

## Desperation Politics

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A picture is worth considerably more than a thousand words; the picture below depicts two very old and ossified conservatives unable to adequately deal with a rapidly changing New World. Antiquated and redundant divisionist ideologies have failed dramatically in today's world - Iraq is the obvious example.



***Antiquated 'solutions': Howard and Cheney***

Conservatives specialise in simplistic approaches to complex problems, the application of which creates catastrophic results - Iraq again is the obvious example! The 'them and us' conflict based ideologies and philosophies of conservatism have proven, after approximately a decade of conservative rule, that conservatism is not only a totally inadequate and inappropriate political philosophy but is extremely dangerous. In today's world conservatism has proven it readily equates with insanity or severe mental and political retardation - George W Bush and his neo-cons are the obvious examples!

We need not press the point further, however, we would mention that 'God' is always on the side of the many warring conservative factions in the world today - the implication that religionism is ultra-conservatism is clear.

Conservatives are readily identifiable regardless of culture or geography; the three pillars upon which conservatism rests are nationalism/tribalism, racism and religionism. Is it therefore coincidental that the NSW Conservative Party would hold its campaign launch at Cronulla, the internationally known site of Australia's shameful race riots? The crude symbolic message of choosing Cronulla is not lost on anyone, however, it is ill-advised. In attendance at the 'launch' was the arch-conservative Australian Prime Minister, John Howard and a number of government ministers; it is hoped their support will assist their State counterpart, Peter Debnam, in his bid to oust the entrenched Labor Party from office.

The timing of the launch couldn't have been worse; Sydney is in the process of recovering from the hugely inconvenient Cheney visit, which was a public relations disaster - local conservatives are well aware that Cheney is a liability at any time, let alone in an election year. Howard's absence from Cheney's public speech was a clear indication of the 'awkwardness' of the occasion.

It has been a bad week for Oz conservatives in general, the Defence Minister, Brendan (studs) Nelson was forced to 'put a sock in it' after his naive attempt to compare the heroic Kokoda campaign of WWII with the current 'threat' from a bunch of disparate terrorist criminal groups on

the other side of the world. If Nelson wore long blonde hair we would call him Custer-face; the ear-studded, motorbike-riding, dimwit Nelson, should have been 'spotted' prior to his appointment to the front bench - but it's too late now and the Labor Party are loving it!

The past week has been very costly for the Oz-cons - the Cheney lead-balloon visit in particular. The world is under no illusions regarding the real nature of the visit - briefing Howard on the imminent attack on Iran and the new aggressive approach to China were high on the conservative conflict list.

Take a long hard look at the picture and recall every lie and the present international nightmare the conservatives have created. Two antiquated, philosophically bankrupt old men are deciding our fate on a national and international level. Have absolutely no doubts that the same simplistic violent 'solutions' will be applied and have no doubt as to the results, MORE horror, murder and destabilisation designed to increase the need for more horror, murder and destabilisation. The nihilistic insanity of conservative ideology is naked in the blood-filled streets - but the sheeple aren't looking!



***Diggers on the Kokoda Track, WWII***

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