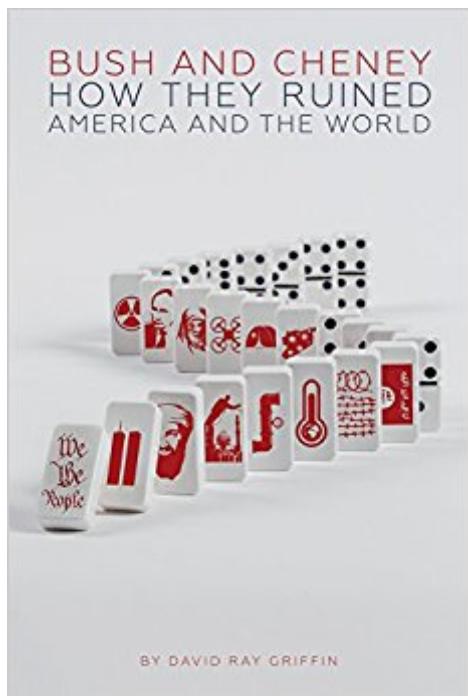


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# Bush And Cheney: How They Ruined America And The World



## Synopsis

WAS AMERICA'S RESPONSE TO THE 9/11 ATTACKS AT THE ROOT OF TODAY'S INSTABILITY AND TERROR? The events of September 11, 2001, set off a chain of global crises and civil perils that have normalized a climate of fear and conflict. Starting with assaults on the U.S. Constitution, Griffin reviews various ways in which the world has been made worse over the past fifteen years by the Bush-Cheney reaction to the attacks and by power plays for global influence enabled by 9/11. These include the disastrous effects of regime-change operations in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Libya; the war on terror, the rise of ISIS, the Syrian conflict and European refugee crisis; the explosion of Islamophobia and the American acceptance of extrajudicial murder-by-drone; and the growing existential threats of ecological and nuclear holocaust. Looking back, it is clear that the story of 9/11 has been used to legitimize and manufacture support for disastrous policies. In Bush and Cheney, Griffin analyzes what Noam Chomsky, Paul Craig Roberts, and many others across the political spectrum consider the most serious threat today the threat to global survival. He argues that ripple effects of 9/11 have become so destructive and dangerous that the press, policy elites, and citizens should finally confront what we have allowed to happen. A national reckoning has become essential, in the words of William Rivers Pitt, to stop the dominoes of September from continuing to fall.

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**EDITORIAL REVIEWS** In this devastating critique of the enduring harm done by the Bush/Cheney presidency, Griffin provocatively links an informed account of American foreign policy failures to a definitive critique of the official version of the 9/11 attacks. All who regard themselves as responsible citizens should expose themselves to Griffin's arguments set forth so lucidly, persuasively, and imaginatively in this indispensable book. Richard Falk, Emeritus Professor of International Law, Princeton University Contrary to popular opinion, at least in liberal circles, America did not abruptly turn Orwellian once Donald Trump set up his business in the White House by which time that nightmarish transformation had already taken place. Although it arguably started on November 22, 1963, the transformation was completed decades later by the Bush-Cheney administration, using 9/11 to make this roughly democratic nation unmistakably like Orwell's Oceania, a lawless state devoted to eternal war, whose subjects have no real rights, and where words like 'freedom' and 'democracy' bear no relation to reality. The history of how Bush and Cheney pulled that off and how Barack Obama continued it is the all-important subject of this brilliant, necessary book by David Ray Griffin. Mark Crispin Miller, Professor of Media, Culture & Communication at New York University; author of *Fooled Again: The Real Case for Electoral Reform* David Ray Griffin not only confronts our unspeakable history. He lays it out from Bush and Cheney through Obama into the Trump administration and our teetering now on the edge of nuclear and ecological holocaust. Is the most critical origin of our terminal plight the transparent lie of 9/11? It is exposed here brilliantly by the incisive analysis of David Ray Griffin, who tells the truth needed for human survival. Will we hear and act on it? James W. Douglass, author of *JFK and the Unspeakable* If you believe that the willful destruction of the American Constitution, including the Bill of Rights, warrants a serious debate, the new finely-researched book by David Ray Griffin *Bush and Cheney: How They Ruined America and the World* is required reading. We tend to forget just how, under the climate of fear after the attacks of 9/11, the Bush Presidency in effect hijacked the nation and turned its war machine into a true weapon of massive destruction, whose consequences haunt us today across the world in the form of ISIS and wars everywhere. F. William Engdahl, author of *The Lost Hegemon: Whom the Gods Would Destroy* Given Upton Sinclair's definition of fascism ('capitalism plus murder'), David Ray Griffin's extraordinarily well-researched and well-written book on the lies and crimes of the Bush/Cheney administration leads to an obvious conclusion: Never has it been clearer that American Interests, as promoted by neocons, constitute the antithesis, the obliteration, of democratic principles, of the rule of law, and of hope for the future. Robert Shetterly, artist, founder of *Americans Who Tell the Truth* -- Griffin has done a great service by cogently explaining the events and agendas that shaped the Bush-Cheney years. The storylines, the propaganda, and the

wars and constitutional destruction are as relevant today as ever, partly because they ultimately derailed the Obama era. The Bush-Cheney influence over domestic and foreign policy certainly disappointed and frustrated many Obama supporters, who had expected him to reverse course. Today, this influence frustrates Trump supporters who voted for an outsider to take back Washington and give us a respite from perpetual warfare. Unless Americans understand the nature of the agendas and history of the Bush-Cheney regime, they cannot begin to perceive ways to alter this trajectory, one that leads directly to economic and environmental devastation and even nuclear war. A timely and necessary read for all Americans. Karen Kwiatkowski, PhD, Lt Col USAF (ret), Office of Secretary of Defense 2000-2003 The United States and the world have changed in fundamental ways entirely for the worse since the events of September 11, 2001. In his new book, David Ray Griffin clarifies why and how this has happened, as well as why the official explanation of 9/11 could not possibly be true. If one is to read only one book to understand the world in which we now live, it should be this immensely important book. John V. Whitbeck, International Lawyer; author of *The World according to Whitbeck* When I was in the House of Representatives, I introduced Articles of Impeachment against George W. Bush, Dick Cheney, and Condoleezza Rice, because they lied about the events of 9/11 and took our country into what has become an interminable war. In this book, David Ray Griffin pulls the covers off the cover-up. As a nominal Catholic, I'm supposed to believe in miracles; but I will never believe in the Bush/Cheney/Rice miracles outlined by Griffin. Those miracles are crimes orchestrated by dangerous neocons, who have irreparably harmed the U.S. and the world. Will Trump bend to the neocons, as did Obama? For newly-awakened global citizens, this is a must-read primer, which explains why the world has gone so wrong since 11 September 2001. Cynthia McKinney, Former US Congresswoman, recent Ph.D. Sadly, this book is necessary. The US press won't cover it. From the first, David Ray Griffin contributed his scholarship (and his career!) to unmasking the Bush-Cheney administration for what it was. His latest account nails down a full indictment. Josh Mitteldorf, National Institute of Biological Science (Beijing), Senior Editor of OpEdNews, and author of *Cracking the Aging Code* A clear, cogent, and scrupulously non-sensationalist and non-ideological presentation of the simple chronological historical and scientific facts, by one of our generation's most cogent and systematic thinkers. This book should convince any honest and objective person with a political and scientific I.Q. above room temperature that we Americans, along with the rest of the world, have been systematically lied to by the leaders of both of our major American political parties. We have been lied to not only about the facts concerning the American military invasions in the Middle East but also about the events leading up to, during, and in the aftermath of, the events of 9/11. