. Economic deterioration has been snapping America's feeble body from the inside for several decades now. The collapse of America's huge global corporations and stock market, civil unrest, drought, natural disasters, and the deterioration in America's ethical manners on all fronts are clear examples of such divine wrath.

The divine wrath is still in its beginning, and more is to come if the ruling Republicans persist in their unjust and tyrannical attitude.

The Republicans became arrogant in the land by intensifying their plotting of evil against Muslims and their religion. However, plotting of evil only rebounds on those who plot. Allah sowed dissension among them, shattered their unity and divided them. Allah made them quarrel among themselves, and became distracted from focusing on the real issues of the citizens' interests.

The Republicans with their bigotry and hatred against Islam wrongly think they are on the right path, but by taking Allah the Creator as an enemy, they have brought Allah's wrath on their heads and over their country. They forgot that Allah is Vengeful and Terrible in Retribution. He afflicts His enemies with severe worldly calamities and in the Hereafter He tortures them in Hell for eternity.

Allah says in the Koran:

They take to plotting against our signs. Say: 'Allah is swifter at devising; surely, our messengers (angels) are writing down what you are devising (Yunus, 21).

Those before them plotted, so Allah struck at the foundations of their building, and then the roof fell down upon them from above them, and the doom came on them whence they knew not (Al-Nahl, 26).

So they plotted a plot: and We plotted a plot, while they perceived not (An-Naml, 50).

Then see the nature of the consequence of their plotting, for lo! We destroyed them and their people, every one (An-Naml, 51).

Because the Republicans rebelled against their Lord by attacking His last of religions, He rendered their works and endeavours fruitless and useless. This is what the Republicans are witnessing now - the deterioration of their party. Allah has stirred up among them enmity and hatred that tore their party apart. They even became unable to nominate a 2016 presidential candidate. Many Americans consider the Republican frontrunner Donald Trump, as a clown, a laughing stock!

There has been also a great deal of global commentary on the Donald Trump phenomenon. The world is laughing at the crippled Republican Party, which found no other candidate to nominate for presidency except Donald Trump. The world accuses the US of being a nation of extremists and fools for supporting a candidate like Trump (44).

Some ignorants like Bryan Fischer and other illiterate morons like him claim that Muslims worship a demon called Allah. Some other idiots claimed that Muslims worship a moon god, and a black stone. Some other ignorant Republicans say that Islam is not a religion! I wonder, Where did these fools get this false information? Did they get it from the Koran and the Sunna of the prophet - the two sources of the Islamic Law? Surely they got it from their distorted sick minds?

Muslims worship the one and only universal God of the universe, known in Arabic as Allah. The word Allah means: "The One who deserves all worship."

Allah is a name that is neither feminine nor masculine, and it cannot be made plural (unlike god, gods, goddess, etc). Muslims believe that there is nothing in the heavens nor on earth that deserves worship except Allah, the One True Creator.

These evil doers who claim that Muslims worship a pagan god, are obviously not on the side of truth. They want to get people to believe that Allah is just some Arabian god and that Islam is completely "other" - meaning that it has no common roots with the other Abrahamic religions



(i.e. Christianity and Judaism). To say that Muslims worship a different God because they say Allah is just as illogical as saying that French people worship another God because they use the word "Dieu", that Spanish-speaking people worship a different God because they say "Dios" or that the Jews worship a different God because they sometimes call Him "Yahweh."

Islam is based on the concept of *Tawhid*, or Unity of God. Muslims are strictly monotheistic, and fiercely reject any attempt to make God visible or human. Islam rejects any form of idol worship, even if its intention is to get "closer" to God, and rejects the Trinity or any attempt to make God human.

Allah says in the Quran:

"Say, 'He is Allah, the One;  
Allah, the Eternal, Absolute;  
He begets not, and neither is He begotten;  
And there is nothing that can be compared to Him.'  
(Quran 112:1-4).

In Muslim understanding, God is beyond our sight and understanding, yet at the same time "nearer to us than our jugular vein" (Quran 50:16). Muslims pray directly to God, with no intermediary, and seek guidance from Him alone.

Allah says in His glorious Quran:

"When My servants ask thee concerning Me,  
I am indeed close (to them).  
I respond to the prayer of every suppliant  
when he calls on Me.  
Let them also, with a will,  
Listen to My call, and believe in Me,  
that they may walk in the right way."  
(Quran 2:186).

Muslims believe in the books of the previous prophets including the "Torah" which was sent to Moses, the "Zaboor" (Psalms) which were given to David, the "Injeel" (Gospel) which was given to Jesus, and the Quran which was given to Muhammad. However, the Koran states that the previous scriptures of the Jews and the Christians (people of the Book) were tampered with by mankind. Therefore, the Bible should only be accepted in as far as it is confirmed by the Quran. It is to be treated with respect, however, any statements which clearly oppose those of the Quran are to be rejected as the work of mankind.

Allah says in the Quran:

“Say, “We believe in Allah and what has been sent down to us and what was sent down to Abraham, Ishmael and Isaac and Jacob and the tribes, and what Moses and Jesus and all the Prophets were given by their Lord. We do not differentiate between any of them. We are Muslims submitted to Him.” (Quran, 3:84).

The Quran is the only scripture that exists in its original form as it has never been corrupted and adulterated. Since the birth of Quran more than fourteen hundred years ago not one single word has been changed or altered. It is the last revealed Book which has never been corrupted or adulterated. The enemies of Islam tried their utmost to change it, but they failed miserably in their efforts. Why? Because Allah guarded the Quran from corruption until the Day of Judgment.

We read in the Quran:

“We have, without doubt, sent down the Message; and We will assuredly guard it (from corruption). (Al-Hijr, 9).

Muslims believe in all Divine Scriptures, but only in their original form. Because the original Message of Allah to His servants throughout the ages had been obliterated or corrupted, He sent Muhammad as the Seal of all Prophets with the Holy Quran as a guidance for all mankind. The Quran is the only Scripture that exists in its original form.

"O People of the Scripture, there has come to you Our Messenger making clear to you much of what you used to conceal of the Scripture

and overlooking much. There has come to you from Allah a light and a clear Book." (Al-Mā'idah, 15).

The Quran, the Last Testament to the world, stated that the Christians corrupted their Scripture and invented strange dogmas Jesus has never said them in his original Gospel.

The Quran rejects the Trinitarian god of the Christians. The Christians worship God as a trinity of persons: the Father, the son, and the Holy Spirit. The Father is not the same person as the son, the son is not the same person as the Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is not the same person as the Father. They are not three gods and not three beings. They are three distinct persons, yet, they are all the one God. Each has a will, can speak, can love, etc. All three are in absolute perfect harmony consisting of one substance. They are coeternal, coequal, and copowerful. If any one of the three were removed, there would be no God!

What a strenuous and laborious explanation of the nature of God! An explanation clearly indicating the corruption and adulteration man has made in the Gospel of Jesus.

In addition to rejection of the doctrine of the Trinity, The Quran rejects the concepts of original sin, crucifixion, and vicarious atonement.

Allah says in the Quran to the people of the Book (Jews and Christians).

People of the Book, do not go to excess in your religion, and do not say anything about God except the truth: the Messiah, Jesus, son of Mary, was nothing more than a messenger of God, His word, directed to Mary, a spirit from Him. So believe in God and His messengers and do not speak of a 'Trinity'—stop, that is better for you—God is only one God, He is far above having a son, everything in the heavens and earth belongs to Him and He is the best one to trust (Quran 4:171).

Those who say, "God is the Messiah, son of Mary," have defied God. The Messiah himself said; "Children of Israel, worship God, my Lord and

your Lord." If anyone associates others with God, God will forbid him from the Garden, and Hell will be his home. No one will help such evildoers. Those people who say that God is the third of three are defying [the truth]: there is only One God. If they persist in what they are saying, a painful punishment will afflict those of them who persist. Why do they not turn to God and ask his forgiveness, when God is most forgiving, most merciful? The Messiah, son of Mary, was only a messenger; other messengers had come and gone before him; his mother was a virtuous woman; both ate food. See how clear We make these signs for them; see how deluded they are (Quran 5:72-75).

