

Star-Spangled Banner

The Recurrence of American
Neoconservatism and Military
Interventions

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Research Question

- Would neoconservatism continue?
 - What is the link between neoconservatism and American military interventions?
 - What is the future of neoconservatism and military interventions?



Arguments

- Neoconservatism is truly American
- It is embodied by American military interventions
- American military interventions will persist

The Origins of Neoconservatism

- First used in early 1970s
- Liberals mugged by reality
- Convoluted, amorphous, ambiguous conception

Liberalism Vs Conservatism



	Liberalism	Conservatism
Authoritarianism	Egalitarianism	Elitism
Economic	Socialism	Capitalism
International	Idealism	Realism
Political	Equality	Libertarian
Populist	Equity	Morality
Religious	Relativism	Orthodoxy
Social	Change	Order
Tradition	Modernity	Pre-Modernity

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Mugged by Reality



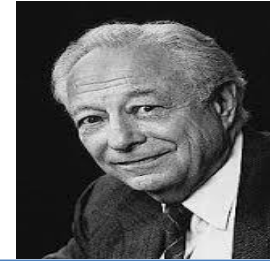
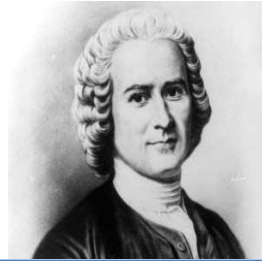
- Failure of the Paternalistic State
- Counterculture
- Vietnam War

Main Tenets of Neoconservatism

- Internationalism
- Primacy
- Unilateralism
- Militarism
- Democracy



Liberalism Vs Neoconservatism Vs Paleoconservatism



	Liberalism	Neoconservatism	(Paleo)Conservatism
Authoritarianism	Egalitarianism	Bourgeoisie	Elitism
Economic	Socialism	Welfare State	Capitalism
International	Idealism	Hard Wilsonianism	Realism
Foreign Policy	Institutionist	Interventionist	Isolationist
Political	Equality	Negative E/L	Libertarian
Populist	Equity	Nationalist	Morality
Religious	Relativism	Neo-Orthodoxy	Orthodoxy
Social	Change	Mixed	Order
Tradition	Modernity	Modernity	Pre-Modernity

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The Neoconservative Position

- Liberalism Hijacked
 - Anti-Statist
 - Economic and Political Freedoms
 - Laissez-Faire and Civil Liberties
 - Tocquevillian Egalitarianism
- Real Conservatism
 - Opposition to 'Revolution'
 - Positional

Avatar of American Messianism

- Faithfully American Ideal
- Inherent Aporia
 - American Experience
 - Exceptionalism
 - Global Dominance
 - American Identity
 - The Great Gatsby





Sampling of US Military Interventions (overt and covert)