

When Media Shill For Saudi Money

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A timely Washington Post piece looks at how the Saudis bribe left, right and center:

<u>Saudi government has vast network of PR, lobby firms in U.S.</u>The Saudi government and its affiliates have spent millions of dollars on U.S. law, lobby and public relations firms to raise the country's visibility in the United States and before the United Nations at a crucial time.

Five lobby and PR firms were hired in 2015 alone, signaling a stepped-up focus on ties with Washington. The firms have been coordinating meetings between Saudi officials and business leaders and U.S. media, ...

The Saudis are getting some bang for their money.

- This recent NYT Saturday profile was conspicuous sympathetic <u>Artist Nurtures a</u> <u>Creative Oasis in Conservative Saudi Arabia</u>
- The lowbrow whores at the Brookings Institute are always willing to take Gulf money -<u>Mr. Obama goes to Riyadh: Why the United States and Saudi Arabia still</u> need each other
- Newsweek couldn't resist the bribes <u>Learning to Love the Unlovable Saudis</u>

And just today these three well-paid-for pieces appeared. Notice how they have a common, lobby induced theme:

Daily Beast – <u>Pentagon: Don't Sue the Saudis for 9/11</u>

They may have promoted al Qaeda's poisonous ideology. But Saudi Arabia is too valuable an ally against today's terrorism to allow ordinary Americans to make the kingdom pay.

• Foreign Policy – Saudi Arabia Is a Great American Ally

While Tehran continues to sow anti-American terrorism across the Middle East, Riyadh holds the key to regional stability. This is not the time to back away from the House of Saud.

CBS News - Saudi officials give Obama chilly reception in Riyadh

The Saudis are particularly angry about the Iran nuclear deal, and they believe that only the next U.S. president — whether it's Hillary Clinton or even Donald

 $\mathsf{Trump}-\mathsf{will}$ be able to restore Saudi Arabia's status as America's key ally in the Middle East.

The biggest sellout yet is Bloomberg which whored out the May issue of Businessweek, including the cover, to a Saudi prince:



The \$2 Trillion Project to Get Saudi Arabia's Economy Off Oil – Eight unprecedented hours with "Mr. Everything," Prince Mohammed bin Salman.In Prince Mohammed, the U.S. may find a sympathetic long-term ally in a chaotic region.

The Saudi mafia clan is not just itself corrupt. It is massively corrupting others. It bribes them to do take part in their crimes, no matter how nefarious. Just consider this, mentioned in the WaPo lobby piece above:

In 2014, consultants at the PR firm Qorvis developed content for the Saudi Arabia embassy's YouTube and Twitter pages, and ran the Twitter account for the Syrian Opposition Coalition.

The Saudis are the major money behind the war on Syria. They are building ISIS and Al-Qaeda not only in Syria but also <u>in Yemen</u> and elsewhere. A former Saudi foreign minister, quoted in<u>in</u> yesterdays Financial Times (<u>see here</u>), admitted such:

Saud al-Feisal, the respected Saudi foreign minister, remonstrated with John Kerry, U.S. secretary of state, that "Daesh [ISIS] is our [Sunni] response to your support for the Da'wa" – the Tehran aligned Shia Islamist ruling party of Iraq.

Whoever shills for the Saudis should be considered adhering to enemies.

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