And when Allah will say, "O Jesus, Son of Mary, did you say to the people, 'Take me and my mother as deities besides Allah ?'" He will say, "Exalted are You! It was not for me to say that to which I have no right. If I had said it, You would have known it. You know what is within myself, and I do not know what is within Yourself. Indeed, it is You who is Knower of the unseen (Quran 5:116).

They say: "(Allah) Most Gracious has begotten a son!" Indeed ye have put forth a thing most monstrous! At it the skies are ready to burst, the earth to split asunder, and the mountains to fall down in utter ruin, that they should invoke a son for (Allah) Most Gracious. For it is not consonant with the majesty of (Allah) Most Gracious that He should beget a son. Not one of the beings in the heavens and the earth but must come to (Allah) Most Gracious as a servant (Quran 19: 88-93).

No son did Allah beget, nor is there any god along with Him: (if there were many gods), behold, each god would have taken away what he had created, and some would have lorded it over others! Glory to Allah! (He is free) from the (sort of) things they attribute to Him! (Quran 23:91).

Say: He is Allah, the One and Only; Allah, the Eternal, Absolute; He begetteth not, nor is He begotten; And there is none like unto Him (Quran 112:1-4).

"They do blaspheme who say: Allah is one of three in a Trinity, for there is no god except One God." (Quran 5:73)

God is not like a pie or an apple which can be divided into three thirds which form one whole; if God is three persons or possesses three parts, He is assuredly not the Single, Unique, Indivisible Being which God is and which Christianity professes to believe in.

Looking at it from another angle, the Trinity designates God as being three separate entities - the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. If God is the Father and also the Son, He would then be the Father of Himself because He is His own Son. This is not exactly logical.

Christianity claims to be a monotheistic religion. Monotheism, however, has as its fundamental belief that God is One; the Christian doctrine of the Trinity - God being Three-in-One - is seen by Islam as a form of polytheism. Christians don't revere just One God, they revere three.

In conclusion, the doctrine of the Trinity is a concept conceived entirely by man. The whole idea of a Trinity of divine beings has no place in monotheism. In the Quran, God's Final Revelations to mankind, we find His words clearly stating in a number of eloquent passages about His oneness and uniqueness:

"...your God is One God: whoever expects to meet his Lord, let him work righteousness, and, in the worship of his Lord, admit no one as partner." (Quran 18:110).

"...take not, with God, another object of worship, lest you should be thrown into Hell, blameworthy and rejected." (Quran 17:39).

God tells us over and over again in a Message that is echoed throughout All His Revealed Scriptures:

"...I am your Lord and Cherisher: therefore, serve Me (and no other)..." (Quran 21:92).

The motive of the Islamophobe hate mongers is to tarnish Islam because the ultimate truth of Islam stands on solid ground and its unshakable belief in the Unity of God is above reproach. Due to this, Christians can't criticize the Islamic doctrines directly, but instead fabricate things about Islam that aren't true so that people lose the desire to learn more. If Islam were presented in the proper way to the world, it surely might make many people reconsider and re-evaluate their own beliefs. It is quite likely that when the Christians find out that there is a universal religion in the world that teaches people to worship and love God, while

also practicing pure monotheism, would at least feel that they should re-examine the basis for their own beliefs and doctrines.

Based on the above, I advise the Republicans and the other haters of Islam to stop fighting their Creator, because their evil deeds will be laid to their charge on the Day of Judgment. Allah also afflicts His enemies in the present life with calamities they cannot endure. They must understand that Islam came to them as well because it is a universal religion. Now they have a golden opportunity to correct their religion according to the teachings of the Koran. If they rebel, and reject, and persist in their polytheism and disbelief, no harm would they cause to Allah or to Muslims but only to themselves. If they restore the original monotheistic religion of Jesus it will be for their own good, if not it will be to their own loss.

The Republicans claim that they are Christian conservatives. In their speeches they announce: "It's time for us to bring God back to our country." But what God exactly they mean? Is He the One and only God of the Muslims and all believers before them? The Creator of Jesus and all other prophets, the Creator of all beings, the Creator of the heavens and earth, and Sovereign of the Day of Recompense. Or is he Jesus, the prophet, the son of Mary, a man nailed to the cross!

Without a true belief in the One and only God of the universe, the reform they want to make in the American society is meaningless and will never prosper. If the origin of belief is false, any social and political endeavour would always be futile.

## **2- The Republican Party must abandon the superstition of dispensationalism and apocalypticism embraced by the Religious Right**

Apocaliptocism and dispensationalism have occupied a central force in the mind of the Republicans. They believe in apocalyptic prophecies, especially regarding the imminent destruction of the world and the foundation of a new order because of the triumph of good or evil. They also believe in dispensationalism that divides history into distinct periods, each marked by a different

dispensation or relationship between God and humanity. Dispensationalism further holds that Christian believers will be transported to heaven without warning and that soon thereafter there will be a period of tribulation, followed by the second coming of Jesus Christ.

Within the Christian Right, and affiliated Republicans, such rhetoric tends to focus on the role of the modern nation of Israel, notions of an Antichrist who will lead a worldwide movement against Christians, and increasingly belief in a divine role for the United States in End Times.

Belief in an apocalypse has affected the political performance of the Republicans regarding domestic and foreign policies on issues ranging from the environment to Israel. The Republicans and the Christian Right believe it is biblically prophesied that key events will occur during the End Times in Israel. Apocalypticism among many conservative Protestants leads many of them to have a pessimistic or fatalistic view of the futures of humanity and the earth.

Unfortunately, the GOP has become a millenarian organization utilizing violence in a perceived sacred cause. Religious thoughts surrounding beliefs about the end of time have negative consequences. Such consequences can include aggressive ideas and violent behaviour to include war, rebellion and the use of terror.

For example, The GOP believes that support for Israel was a biblical mandate. God owned the land of Israel, and only God can give it away. He gave it to the Jewish people.

The Republicans influenced by the Christian Right believe that the Jewish state will soon be the site of Armageddon. Therefore, any calamity or mischief afflicting the Palestinians is biblically ordained.

This brand of Christian Zionism closely links support for Israel to the end of the world and the conversion of the Jews to Christianity. Israel will be covered in a sea of human blood in the final battle. The Jews, however, will survive the battle long enough to have the opportunity to receive Messiah and convert to Christianity.

Due to the distorted reading of the religious Right to the Bible, millions of Americans believe that Christ will not come again until Israel wipes out its competitors (Palestinians and Arabs) and there is widespread war in the Middle East. Some of them want even to start a huge fire of war and death and destruction, so that Jesus comes quickly.

This all revolves around what is called Dispensationalism. So popular is Dispensationalism that Tim LaHaye's Left Behind series has sold 65 million copies.

While only 36 percent of all Americans believe that the Bible is God's Word and should be taken literally, 59 percent say they believe that events predicted in the Book of Revelation will happen. Almost one out of four Americans believes that 9/11 was predicted in the Bible, and nearly one in five believes that he or she will live long enough to see the end of the world. Even more significant for this study, over one-third of those Americans who support Israel report that they do so because they believe the Bible teaches that the Jews must possess their own country in the Holy Land before Jesus can return.

Israel must therefore receive utmost support at the expense of the Palestinians. Accordingly, The Republicans are proponent of U.S. aid and support for Israel, and reject any "land for peace" formula in dealing with the Palestinians. They believe that giving up the West Bank and Gaza — a two-state solution violates the word of God.

The GOP Judeo-Christian coalition views Arab peoples as inhuman. They consider that Islam is a terrorist religion, and that the Muslim world has not undergone the reformation that Jews and Christians did that would enable them to adopt democracy, human rights, and women's rights. Most Muslims are anti-American and anti-Israel.

The GOP considers that the hostility existing between the Arabs and America is not due to colonialism or economic imperialism but is rather due to pure hatred. What unites all Arab countries is tyranny. They hate the U.S. because the U.S. is democratic and believe in liberty.

