

**JOIN THE CAMPAIGN TO CONTAIN AND CONSTRAIN THE ISRAEL LOBBY, ESPECIALLY THE AMERICAN ISRAEL PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE (AIPAC), AND ITS ALLIES, INCLUDING CHRISTIAN ZIONISTS.**

The top priority for Middle East peace is to contain the overwhelming influence on U.S. Middle East policy by the right-wing government of Israel.

Almost every nation is perplexed at American permissiveness towards Israel, which has resulted in a nation without borders and policies without common sense.

*"Doing work as a lobbyist, I often think: What would the Israelis want me to do — so, where is the line between being a pro-Israel lobbyist and representing the wishes of somebody else? I don't know where that line is. . . . When does [our work] change from being a cheerleader to being a client?"*

— Senior staffer with a major American Jewish group (*The Forward*, May 13, 2005)

Until Israel defines itself and becomes a good neighbor to the Palestinians and Syrians, the issue of failed Middle East peace efforts will continue to metastasize terror around the world.

**THE DEBATE WE ARE MISSING**

The Israel lobby is out of control. It shuts down any rational debate or even any discussion of Israel's actions. Three past heads of Israel's security service, Shin Bet, have said that the actions of the present Israeli government are self-destructive, yet those views are not heard by the American public.

The many organizations that make up the Israel lobby include several whose main effort is to intimidate editors and producers in the media and prevent an open discourse about Israeli policies and our uncritical support for those policies.

**WHAT IS GOOD FOR ISRAEL IS NOT ALWAYS GOOD FOR AMERICA**

The agenda of AIPAC and of the Israel lobby has never been the agenda of America in the Middle East. The present government of Israel is undermining long-term American interests and the war on terror. Even the half-step of disengagement from Gaza and a few of the Jewish colonies on the West Bank is not what Palestinians and a majority of peace-seeking Israelis have dreamed of and struggled for.

*"We have one advantage over other organizations — we only have to promote the state of Israel."*

— Former AIPAC Executive Director Thomas Dine, speaking at an AIPAC conference

**ISRAEL, STOP SPYING ON AMERICA!**

The close relationship of the Israeli lobby with the embassy of Israel and its right-wing government has created conditions for widespread espionage that has undermined the formation of credible policies for the United States in the Middle East.

Our national security has been breached and incidents have continued almost up to this day.



Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger said that he could not "conceive of a greater harm to national security than that caused by" Jonathan Jay Pollard, a Naval Intelligence officer currently serving a life sentence for selling a roomful of classified documents to Israel.

Now we have another break in American intelligence, this one resulting in the arrest of a mid-level Defense Department analyst, **Larry Franklin**. The case directly involves high-ranking AIPAC officials, **Steve Rosen** and **Keith Weissman**. AIPAC vigorously defended both men for months before firing them to preserve AIPAC's credibility with their contributors and with members of Congress. Franklin is accused of passing classified information on to the AIPAC officials, who in turn called the Israeli embassy and a reporter at the Washington Post. Franklin approached AIPAC because he wanted them to influence President George W. Bush.

Promoting the agenda of the government of Israel, even using U.S. classified information to do so, has been one basic strategy of the Israel lobby.

**THE LOBBY REVEALS ITSELF**

Lobby spokespersons are quite brazen in describing how they operate:

*"It is routine for us to say: This is our policy on a certain issue, but we must check what the Israelis think."*

— Activist with a major American Jewish group, *The Forward* (May 13, 2005)

And they like to work in the dark:

*"A lobby is like a night flower: It thrives in the dark and dies in the sun."*

— Steve Rosen, recently fired AIPAC policy director, in an internal AIPAC memo, cited *Jerusalem Post*, August 24, 2004

Three Israeli generals are on the program for AIPAC's annual policy conference this week, but not a single American in uniform is there. If an American goal in invading Iraq was to ensure Israeli security, then why didn't AIPAC honor one of the wounded Americans instead of three Israeli generals?

**NEW LEGISLATION IS NEEDED**

Join the campaign to support legislation that will apply to all lobbies working on behalf of foreign governments. We propose a **Foreign Lobby Registration Act (FLORA)**, an act designed to make lobbies supporting foreign governments more transparent and accountable to the American people. It will also make clear that those lobbies do not work on behalf of American interests but, in fact, work to support the narrow interests of a foreign government.

More than 60% of American voters according to a Zogby International poll believe AIPAC should be registered as the agent of a foreign government. If implemented under a FLORA, this would mean transparency in resources used by AIPAC dedicated to furthering the right-wing government of Israel. Contributors would have to be publicly listed. It would also put an end to the undeserved tax-exempt status that some foreign lobbies enjoy.

**We are joining with other organizations and individuals, including former congressmen, to promote such legislation this year.**

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