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DRAGGED TO WAR

• Israel and its neocon lackeys drove Trump's rash decision

By Phil Giraldi

So the United States is at war again, even if the leading figures in President Donald Trump's administration are denying that what is taking place with Iran should technically be called a "war." These leading figures include the secretary of War and the secretary of State. They would much prefer that the armed conflict be understood to be something more akin to a "police action," an "armed response," or even a "special military operation," carried out in response to a threatening provocation by the Islamic Republic.

This would include the development of a nuclear weapon plus also enhancing its existing ballistic missile arsenal, creating "weapons of mass destruction" that could strike the United States. Trump, in a characteristic misspeak, has described the Iranian threat as "imminent" when he surely meant "imminent," though either word is inaccurate.

Creating a threat to support actions that might otherwise be questioned is not exactly a new tactic for the United States government. Back in 2002-2003 the George W. Bush White House argued that Saddam Hussein's Iraq was developing "weapons of mass destruction," including gliders that could cross the Atlantic Ocean and bomb the United States as well as chemical and possibly nuclear weapons that



could also be deployed on the gliders.

Then-Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice famously argued that one did not want to see a "mushroom cloud" from a nuclear explosion over the United States. None of it was true—and the policymakers knew they were promoting a lie.

Currently "Christian Zionist"

aligned Secretary of War Pete Hegseth perhaps wins the prize for most exuberance about Washington's latest adventure in the Middle East. He and other senior commanders reportedly have been linking the war to the fulfillment of the prophecy of the biblical Armageddon, a catastrophic war that they believe will bring about the "End Times," following which all true believers maintain that they will be raptured up to heaven.

One suspects that this particular spin to create enthusiasm for the war is not particularly popular among the families of the soldiers who will be doing the fighting and dying, and there has already been considerable

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