The political platform of the GOP calls for the expulsion of all Palestinians into Jordan. Actually, there are no such peoples as Palestinians. They are all simply Arabs who have no claim to the land Israel currently occupies. Jerusalem is the eternal and exclusive capital of the sovereign Jewish State. The entire Land of Israel belongs to the Jewish People, alone. There is no "Palestine" and there is no "Palestinian People."



The Arabs are not seeking a real peace; their goal is the destruction of Israel. The world must not attempt to force Israel into making suicidal territorial concessions. Israel must always maintain the ability to militarily defend itself and protect its own vital interests.

Israel must return to the Biblical values that guided the Jewish People throughout its history. Israel must continue to develop as a nation with a vibrant free-market economy. Terrorist organizations, and the rogue nations that support them, must be destroyed.

The GOP believes that there can be no “quick fix” solution through peace road maps. It is a war; one side will win and one side will lose. Israelis must defeat the Palestinians. The only time there is peace is when the winners (the United States and Israel) impose the terms of peace on those who have been defeated.

Because of such distorted thinking of the Republicans, the Palestinians – the enemy within - are long-suffering at the hands of the Israelis. Entire Palestinian villages have been bulldozed and replaced with Jewish settlers. Barehanded and armed only with rocks, the Palestinians face automatic rifles, machine gun fires, tanks, and helicopters. It is a conflict of an unarmed people against a well-equipped modern military machine. It is men with guns against men with slingshots. If the things that are being done to the Palestinians were being done to Jews, Western outrage would have been overwhelming and the persecution of the Jews would dominate the news. The injustice exercised by the Israelis against the Palestinians in the occupied land is the result of the biased American foreign policy in the Middle East that is consistently pro-Israel and anti-Arab.”

Due to the unconditional support of the Evangelicals and affiliated Republicans, it is common to see in Palestine torture, illegal detention, assassination, assaults against civilians with missiles, helicopters and jet fighters, annexation of territory, transportation of civilians from one place to another for the purpose of imprisonment, mass killing – as in Qana, Jenin, Sabra, and Shatila, to mention only the most obvious. There’s been denial of rights to free passage to schools, hospitals, and markets; use of civilians as human shields; humiliation of individuals; punishment of families; house demolitions on a mass scale; destruction of agricultural land; expropriation of water; illegal settlement; economic pauperization; attacks on hospitals, medical workers, and ambulances; and killing of UN personnel.

All of these policies have been carried out by Israel with the unconditional support of the Religious Right and the Evangelical Republicans. Not only has Washington supplied Israel with the weapons for such practices and every kind of military and intelligence aid, but it has also given the country upwards of one hundred and thirty-five billion dollars in economic aid throughout the years! (46).

Nothing inspires fear like the end of the world. The Republican Party influenced by the Evangelical Religious Right explains any event through apocalyptic language.

This over-reliance on the apocalyptic narrative causes people to fear the wrong things and to mistakenly equate potential future events with current and observable trends. The collapse of the economy, the arrival of peak oil and global warming and resource wars are apocalyptic events. Tsunamis, earthquakes, and global warming are also apocalyptic events and so forth.

The more the GOP views the challenges of the 21st century with apocalyptic fantasy, the more likely it is to paralyze itself with inaction -- or with the wrong course of action. The GOP reacts to the idea of the apocalypse -- rather than to the real problems on the ground. The GOP should not seek to ignore these problems, but to avert them (47).

What are the Republicans and the Religious Right really doing to the world? Is it to push God to send Jesus hastily to earth? Is God so crippled as to be pushed to send Jesus rapidly to earth? Would Jesus accept establishing his rule on earth on bloodshed and the killing of the innocents? In addition, who is going to pay for all this killing and misery? Those who committed the murder of course and the perpetrators in particular. They seem to forget that God's eyes sleep not, and that He will make them pay dearly in return for their crimes.

The erroneous interpretation of the Bible by these hate mongers who have penetrated all spheres of the American social and political life, has led to the destruction of several countries in the Middle East. This happened to Iraq, Yemen, Syria, Libya, and they tried to do so to Egypt but they failed.

The Republicans in the American administration, surrendering to the evil desires of the Christian Right and its coalition with the Zionists, will be responsible before God for the hundreds of thousands killed in Syria, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Allah will charge them for the women, elderly, and children who faced collateral damage and fled armed conflicts. The Christian Right, in collaboration with the Zionists, are surely taking America to its demise.

Conclusion: The Republican Party must alienate itself from the distorted ideas of the Religious Right and concentrate on the political and social issues, concerning the welfare of the American citizens.

### **3- The Republican Party must separate itself from the Tea Party**

Tea Party leaders view themselves as modern prophets of the end of times, and God is on their side. Its leaders view themselves as modern prophets of the apocalypse. They believe America teeters on the brink of destruction, and hold as an article of faith that liberals, gays, Democrats, atheists and the United Nations are to blame. This "end-times" world-view is a foundational precept of the evangelical movement, from which many of the so-called Tea Party favourite is spring. Scholars call it apocalypticism.

The Tea Party is composed of members of the Religious Right. Many are genuine libertarians. Some nurse an unreconstructed Confederate grudge, while others harbour a thinly disguised racism. However, the real energy, the animating force for the movement comes from evangelicals, of whom Ted Cruz, Michelle Bachmann and Sarah Palin are the most strident. Sarah Palin is a "Dominionist" with an apocalyptic End Times theological viewpoint that sees the war in Iraq as part of God's plan.

All these are enemies of Muslims and Islam and play a prominent role in spreading hatred against Islam in the American society. These are the modern-day "apocalyptic prophets."

These hate mongers believe they were living in the “end times” before God would send his representative, the “Son of Man” (taken from a rather obscure passage in the Book of Daniel), to overthrow the forces of evil and establish God’s justice on earth. Apocalypse literally translates as “the revealing” of God’s will. They believe that the Kingdom of God was not to be a church, but a military and political kingdom on earth.

Ted Cruz at the Values Voters Summit, Oct. 11 said, “You know we can’t keep going down this road much longer. We’re nearing the edge of the cliff . . . We have only a couple of years to turn this country around or we go off the cliff to oblivion!”

“. . . I’m a believer in Jesus Christ, as I look at the End Times scripture, this says to me that the leaf is on the fig tree and we are to understand the signs of the times, which is your ministry, we are to understand where we are in God’s End Times history. Rather than seeing this as a negative . . . we need to rejoice, Maranatha Come Lord Jesus, His day is at hand. Therefore, what we see up is down and right is called wrong, when this is happening, we were told this, that these days would be as the days of Noah. We are seeing that in our time.” - Michelle Bachmann, Oct. 5, 2013.

“The biggest war being waged right now is against our religious liberties and traditional values.” - Rep. Tim Huelskamp, Values Voters Summit.

“The fight for religious freedom starts here at home because we are one nation under God.” - House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, Values Voters Summit.

For these apocalyptic prophets, the issues are not even political anymore; they are existential, with Obamacare serving as the avatar for all evil. In this construct, any compromise whatsoever leads to damnation, and therefore the righteous ends justify any means.

Now if you are battling the forces of evil for the very survival of the nation, there can be no retreat, no compromise, and no deals. Like the Jewish zealots at Masada, it is better to commit glorious suicide than

make peace with the devil. There can be no truce with the Tea Party because its apocalyptic zealots can never take “yes” for an answer.

In recent years, the Tea party seemed so eager to grievously wound the Republican Party because its leaders view themselves as modern prophets of the apocalypse. In the aftermath of the great government shutdown of 2013, the Tea Party continued to cause heartburn for established Republicans. The Tea Party is willing to defy overwhelming negative public opinion, wreck the government, and risk plunging the world economy into chaos and invite political defeat. The driving force behind this destructive strategy is that Tea Party zealots answer to a “higher calling.”

Republicans (and their supporters) should take note of a potentially dangerous influence within their party, with an innocuous-sounding yet simultaneously – thanks to the blessings of history – menacing name: The Tea Party (48, 49).

