

## War Propaganda Intensifies as US Mainstream Media Calls for War on Iran to Stop the "Axis of Resistance"

Iran has the capabilities to hit US bases in the Middle East. It has a formidable military.

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Remember when the mainstream media especially FOX News was calling for an attack on Iraq because Saddam Hussein and the Baath Party was developing Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMDs)?

FOX News was the main cheerleader for the US and its European allies to invade Iraq and take out Saddam Hussein. To be fair, CNN and MSNBC and other news outlets were also cheerleading for war, but FOX News was clearly, the loudest voice. Today, FOX News is at it again with other right-wing media networks who have been also calling for the US and its allies to bomb Iran to stop the Axis of Resistance that includes Hezbollah in Southern Lebanon, Syria, Iraqi resistance groups and now Yemen, with the Houthi rebels who have been launching missile attacks against Israeli and Western commercial ships in the Red Sea in support of Gaza.

Fox News senior strategic analyst, who a former General with the US Army, Jack Keane, a war hawk who served as an advisor to manage the US occupation of Iraq and a member of the *Defense Policy Board Advisory Committee*. Keane is also chairman of AM General, a heavy vehicle and automotive manufacturer that produces military Humvees for civilian and military use. Recently, Keane spoke on FOX News regarding the 60 + strikes conducted by US and British fighter aircraft on Yemen. The main points he made on the FOX network was that US and its British allies already had their targets pinpointed due to Centcom, the US

central command.

"they were likely tracking the Houthis were trying to hide some of this capability for the last few days. But we got excellent surveillance there, and likely we will, we are able to determine whether they are moving a lot of this, they will finish the assessment, believe me, I think if there is capability there, that is still significant, we should reattack and then we got to remind ourselves what's really happening here."

Keane went on to say that Iran is "the center of gravity", therefore it must be attacked to stop its proxies in the region:

The center of gravity for the aggression in the Middle East that we're experiencing is Iran. We have said this time and time and time again, and to deter the proxies themselves by hitting them will not be sufficient. We have got to go after Iran themselves by hitting them will not be sufficient. We have got to go after Iran, they are, as I mentioned, the center of gravity, Centcom has a table of targets that they have provided to the administration in how to go about doing that comprehensively to shut down their support for these proxies that has got to be high on our list. And what that really means Brian, we have got to re-set the strategy in dealing with Iran in the region and admit the fact that this thing has failed. When they came in, they removed the Trump sanctions. Iran's flush with oil money now, as a result of it, they went after the nuclear deal. That failed

Keane is not the only psychopath who wants World War III, another frequent quest on FOX News, Lindsey Graham who is South Carolina's Republican Senator and a Pro-Israel activist was quoted in a FOX News article, 'Lindsey Graham calls for warning Iran of retaliation if Hamas escalates, tells 'Squad' to 'shut the hell up' reported that the "South Carolina Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham castigated the far left's "appeasement" of Iran's regime, which he said has not prevented attacks by Hamas against Israel, telling the Palestinian-friendly "Squad" contingent in Congress to "shut the hell up." On America Reports, a show produced by FOX News, Graham said that

"The only way you're going to keep this war from escalating is to hold Iran accountable. How much more death and destruction do we have to take from the Iranian regime? I am confident this was planned and funded by the Iranians."

Sounding like a far-right Israeli politician, Graham also said that

"Hamas is a bunch of animals who deserve to be treated like animals" he added that "Israeli forces should use this opportunity to invade Palestinian territory and "dismantle" the militant group."

Graham used the Hitler comparison to the Hamas' resistance as "an effort to kill Jewish people on par with that of former German Chancellor Adolf Hitler in the 1930s."

In 2005, a few years after Iraq was already invaded and destroyed, <u>Pew Research</u> found that FOX News was more biased in reporting on the war in Iraq than CNN and MSNBC, "measurably more one-sided than the other networks, and Fox journalists were more opinionated on the air" and that "the news channel was also decidedly more positive in its coverage of the war in Iraq, while the others were largely neutral. At the same time, the story segments on the Fox programs studied did have more sources and shared more about

them with audiences." This does not mean CNN and MSNBC is innocent nor any better on the lead-up to the war on Iraq, but FOX News is surely on the frontline when it comes to war propaganda.

Iran is the ultimate prize for the neocons in Washington and Israel. Israel wants to get the US military into another war but this time to attack Iran. They are using the mainstream media that they control to gain support from the US population who are clueless about what is happening in the Middle East. FOX News is a major part of the propaganda machine, so they will continue to call for another major war to appease their Zionist masters in Israel.

In an article published in 2003 by *The Guardian* that was correctly titled, <u>'Their Master's Voice'</u> on Rupert Murdoch, the owner of FOX News said that "you have got to admit that Rupert Murdoch is one canny press tycoon because he has an unerring ability to choose editors across the world who think just like him." It goes on to say how much influence Rupert Murdoch, who is a neocon at heart, has in his media empire:

Murdoch is chairman and chief executive of News Corp which owns more than 175 titles on three continents, publishes 40 million papers a week and dominates the newspaper markets in Britain, Australia, and New Zealand. His television reach is greater still, but broadcasting – even when less regulated than in Britain – is not so plainly partisan. It is newspapers which set the agenda

What was Murdoch's agenda during the war in Iraq? In an interview in the *Sydney Daily Telegraph*, one of the newspapers that Murdoch owns, said that

"We can't back down now, where you hand over the whole of the Middle East to Saddam...I think Bush is acting very morally, very correctly, and I think he is going to go on with it."

He was also asked about another war criminal-at-large and former British Prime Minister, Tony Blair:

I think Tony is being extraordinarily courageous and strong... It's not easy to do that living in a party which is largely composed of people who have a knee-jerk anti-Americanism and are sort of pacifist. But he's shown great guts as he did, I think, in Kosovo and various problems in the old Yugoslavia

Fox News is cheerleading for another war but this time against Iran who is not Iraq. Iran has the capabilities to hit every US base in the Middle East especially those in Iraq and Syria. It has a formidable military that is ready to defend their territorial integrity. If the US and their Israeli counterparts decide to attack Iran, rest assured, the entire Middle East would erupt and they would support Iran and that will be the end of all US bases in the region and possibly, the end of a 75-year-old occupation of Palestine.

FOX News has supported every war, it has supported every assassination of foreign military and <u>political</u> leaders, and it has supported every regime change operation on all corners of the globe. There is nothing "Fair and Balanced" with FOX News and their paid propagandists who basically work for Military arms manufacturers, major corporations, the right-wing part of the American and European political establishment and of course, Israel.

This is dangerous war propaganda all over again, we can call it, Iraq 2.0., but this is much worse because this coming war will involve many countries and resistance groups,

especially those in the Middle East.

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