

Real Reason Cheney and Bush Hate Trump

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Dick Cheney and, needless to say, his daughter Liz have announced they will be supporting Kamala Harris' presidential campaign, a woman with whom, it would seem, they have as much in common as Leon Trotsky.



George W. Bush has done close to the same, declaring he will not support anyone in the 2024 election but hinting he will vote for the other party.

None of this is particularly surprising. Both have done it before. Donald Trump has declared this “irrelevant,” and it mostly is. We already know how Adam Kinzinger is going to vote.

Nevertheless, the MSM is chortling away, hoping to influence somebody or bait Trump into saying something they can misquote.

Meanwhile, Tucker Carlson, on his *Live* tour, accompanied by Tulsi Gabbard, explained Cheney's views in what we might call a Menckenesque manner—it's “about the money”—in other words what Dwight Eisenhower warned us about at the end of World War II, the “military-industrial complex.”

True enough. Dick Cheney, through his long association with government contractors, certainly profited from that, as did

his friends, many of whom continue to do so. War pays, if you don't actually have to fight it yourself.

The Cheneys and the Bushes, however, undoubtedly have sufficient net worth to carry them through several Depressions.

Something even more powerful than money may be involved here –history and reputation—to wit, the Iraq War.

Cheney, W., and their SecDef, the wittier Donald Rumsfeld were the primary men responsible. But they were far from alone. Almost all politicians on both sides of the aisle supported the war, as did the vast majority of the American public, as well as your humble scribe.

It was in part, vengeance for 9/11, though Saddam was never directly implicated, plus an attempt to rid him of nuclear weapons that were never found.

But the overwhelming hope, the moral impetus, was that American “shock and awe” would bring about a new, democratic Middle East.

For a bit it looked promising. Saddam was gone. Iraqis were actually voting in an election. When I was CEO of the fledgling Pajamas Media, we “won the internet” for a couple of days in January 2005 by covering their election in person across the country through our affiliate blog “Iraq the Model.” Remember the purple fingers? Those were heady, idealistic days.

Then the roof started to fall in. What was once a one-sided war, became a real one in places like Fallujah. It turned out that imposing democracy by military force on tribal Middle Eastern countries wasn't all it was cracked up to be, as has also been demonstrated in Afghanistan.

Iraq, formerly at war with the fascist theocrats of the

Islamic Republic of Iran, is now their fiefdom with local Tehran-financed militia regularly taking aim with missiles and drones at remaining American troops. The entire Middle East is inflamed. In short, most now regard the Iraq War as having been an unmitigated failure and a self-inflicted one.

Although he waffled a bit, among the first to declare this publicly was Donald Trump.

Not long thereafter, the never-shy Donald, equally publicly, put the onus for this disaster on Dick Cheney and by inference George W. Bush. History, if written honestly, will not look favorably on their decision and its aftermath. Their legacy was effectively and deservedly besmirched by Trump.

This, I believe, is why they so despise him. It is why Liz Cheney despises him also. More than anything, it's a family thing. This explains her behavior ever since, why the Cheneys and probably the Bushes could support a Kamala Harris whose views, assuming she really has any, are antithetical to anything they have ever espoused.

A not-so-invisible line can be drawn from Trump's calling out of Cheney and Bush for the Iraq War, from which many Americans tragically died or were wounded ultimately for no reason, to the overt bias of the commission investigating J6 and the overly-zealous prosecution of demonstrators, some of whom weren't even in Washington at the time.

This is history at work. They say that journalism, already of dubious accuracy, is its first draft. How the final drafts will be written is yet to be determined.

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