Due to the bad influence of the Tea Party, the GOP has become an insurgent outlier in American politics. It is ideologically extreme; scornful of compromise. The question then arises: Is the Tea Party leading the GOP into electoral oblivion? Uncompromising hardliners and crackpots in the Republican Party are destroying the party's hopes of winning the White House. To the outside world, the dazzling buffoonery and extravagant self-regard of the Trump presidential campaign is the clearest indicator that how could a man so clearly suited to reality TV and real estate rather than presidential authority be leading the polls in a race for the nomination for the Grand Old Party.

However, in DC the clearest sign of the same malaise is not Trump's early success, but the crucifixion of the Republican Speaker of the House of Representatives, John Boehner, and the party's catastrophic failure to replace him at a vote.

In American politics, the House Speaker is a position of extraordinary stature. The Speaker is second in line of succession to the after the Vice-President. In addition, unlike the VP, the Speaker has real power.

As Speaker, Boehner is the highest elected member of his party; in effect if not title, he is the Republican Party leader, at least until a

candidate for the presidency is nominated. Boehner is also a man not unknown to express his emotions in public.

A fortnight ago Boehner, a Catholic, wept as he welcomed Pope Francis to the chamber to become the first ever pontiff to address a joint sitting of the US Congress, and an hour later he wept again as he escorted the Pope onto the Speaker's Balcony of the Capitol Building to greet the 50,000 well-wishers who had gathered on the National Mall to greet him.

The following day he strode into a press conference room in the bowels of the Capitol announcing that he quit his miserable job (50).

The Tea Party's most recent antics, which have forced the Speaker of the House to retire and prevented a new one from being chosen, demonstrate once again that its members do not know much about American democracy.

The current Tea Party's misunderstanding that is more serious involves the nature of democratic government, specifically the idea of a loyal opposition. Politicians compete by trying to prove that they are better leaders, that they can do a better job for their constituents. They may have different views about what this means, but they are all trying to contribute to the government's success. In addition, they have no reason to build independent power bases because they have nothing to fear if they lose out in this competition. Not only won't they be punished, but also they often return to their companies, law firms or universities in more prestigious and remunerative positions. The result is that politicians who oppose the party in power constitute a loyal opposition, and that is a major reason for democracy's success.

The Tea Party does not understand this. Instead of showing that they have a better way to govern, they are trying to stop the existing government from functioning. They want it to fail. They hated the effort to rescue the American economy after the 2008 recession and only intensified their dislike when that effort succeeded. They oppose any regulatory program to combat global warming, but rather than favouring market-based alternatives or technological remedies, they

simply refuse to deal with the issue by declaring it a hoax. They do not like the regulatory aspects of Obamacare, but they have no alternative to offer. When they couldn't overturn the program by constitutional means, their solution was to try to block passage of the entire federal budget, which not only would have created administrative chaos in the country, but wrecked America's national credit and her public finance system.

Now they have demonstrated that they even do not want their own political party to govern. They do not want the Republicans to be in a position where they can advance constructive alternatives to Democratic policies. They do not want it to be able to propose legislation that will carry out its program. If the Republicans will not commit themselves to the Tea Party program, which is to stop American government from functioning, then the Tea Party will try to stop the Republican Party from functioning. In other words, they are a disloyal opposition. They do not understand what American democracy is all about and what has made it work so well. That is the real reason why the name they chose for themselves is the wrong one. The original Tea Partiers were American patriots; the current Tea Party is the opposite (51).

The Tea Party is behind the failure of the Republican Party. The wholehearted embrace of obstructionism and barely concealed racism adopted by the Tea Party for the last seven years is part of the Republican Party's grassroots movement.

Consequently, the Republican Party is stained by obstructionism, bigotry, racism, promoting Islamophobia, and white racism. Just now Republicans are known as a party of naysayers, anarchists and unregulated militias, their actions empowering a feudal sort of aristocracy over traditional American democracy.

As long as the Republicans are in bed with the religious right, they are simply unelectable for broad portions of the electorate.

The time has come for the Republicans to denounce the Tea Party or be stained by it, thus losing the respect of the masses, and consequently losing more votes.

#### **4- The Republican Party must abandon Reconstructionism**

Reconstruction means the act or process of building something that was damaged or destroyed, i.e. the process of putting something back into a good condition.

Reconstructionism is a movement within Christianity seeking to re-establish Biblical law as the basis for civil law and social mores. The modern day Religious Right teaches that God gave specific duties to the government, the church, and the family.

According to this theological worldview, education and taking care of the poor are the responsibility of families and churches, and it is unbiblical for the government to take on these roles. That meshes well with the view of “constitutional conservatives” who believe, for example, the Constitution does not authorize any federal government role in education.

Reconstructionist and dominionists who believe that the right kind of Christians are meant to have dominion over every aspect of society, can be found in the recent Republican primary victory of Michael Petrouka in a race for a county council seat in an Anne Arundel County, Maryland. Peroutka believes that any law that runs counter to God’s law is invalid, and that the Maryland General Assembly is itself no longer a valid legislative body. As a concise summation of his approach to government he said, “Since civil government is ordained by God in order to protect God-given rights, then the function of civil government is to obey God and to enforce God’s law.”

Believing that God’s law should be enforced upon the people rather than man-made law, although seems commendable, it must however be handled with leniency and care, because originally, there is no compulsion in religion.

Allah says in the Koran:

No compulsion is there in religion. Rectitude has become clear from error. So whosoever disbelieves in idols and believes in God, has laid



hold of the most firm handle, unbreaking; God is All-hearing, All-knowing (Al-Baqarah, 256).

Compulsion is incompatible with religion because religion depends upon faith and will, and these would be meaningless if induced by force. Truth and error have been so clearly shown up in the divine Books that there should be no doubt of any person of good will as to the fundamentals of faith. Allah's protection is continuous, and His plan is always to lead us from the depths of darkness into the clearest light.

Allah is the Guardian of the believers, He guides them out of darkness to illumination and enlightenment, whereas those rejecting faith are under the tutelage of Satan who leads them by the nose out of light and drives them into darkness. Such like persons shall be the inmates of Hell, which shall be their eternal abode.

The Koran says:

Allah is the Guardian of those who have faith; He brings them out of darkness into light; and those who reject faith, their guardians are false-deities, (taghut), who bring them out of light into darkness; they are the inhabitants of the Fire wherein shall they abide forever (Al-Baqarah, 257).

There are some aspects of our life, which are beyond our will and power. As an example, recovering from illness necessitates medical treatment. Getting treatment is within labor but being cured is not within the sphere of our man's activities. From birth to death, there are hundreds of such conditions, which are beyond our power, which are under the absolute control of Allah. A man is born in a wealthy and educated family; another in a nomad family of primitive civilization. Naturally, the first one has more chances of material wellbeing and intellectual development than the second one. A man is healthy and strong; other remains chronically sick. One is born blind, another has normal eyesight. Naturally, one can do more work than the other can. A man lives up to eighty years, another dies in young age. The first one gets enough time to fulfil his plans, while the second one is not given time even to formulate any plan. These and many such aspects of life are beyond the control of human beings.

These matters are truly subject to "predetermination by Allah", which is called "fate" or "divine decree".

Allah has kept Paradise to the believers and Hell for the unbelievers. Believing or disbelieving is due to actions from man, and not from Allah because Allah is not unjust to His slaves.

Allah says in the Koran:

I am not unjust to the slaves (Qaf, 29).

When a stage is reached at which a man accepts evil as his god, his case is hopeless. Can such a man profit by preaching or guidance? He has himself rejected all guidance. Such a man is best left to stray. Perhaps, even in the paths in which he is straying, some sudden flash of light may come to him! That may be as Allah wills in His holy and wise purpose and plan. However, the man of God is not to worry or feel disheartened by such men's attitude. He must go on tilling the soil that is open to him.

Allah provides every guidance for those who turn to Him in penitence but He will leave those who wander astray who deliberately close their eyes to His grace and the comfort that comes from remembering Him and celebrating His praise.

Allah says:

"Say: Verily, Allah sends astray whom He wills and guides unto Himself who turns to Him in repentance." (Ar-Ra'ad, 27).

Allah also says:

"Verily, Allah sends astray whom He wills, and guides whom He wills." (Fatir, 8).

The criterion between right and wrong has been sent to people in the divine Books. If people accept guidance, it is not as they confer favours on those prophets who bring them guidance. The prophets suffered

unselfishly for the people in order that they may be guided for their own good. On the other hand, if people reject guidance, it is for their own loss. Allah has endowed man with a certain amount of will, and the responsibility is his and cannot be shifted to the prophets sent by Allah.

Allah says:

Say: "O men, the truth has come to you from your Lord. Whosoever is guided is guided only to his own gain, and whosoever goes astray, it is only to his own loss. I am not guardian over you (Yunus, 108).

This shows that Allah creates guidance in man, thus creating the capacity for guidance, but man is the one who practices what Allah has created in terms of the capacity for guidance and so he guides himself.

Allah showed man in His divine Books the path of good and the path of evil.

Allah says:

And (have We not) guided him on the two highways (good and evil) (Al-Balad, 19).

In other words, Allah has given man the ability to get guidance and has left man to practice his own guidance. Whoever works righteousness benefits his own soul, and whoever works evil, it is against his own soul, Allah is never unjust to His servants.

Allah says in His Holy Book:

Whoso does righteousness, it is for his own gain, and whoso does evil, it is to his own loss (Fussilat, 46).

According to the Koran and all other previous divine Books, on the Last Day the world will be destroyed and all people and jinn will be raised from the dead to be judged by Allah as to whether they deserved to be sent to Paradise or Hell. Hell will be occupied by those who do not believe in the One and only God (Allah), have disobeyed His laws,

and/or reject His messengers. Suffering in hell is both physical and spiritual, and varies according to the sins of the condemned. As described in the Koran, Hell has seven levels, each one more severe than the one above it.

Since the revelation has, through explanation, clarification, and repetition, clearly distinguished the path of guidance from the path of misguidance, it is now up to people to choose the one or the other path.

Based on the above, the GOP cannot guide the people to the right road because guidance is the prerogative of Allah. The GOP must therefore correct themselves by abandoning the silly ideology of dominions, which aims at imposing a form of Christian nationalism on the United States, a concept that was dismissed as eroding freedom and democracy by the founders of the country.

Priorities of spiritual work are lost while blasphemy and polytheism continue its grip and control. America is in imminent peril, rotting from within. If the conservative Republicans consider themselves so religious as to impose God's laws on their fellow Americans, they must first purify the monotheistic religion of Jesus from the blasphemous doctrine of the Trinity, which is considered in the sight of Allah a major sin. They must purify their belief by renouncing the false doctrines, which were invented in the religion of Jesus, such as the Trinity, crucifixion – Jesus died on the cross – vicarious atonement, and original sin. The Koran, the last Testament to the world rejected all these doctrines and called for the unity of God, and that each person will be responsible for his or her own actions.

The Religious Right and its affiliated Republicans must first abandon the ugly doctrine of the Trinity and adhere to Tawheed (the oneness of Allah). Allah is One and peerless and can never have a partner in His authority, or a similitude, nor can He have a son, a daughter, an aunt, or any kin.

Before imposing on people the religious ethics of the Bible, they must renounce the false doctrine that Jesus is God or the son of God.

As we read in the Koran:

They are unbelievers who say, 'God is the Third of Three. No god is there but One God. If they refrain not from what they say, there shall afflict those of them that disbelieve a painful chastisement (Al-Maidah, 73).

They are unbelievers who say, 'God is the Messiah, Mary's son.' Say: 'Who then shall overrule God in any way if He desires to destroy the Messiah, Mary's son, and his mother, and all those who are on earth?' For to God belongs the kingdom of the heavens and of the earth, and all that is between them, creating what He will. God is powerful over everything (Al-Maidah, 17).

Say: He, Allah, is One. Allah is He on Whom all (beings and things) depend. He does not beget, nor is He begotten. And none is like Him. (112:1-4)

All these verses, and many others, testify that Allah is the One and Only God, negating the theories of dualists or polytheists.

After worshipping the One and only God, Allah, the Religious Right and its affiliated Republicans must renounce the concept of vicarious atonement. Salvation will not be through the blood of Jesus, but through faith in the One and only true God and this must be crowned with good deeds.

The Koran teaches the necessity of both faith and good deeds for salvation:

To those who believe and do deeds of righteousness hath Allah promised forgiveness and a great reward. (5:9).

But those who believe and work righteousness,- no burden do We place on any soul, but that which it can bear, they will be Companions of the Garden, therein to dwell (forever) (7:42).

The persistent imposition of reconstructionism by the Religious Right on the people in America became a sort of dominionism. This is because Reconstructionism seeks to replace democracy with theocratic elite that would govern by imposing their interpretation of Biblical Law. Reconstructionism would eliminate not only democracy but also many of its manifestations, such as labour unions, civil rights laws, and public schools.

The Christian Right reconstruction lists seek to use democracy to end liberty, something the founding fathers were very much afraid of. The result is still tyranny, regardless of whether it is imposed by majority vote or by divine decree.

The Christian Right theocrats would impose God's law on everyone else, something obviously forbidden by the Constitution. This is precisely the sort of religious establishment that the founders sought to avoid.

Bottom line, cultivation of Christian laws in contemporary conditions must begin in schools as a part of an educational system emphasizing the importance of believing in God's ethics for a better and sound life. This sort of education could go on through the different educational phases and ends at the college level. The student is then left to ponder and reflect, and be given the free choice to adhere to these principles or not. Every soul would die and be accountable to Allah, if it abides by Allah's principles it is for its own good, if not, it is to her own loss. No compulsion is there in religion.

However, adhering to the divine principles without worshipping the One and only God is useless. God must be worshipped without associating partners with Him (Jesus, Mary, pope, priest, animal, tree, nature, etc). The Oneness of Allah in worship is of primary essential for the slave's deeds to be accepted on the Day of accountability.

All Prophets, worked on reforming their societies by calling people to the message of Islamic monotheism (Tawheed). Tawheed means: the realizing and maintaining of Allah's unity in all of man's actions which directly or indirectly relate to Him. It is the belief that Allah is One, without partner in His dominion and His actions, One without similitude in

His essence and attributes, and One without rival in His divinity and in worship. It is the total submission to the One true God, Allah.

Tawheed is the bedrock of every Islamic activity, whether directed to Muslims or non-Muslims. It is the essence of Islam. The Quran shows, in no uncertain terms, that the message and the top priority of all the Prophets was one and the same - the message of Tawheed.

Without believing in Tawheed, and worshipping Allah alone, every effort is rendered null.

#### **4- The Republican Party must quit the Judeo-Christian coalition**

The term Judeo-Christian is a myth and highly hypocritical because the Jews do not worship the Christ-God. The idea of a single Judeo-Christian tradition is an American invention for political reasons. Theologically and historically, there is no such thing as the Judeo-Christian tradition. It's a secular myth favoured by people who are not really believers themselves.

The invented term "Judeo-Christian" is new; it first surfaced at the end of the 19th century but did not gain popular support until the 1940s, as part of an American reaction to Nazism. Since then, both Jewish and Christian scholars have come to recognize that Judaism and Christianity are different, even rival religions.

Joshua Jehouda, a prominent French Jewish leader, observed in the late 1950s: "The current expression 'Judeo-Christian' is an error which has altered the course of universal history by the confusion it has sown in men's minds. If the term Judeo-Christian does point to a common origin, there is no doubt that it is a most dangerous idea. It links in one breath two ideas which are completely irreconcilable, it seeks to demonstrate that there is no difference between day and night or hot and cold or black and white, and thus introduces a fatal element of confusion to a basis on which some, nevertheless, are endeavouring to construct a civilization." (*l'Antisemitisme Miroir du Monde* pp. 135-6).

Nevertheless, what is the Truth? Does Christianity have anything in

common with Judaism? Reviewing the last two thousand years of Western Christian history there is really no evidence of a Judeo-Christian tradition.

Evidently, the concept of a common Judeo-Christian tradition has more to do with post 1945 politics and a certain amount of 'public relations' than it does with historical and Biblical reality.

