

## Watch the 'left hand' during election mania

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It really is too easy! Cynical social theorist, Leo Strauss, took the easy option. The masses should be 'managed for their own good' by benevolent, wise and intelligent, (SUPERIOR) ruling elites like dubya Bush, Rove, Cheney, Perle, Wolfowitz, Rice, Rumsfeld etc. - get the picture? It is widely known today that far from 'superior' these elites are downright criminal AND incompetent! Yet most of us continue to take the bait each time these cynical manipulators offer it.



**Bob Gates**

Almost the entire population has failed to see the left hand holding the dagger while the right offers fanfare! While the population is suitably distracted by the US elections, Bush is attempting to pardon himself and his entire administration from any and all future criminal prosecutions for war crimes and other crimes against humanity; he is rushing a Bill through Congress that would effectively achieve that end - but who is watching - certainly not the American people?

Bush has also applied pressure on member nations to admit two former Nazi allies -- Croatia and Albania -- into NATO, a quick look at an atlas reveals (strategic) Serbia/Kosovo sandwiched between these two 'former' fascist states.

However, the most alarming recent news relates to the content of a speech delivered to the Carnegie Endowment by serving Secretary of Defence, Bob Gates. Implied in the sub-text of Gates' speech is a new American doctrine of total disregard for ALL international law and convention, especially those laws relating to the sovereignty of nations and the rights of free citizens.

Gates effectively stated the USA would disregard all laws and conventions and "*.. hold any state, terrorist group or other nonstate actor or individual **fully accountable** for supporting or enabling terrorist efforts to obtain or use weapons of mass destruction - whether by facilitating, financing or providing expertise or safe haven for such effort!*" These words are supported by recent criminal incursions and the murder of civilians in Pakistan and Syria, two sovereign states. [It should be noted that these and other US attacks make the International Criminal Court a complete joke or at best a political court of convenience and INJUSTICE!]

Gates also mentioned the need for the US to modernise its nuclear arsenal and referred to the

modernisation programs of China, Russia and NATO allies in this regard. He lamented the fact that US weapons designers were getting old and that few have been trained to replace them. *“The program we propose is not about new capabilities -- suitcase bombs or bunker busters or tactical nukes. It is about safety, security and reliability,”* Gates said.

The fact the US supplied at least 30 newly developed bunker busters to Israel, would seem to contradict that weapons development is lagging behind. The mention of suitcase nukes definitely caught the attention of interested parties around the globe! It seems the old fart designers are not as burnt out as Gates would suggest.

The speech was nothing more than an exercise announcing to the world that America intends to COMPLETELY DISREGARD all law and convention and do as it pleases – the PIG and BULLY of the world has spoken!

However, it is clear to political commentators and analysts that 'sandwiching' Serbia and launching attacks on Syria are actions designed to test/provoke Russia and China.

Defining any nation that would dare defend against US imperialism/expansionism as terrorist, of course gives license to America to ‘defend itself.’

Gates seemed unaware that his speech was fraught with dangers, as the entire logic could easily be reversed and applied to America!

We are all anxiously awaiting a response from Russia and China. After failing ally Serbia over Kosovo and now the bombing of ally Syria, the challenge is clear. Perhaps the US is still ‘smarting’ over the routing it got in Georgia. We shall see!

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