

## **LEO STRAUSS, NEOCONSERVATISM AND IR**

### **(1) AN AWARENESS OF STRAUSS' INFLUENCE IN IR**

### **(2) THE STRAUSSIAN LEGACY FOR NEOCONSERVATISM**

- (a) A PARTICULAR WAY OF THINKING**
- (b) A PARTICULAR WAY OF UNDERSTANDING**
- (c) A PARTICULAR ATTITUDE TOWARDS PROBLEM SOLVING**
- (d) ACCESS TO A FUNDAMENTAL TRUTH**
- (e) THE WESTERN CULTURAL CRISIS**

### **(3) THE STRAUSSIAN PERSPECTIVE**

- (a) THE CONDEMNATION OF LIBERALISM**
- (b) THE SUPERIORITY OF THE ANCIENTS**
- (c) THE 'DEADLY TRUTH'**
- (d) THE 'NOBLE LIE'**
- (e) THE DEATH OF GOD AS THE DEATH OF THE NOBLE LIE**

### **(4) THE NIETZSCHIAN DIMENSION**

- (a) THE FEAR OF INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY**
- (b) THE FEAR OF FREEDOM**
- (c) THE NEED FOR NEW RULING ELITE OR 'OVERMAN'**

### **(5) THE NOBLE LIE, U.S. POLITICS AND FOREIGN POLICY**

#### **(a) IRVING KRISTOL**

### **(6) THE STRAUSSIAN-NEOCON AGENDA IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY**

- (a) NEED FOR STRONG CULTURAL AND NATIONAL IDENTITY**
- (b) NEED FOR TRADITIONAL SOCIAL AND RELIGIOUS PRINCIPLES**
- (c) NEED FOR 'WAR CULTURE'**
- (d) NEED FOR MILITARY STRENGTH**
- (e) NEED TO 'THINK THE UNTHINKABLE' ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS**
- (f) NEED TO GO BEYOND PEACE AND STABILITY**
- (g) NEED FOR IMPERIALIST MINDSET**

### **SOME PROMINENT STRAUSSIAN NEOCONSERVATIVES**

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