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

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Mugged by Reality

• Failure of the Paternalistic State
• Counterculture
• Vietnam War
Main Tenets of Neoconservatism

- Internationalism
- Primacy
- Unilateralism
- Militarism
- Democracy
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The Neoconservative Position

- Liberalism Hijacked
  - Anti-Statist
  - Economic and Political Freedoms
  - Laissez-Faire and Civil Liberties
  - Tocquevillian Egalitarianism

- Real Conservativism
  - 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)