Driven by political agendas compromising Jews and compromising Christians began, only in the 20th century, to disseminate that Christianity originated from Judaism and that the two share a common worldview.

Christianity and Judaism are two distinct religious inheritances, despite all the superficial attempts by modern scholars to manufacture a naive "Judeo-Christianity." The very term "Judeo-Christian" is a mischievous misnomer without historical or Scriptural validity.

Judeo-Christianity should be seen for what it is - another secular twentieth century fraud, manufactured for narrow political ends, that is supremely disrespectful to all true believers.

Any fundamental unity that does exist between world religions cannot be appreciated by ignorant and secular scholarship, but only through knowledge of the great primordial and universal truths.

In conclusion, there is simply no such thing as Judeo-Christian tradition. The two religions have had separate theological agendas for the last two thousand years.

The label "Judeo-Christian" tends to assume, at the expense of Judaism, that Christians and Jews believe essentially the same things, besides glossing over the very real and important theological and liturgical differences; it tends to subsume Jewish traditions within an umbrella that is dominated by Christian ideas and practices.

Judaism and Christianity are two incompatible entities. Far from sharing one tradition, Orthodox Jews are prohibited from marrying Christians, setting foot inside a Christian church – and they cannot even drink from an open bottle of kosher wine that has been used by a Christian. They



reject the Christian idea of salvation, they abhor Christian divine teachings on every subject, and they are repulsed and outraged by incessant attempts by Christian missionaries to bring them into their fold.

The belief that Christianity originated from Judaism is inaccurate since Christianity is more closely linked to paganism. An examination of Christian history fails to support the hypothesis that Christianity has its roots in Judaism. In fact, Christianity borrows more of its customs from paganism than from Judaism. Two of Christianity's central holidays, Christmas and Easter have their roots in paganism. Moreover, Sunday worship is pagan not Jewish – even Jesus kept the Sabbath on the seventh day. It is Christendom's attempt to assimilate Jews into the Christian beliefs and to justify Christianity's own existence. By usurping the Torah into their scriptures, Christians have taken claim to the God of Abraham in order to justify their belief in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In addition, Christians do this with extreme purpose to fulfil the prophecies of the Jewish scriptures. Prophecies that many Jews do not believe exist or have yet not fulfilled.

If people need to link Christianity with its roots, then "Pagan-Christian" is the proper term. "Judeo-Christian" is false and misleading. While "Judeo-Christian" may be used to placate Jews, they should be aware that the use of the term does not include them.

Judeo-Christian is a deviant phenomenon without a trace of commonality in traditional Jewish thought.

Using Judeo-Christian term is apparently not based on Biblical basis but on political and interest means. There is in fact a vicious political agenda to be implemented.

Pat Robertson continues to insist that the early American leaders were building the country on the principles of the Bible, but he seems to ignore Thomas Jefferson's many opposing thoughts on the subject. Early American settlers left England ostensibly to escape religion persecution, but soon thought nothing of persecuting and killed others who did not share their inspired views, or who refused to convert to their stifling small-minded brand of religion. In earlier days, Native Americans were deemed inhuman savages and were driven from their homes and killed without remorse. This Biblically justified slaughter carried on for years

later evolved into “manifest destiny,” the absurd belief that God commanded ‘white’ men to take over the entire continent from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Americans also found justification for slavery in the Bible!

The distorted coalition between Judaism and Christianity has in fact prevented the Palestinians from their right to live peacefully on their land, and tore the Middle East [the Arab Spring] apart for the sake of Israel. A coalition that is primarily directed for political reasons has certainly alienated America from the Arab world and incited the grudge of the downtrodden against America.

The Republican Party must understand that the American political Christianity is behind the chaos and ruins in the Middle East and not political Islam.

The Christian Right and its affiliated Republicans claim that political Islam is behind Muslim terrorism, and neglect the fact that political Islam has resulted from the blind siding of America with Israel at the expense of the Palestinians. Political Islam was created by America when she supported Bin Laden in Afghanistan against Russia, and when she sponsored Islamic militia and the Muslim Brotherhood in order to split the Arab world into small sectors without borders and turn it into cults, sects and factions fighting among each other. Political Islam appeared on the international political scene when the enemies of Islam in America and the West openly attacked Islam as a religion. Political Islam is in fact a reaction of Muslims towards the enmity shown by the West towards their religion. The blind siding of America with Israel at the expense of the Palestinians, and the American plot against the Middle East known as “The New Middle East or the Arab Spring” is the reason behind the rise of political Islam.

The displacement and killing of Millions of Muslims because of the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, in addition to chaos and wars in Yemen, Libya, Syria, and Egypt, are crucial factors for the rise of political Islam.

Political Islam is then the reaction of Muslims against the attack on their religion and on their independence and sovereignty.

The term “Political Islam” which was invented by the Islamophobia hate mongers who were hired by the Christian right to tarnish Islam, must be replaced by political Christianity, which America adopts against the Muslim world. By relying only on military power and political interest to run the globe, leaving behind thousands of victims and ruined homes, America is travelling away from its integrity and forgetting the fact that she has drawn upon herself Allah’s wrath. Economic deterioration has been snapping her feeble body from the inside for several decades now. The collapse of America’s huge global corporations and stock market, civil unrest, drought, natural disasters, and the deterioration in America’s ethical manners on all fronts are clear examples of such divine wrath. The perpetrators from the Christian Right, the Judeo-Christian coalition and the neoconservatives, seem to forget that Allah does not love oppression and that His eyes sleep not. This is why Allah has spread dissension between members of the Republican Party, and now we are witnessing its downfall.

The Middle East. Latin America, Eastern Europe had seen nothing good from the Republicans so far. The Democrats are more considerate, have a broader vision regarding the problems of the Middle East, and oppressed countries. The democrat President Carter made the peace treaty between Egypt and Israel. As a prominent Democrat and in spite of his old age, Carter is still participating in any peace settlement between the Palestinians and the Israelis. He even proclaimed courageously in several occasions that the Palestinians are suffering under the Israeli occupation.

The Republicans are losing against the Democrats. They are losing many votes of the White Middle Americans who express heavy mistrust of every institution in American society: not only government, but also corporations, unions, even the Republican Party they typically vote for. They often do not think in ideological terms at all. However, they do

strongly feel that life in America used to be better for people like them—and they want that older country back.

They seek to defend their acquired rights — health care, pensions, and other programs that benefit older people—against bankers and technocrats.

### **5- The Republican Party must separate itself from the neoconservatives**

American neocons are the same people who successfully pushed America to war with Iraq, a country that never attacked America and never possessed weapons of mass destruction. These same neocons are now promoting a war with Iran, a country more than three times the size of Iraq.

The war in Iraq has left a regional power vacuum that helped promote the growth of ISIS, helped increase the chaos in Syria and increased the regional importance of Iran.

Evidently, the neoconservatives have learned nothing from the Iraq war, which they successfully promoted. For Americans to follow their advice again would be folly.

Neoconservatives have been obsessed with Iran for years. Norman Podhoretz, for many years editor of *Commentary*, wrote an essay in 2009 depicting Iran's president as a revolutionary "like Hitler...whose objective is to overturn the going international system and replace it...with a new world order dominated by Iran...The plain and brutal truth is that if Iran is to be prevented from developing a nuclear arsenal, there is no alternative to the actual use of military force."

The panic about Iran seems in retrospect to have been mostly emotional hyperbole—as it is today. In 2006, Princeton scholar Bernard Lewis, an adviser to President George W. Bush and Vice President Cheney, predicted in a *Wall Street Journal* op-ed that Iran's then-President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad was going to end the world. The date, he explained, "is the night when many Muslims commemorate the night flight of the Prophet Muhammad on the winged horse Buraq, first to the farthest mosque, usually identified with Jerusalem, and then to heaven and back. This might well be

deemed an appropriate date for the apocalyptic ending of Israel and if necessary the world.”

Many have pointed to the close ties of many neoconservatives with Israeli Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and Israel’s right wing. Prominent neocons Richard Perle, Douglas Feith, James Colbert, David, and Meyrav Wurmser wrote a memo to Netanyahu in 1997 entitled “A Clean Break,” which recommended the reordering of the entire Middle East to the benefit of Israel.

