

Trump Replaces Bolton with Fringe Neocon

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It was too good to be true. For a moment, I actually thought Trump had come to his senses and decided to scour the neocons from his administration.

I was overly optimistic. I should have known better.

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White House taps Charles Kupperman to serve as acting national security adviser <https://t.co/5xDOMxij7e> [pic.twitter.com/aPnrojiAul](https://t.co/aPnrojiAul)

— New York Post (@nypost) [September 10, 2019](#)

Back in 2016, [I wrote a small ebook](#) about the neocons giving Trump advice during his presidential campaign. I focused on the influence of Frank Gaffney, founder of the Islamophobic Center for Security Policy (CSP).

Trump's interim national security adviser, Charles Kupperman, was John Bolton's sidekick. He is associated with CSP and its pro-Israel, anti-Iran, Islamophobic agenda.

New acting National Security Advisor is Jewish Reagan Administration alum, Charles M. Kupperman! <https://t.co/vmC7b2Czoq>

— RJC (@RJC) [September 11, 2019](#)

Kupperman is neck-deep in the military-industrial complex. He held senior positions at Lockheed Martin and Boeing. I'm sure Trump approves, having [acted as a salesman](#) for the death merchants. He used the ineffectual and illegal missile strike on Syria as a PR event.

For now, Kupperman is interim national security adviser. Trump is looking at equally unqualified warmongers to eventually fill the slot. For instance, Brian Hook, Trump's Special Representative for Iran and Senior Policy Advisor to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

Special Representative for [#Iran](#) Brian Hook announced that the U.S. is offering rewards of up to \$15 million for anyone who can help disrupt the financial operations of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps. Submit a tip by visiting <https://t.co/mpTeFmrsJg> [pic.twitter.com/H5JM4PiYau](https://t.co/H5JM4PiYau)

— Department of State (@StateDept) [September 5, 2019](#)

Hook co-founded the John Hay Initiative—named after President Theodore Roosevelt’s chief diplomat—a concerted effort to brainwash politicians and their staffs in the neocon way of doing things. Advisers include the high-level neocon Robert Kagan, former Dick Cheney adviser Eric Edelman, “the most influential neocon in academe,” Eliot Cohen, former Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, Michael Chertoff, former NSA director Michael Hayden, and a host of others.

The list of insiders and neocons considered to replace Bolton is [lengthy](#). The list of potentials includes Frederick Fleitz, a former CIA analyst and the president and CEO of CSP. He served as chief of staff to Undersecretaries of State for Arms Control John Bolton during the Bush regime.

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Trump is clueless. At first glance, it appeared the president may have tried to dampen the influence of the neocons on his disastrous foreign policy, but this assessment is far too optimistic. He fired Bolton—who said he resigned—because the mustachioed neocon disagreed and argued with Trump over hosting the Taliban at Camp David. Bolton and the neocons are not interested in peace, they’re masters of forever war.

It was personal for Trump, as always.

The neocons will continue to leverage their influence within the administration and Trump will continue to fire those who argue too vociferously.

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