Sen. Tom Cotton (R-AR) was an unknown before he prepared a letter signed by 47 Republicans to warn against a nuclear agreement. He echoed all the points made by Netanyahu and by American neoconservative representatives. The Emergency Committee for Israel, led by Kristol, spent \$960,000 to support Cotton in his Senate race in Arkansas. In that same race, a firm run by Paul Singer, a hedge fund billionaire from New York and a leading donor to pro-Israel causes, contributed \$250,000 to Arkansas Horizon, an independent expenditure group. Seth Klarman, a Boston-based pro-Israel billionaire, contributed \$100,000 through his investment firm.

The political action committee run by Bolton spent at least \$825,000 to support Cotton. That PAC is in part financed by other major pro-Israel donors, including “bingo king” Irving and Cherna Moskowitz of Miami, who fund illegal Jewish-only settlements in East Jerusalem.

“It may be obvious, but it is worth emphasizing how deranged all of this is,” wrote political commentator Daniel Larison in *The American Conservative*. “It is already quite strange when anyone in this country has such a strong ideological attachment to another state, but to demand that all of a party’s candidates must share that attachment and share it to the same degree is madness. If the relationship with that other country were extremely useful to the U.S. it would still be absurd, but it might be a little easier to understand. When the relationship does virtually nothing for the U.S. and imposes significant costs on the U.S., as is the case with Israel, requiring all candidates to give reflexive support to the other state is bizarre and indefensible.” (52).

the neoconservatives are Ruining the Republican Party. As a dominating foreign policy force in Washington, they demand more

“regime change” in the Middle East and a new Cold War that could heat up and end all life on the planet.

The neoconservatives have damaged American national interests more than they have damaged the marginal Communists pursued by Sen. Joe McCarthy in the 1950s, more than the Yuppies of the 1960s, more than Richard Nixon’s Watergate burglars in the 1970s or the Iran-Contra conspirators in the 1980s.

The neocons have plunged the U.S. government into extraordinarily ill considered wars wasting trillions of dollars, killing hundreds of thousands if not millions of people, and destabilizing large swaths of the planet including the Middle East, much of Africa and now Europe. Those costs include a swelling hatred against America and deformed U.S. foreign policy elite that is no longer capable of formulating coherent strategies.

Yet, the neocons have remained immune from the consequences of their catastrophes. They still dominate Washington’s major think tanks as well as the op-ed pages of virtually all the leading newspapers, including The Washington Post, Wall Street Journal and New York Times. They hold down key positions in the State Department, and their “liberal interventionist” pals have the ear of President Barack Obama.

Clearly, the neocons are skilled operatives, knowing how to arrange a steady stream of funding for themselves, from military contractors donating to think tanks, from U.S. taxpayers footing the bill for organizations like the National Endowment for Democracy, and from ideological billionaires set on aligning U.S. foreign policy with hard-line Israeli desires.

The neocons are adept at writing op-ed articles that twist any set of facts into support for their ideological cause; they supply just the right quote that fits into the news cycle’s latest narrative; and they host

policy conferences that attract powerful politicians and fawning media coverage.

As it seems, the neoconservatives are locked on a course of action that could lead to a nuclear holocaust.

Clearly, the neocons' commitment to Israeli interests violates a key principle established by the nation's early presidents who all warned against "foreign entangling alliances" as a fundamental threat to a citizens' republic that would transform America into a warrior state that would inevitably sap the nation's liberties.

The neocons are not only threatening the existence of the Republic; they are now endangering the continuation of life itself. They have decided to launch a new Cold War against Russia that will push the world toward the brink of thermo-nuclear war.

Of course, the neocons will frame their doomsday strategy as all Vladimir Putin's fault. They will insist that they are just standing up to "Russian aggression" and that anyone who does not join them is a "stooge of Moscow" or "weak." They will dictate the shape of the debate just as they have in countless other situations, such as guiding Americans to war in Iraq over non-existent WMD stockpiles (53).

### **6- The Republicans must go back to the fundamental principles of a democratic society which they have forgotten a long time ago**

The Republicans must always remember that they were elected in a democratic society, which favours equal rights, freedom of speech and a fair trial and tolerates the views of minorities. The Republicans must not forget their commitment to a multicultural and environmentally sustainable society where all are entitled to justice. The Republicans must understand that in a democratic society they must protect the common good where all people are treated fairly for a just society. All citizens without distinction must enjoy all the rights and privileges of American citizenship free from unnecessary interference or control,

The Republicans must be aware of others and their cultures, accept diversity within a democratic society, being included and including others. They must stand up for the rights of others.

Importantly, democracy supposedly serves to check unaccountable power and manipulation by the few at the expense of the many, because fundamentally the people, for the people, see democracy as a form of governance.

The Republicans must not forget that under their leadership - George W. Bush era – have turned the 21<sup>st</sup> century into a century of war, thus humiliating and stultifying the ideals of freedom and democracy.

The Republican Party must be independent of any outside pressures that would deviate it from working sincerely for the benefit of their voters. The GOP must rebuild itself with moral, democratic values meant for all people without distinction.

## **7- The Republicans must not use imperialism and militarism to enforce their foreign policy**

The Republicans must be acquainted with the fact that managed democracy is a powerful solvent for many social and political problems and not force. They must not use power to enforce imperialism and militarism on other nations. Wars are expensive, and usually consume the federal reserves and US treasury.

The U.S. military spends more than all other militaries on Earth combined. The official U.S. defines budget for fiscal year 2008 is \$623 billion; the next closest national military budget is China's at \$65 billion, according to the Central Intelligence Agency.)



Massive military spending results directly in a shift of the economy to armaments, and an accelerating militarizing of all aspects of civil life. It has also spawned an arms race that is racy; it makes civilized social programs such as inherently very unsafe. A country determined to use all or most of its resources for empire can do so only by total disregard of its own people and, in the end, it was reduced to rubble.

The Republicans as public servants should be working for peace, using the best diplomacy, protecting the environment, providing everyone healthcare, and directing the economy toward productive purposes and not to weaponry that could be used only for Armageddon. An office holder not vigorously pursuing the people's agenda should be unceremoniously booted. The Republicans with their imperialistic foreign policy have made America tyrant in the land. They made her divide nations and people into different groups and sects thus spreading corruption in Allah's earthly kingdom.

#### **8- The Republicans must be aware that they have caused a severe democracy deficit in the United States.**

Democracy in America today is in deep trouble. Weak, shallow, dangerous, and corrupted, it is the best democracy that money can buy. As Noam Chomsky wrote: "There is an enormous gap between public opinion and policy. In 2005, for example, right after the federal budget was announced; it turned out to be the inverse of the actual budget: where federal funding was going up, an overwhelming majority wanted it to go down. The public opposed increases in military spending overall and supplemental spending for Iraq and Afghanistan, and wanted increase in budget for social expenditures, health, renewable energy, veterans' benefits.

How many newspapers in the country reported this? Apparently not one. The population is radically opposed to government policy. This tells us that American democracy is not clear or transparent (54).

The Central American myth is that democracy is the American way of life. Democracy, however, requires an educated public. The sad reality America faces is that the prospect of a public educated to issues and alternatives is perceived as threatening to the privileges of the minority that hold most of America's wealth and power.

The diffusion of misinformation from the media, with false propaganda, the public are under the illusion that the information they receive is educating them on subjects that matter. In fact, they are largely being fed what the institutions that perpetuate the power of corporate America wish to feed the public (55).

It was always a mirage to imagine that you could have a political democracy expressed in elections and not have an economic democracy. It is simple. If you allow an economic system, in which 1 percent of the people have more than half the wealth and the other 99 percent have to share the other half, then the 1 percent is not going to be so stupid as to not realize that one of the ways you secure yourself is to control the political system (56).

When Americans with different income levels differ in their policy preferences, actual policy outcomes strongly reflect the preferences of the most affluent but bear virtually no relationship to the preferences of poor or middle-income Americans. The vast discrepancy in government responsiveness to citizens with different incomes stands in stark contrast to the ideal of political equality that Americans hold dear. Although perfect political equality is an unrealistic goal, representational biases of this

magnitude call into question the very democratic character of the American society.

When the rich and poor disagreed about an issue, policy hewed closely to the preferences of the rich, and was "wholly unrelated" to the preferences of the poor. The same was true, more or less, when the opinions of the rich differed from those of median-income Americans...."influence over actual policy outcomes appears to be reserved almost exclusively for those at the top of the income distribution.

If the US had real democracy, candidates would be bound to do what people want. How well they do, it would be the criteria with which they are evaluated. Torture, renditions, secret government, broad surveillance, fiscal irresponsibility, neglect of health issues, response to concerns of the public are just a few of the categories that our current crop of candidates mostly fail.

Americans should vote for the agenda, decided in a public, transparent process in which sensible, publicly sanctioned goals are established. Candidates would be bound by them.

Agreements that America has signed in the past, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the Geneva Conventions, the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Agreement, the Prevention of Weapons in Space, the Laws of War as agreed at Nuremberg, and others should be respected as law.

### **9- The Republicans must realize that they do not represent the majority of the Americans**

Republicans, though they do not represent a majority of Americans, control the agenda now. Through dark money, gerrymandering, voter suppression, dirty tricks, election rigging,

media spin, have made the US a failed state. They are consistently heading the United States in the wrong direction. They packed the Supreme Court with party hacks who are corporate supremacists. They have been largely responsible for creating a secret, black government that is unaccountable and is making important policy decisions without oversight. They have secretly implemented universal surveillance that robs Americans of civil liberties, privacy, and freedom. Even trade agreements are drafted in secret.

Corporations have become the controlling interest of government. Regulatory agencies are dominated by industries that are supposed to be regulated. The military has become a security force for multinationals, especially oil companies. The National Security State has taken resources that might have gone to the well-being of people. The police have been militarized and are increasingly violent.

A close look at almost any issue reveals that large monies interests (usually represented by Republicans) oppose democracy: health care, pharmaceuticals, transportation, weaponry, pensions, wages, software, and education, when you have seen examples from these and many other areas, what you find is class warfare and the wreckage from the Supreme Court's Citizen's United decision.

#### **10- The Republicans are not using a transparent media but their own biased media**

Information streams are polluted. Media are concentrated, exploitive spammers, managed by party hacks, cowed into submission, infiltrated by spy-ops, and spoon-fed the official line. Government is secretive. There is an assault on the press. Except for official voices, there is silence in the media. A diversity of points of view is essential

for a democracy, but concentration of media corporations and government intrusion prevents the possibility of democracy.

### **11- Threats thundering the future of the United states if the Republicans Persist in their wrong policies**

The Republican Party over-ride Constitutional checks and balances, its commitment to environmental destruction, war profiteering and empire is likely to destroy people's civil liberties, republic, and even the habitability of the planet (57).

Accordingly, the future of the US will be marked by poor relations with the rest of the world, financial instability, overpopulation, energy crisis, environmental catastrophe, inflation, and endless wars. There will be little employment security, rising costs, declining wages, deteriorating infrastructure, expensive corporate healthcare, increasing surveillance, more intrusive government, higher taxes, and a continuing race for the bottom. It will meet the same as the fate of every other empire.

### **12- The GOP as an oligarchy party is threatening American democracy**

Several studies have revealed that the majorities of the American public actually have little influence over the policies the government adopts. To put it short: The United States is no democracy, but actually an oligarchy.

In a democracy, the people are the government. However, the Republicans when are elected they run the government for them. They do not run the country in the interest of the people; but for their business oriented interest. People, do not have the power to create laws in their interest, but the Republicans can. This causes an imbalance of power in the government. The Republicans may argue that people are not qualified or do not know enough to be trusted to make laws.

The Republicans should endorse laws that would bring the people into the operation of government as lawmakers. This would enable the American people to experience the responsibility of legislating and governing themselves directly, a matter that would bring about greater

civic maturity. This direct involvement of the people in legislating laws will not alter the existing structure of representative governments; however, it does add an additional check, the People, to the American system of checks and balances. Bringing the People into the legislative operations of government sets up a working partnership with the People and their elected legislative representatives.

The ideological foundation of the National Citizens Initiative rests on the belief that the constituent power of the People is sovereign and the American People can govern themselves as they see fit in pursuit of their happiness and the general welfare. George Washington put it best: "The basis of our political systems is the right of the people to make and to alter their constitutions of government." (58).

### **13- The Republicans must quit overhyping threats and demanding military solutions**

The key moving forward for the Republicans is to quit overhyping threats and demanding military solutions. Republicans must stop justifying extremely high levels of defense spending. They must stop claiming that the United States faces greater threats now than during the Cold War, and that the world is more dangerous, destructive, and chaotic than ever before. The Republican hawks must stop warning that Armageddon will ensue if defense expenditures fall below four percent of GDP, even though they are vague about the connection between such an abstract figure and actual defense policy challenges. Today's threats may be more numerous and varied, but even combined, they are significantly smaller and less grave than at the time of the cold war. U.S. deaths from terrorism are declining, and even with the global financial crisis, the world has not become more conflictual.

The continuous call of the Republicans for military action anywhere and everywhere trouble breaks out, had made the people to turn out their alarmist rhetoric. It will be hard for any leader to mobilize a war-weary public into taking even necessary military action in the

near future, and the GOP's constant crying of wolf will make this task much harder. A good grand strategy prioritizes threats and interests, and that is a habit the Republicans need to relearn. The GOP to take foreign policy seriously again, they must reject the ideological absolutism that has consumed the GOP's foreign policy rhetoric in recent years. They must realize that foreign policy has non-military dimensions as well as military ones. In addition, it means focusing on the threats and priorities that matter, rather than exaggerating every picayune concern.

#### **14- The Republicans must learn how to act as a just ruler**

The neoconservatives who think they have a mission of peace, when they have not even a true perception of right and wrong cause much mischief. By their blind arrogance, they depress the good and encourage the evil. They have spread corruption in the land, which causes loss only to them.

The Koran says:

When they are told, "Do not cause corruption in the land, they say, 'We are only promoters of peace'" but it is they who are really making corruption, though they do not realize it (Al-Baqarah, 11-12).

Just ruling in Islam could be a guide for Republicans and for other groups of humankind. Islam teaches that leadership in Islam is a trust. Often, it takes the form of an explicit contract or pledge between a leader and his followers that he will try his best to guide them, to protect them and to treat them fairly and with justice. Hence, the focus of leadership in Islam is on integrity and justice.

According to Islam, the two primary roles of a leader are those of servant-leader and guardian-leader. First, the leader is the servant of his followers. He is to seek their

welfare and guide them towards good. The second role is to protect his community against tyranny and oppression, to encourage God-consciousness and and to promote justice.

In the Holy Quran God addresses human beings as his representatives or vicegerents on the earth providing them with all the necessary skills, principles and tools to lead their lives towards glory and also to lead others towards realizing their fullest potential.

Allah says in the Koran:

"It is He Who made you successors on the earth and raised some of you above others in rank, to test you through what He gives you. Your Lord is swift in punishment, yet He is most Forgiving and merciful (Al-An'am, 165).

As a representative of God Himself, human beings are assigned great faculties and qualities which if properly deployed could result in the achievement of miraculous goals.

In many of Hadiths the Prophet has directly and indirectly explained the leadership qualities and the importance of leadership. In one of his Hadiths, the Prophet said:

"Each of you is a shepherd, and all of you are responsible for your flocks." (Saheeh Al-Bukhari, Saheeh Muslim).

The Republicans must learn to create a society, which is Just, Equitable, Compassionate and Comforting. A society,



which is open to everybody and provide opportunities and Choices to everybody. A society, which eradicates hunger, poverty, diseases, suffering and injustice.

The Republicans must learn to bind groups together, and supporting essential institutions. They must learn to work harmoniously with the Democrats, on basis of reason and fairness, which would certainly lead to a harmonious and smooth functioning society.

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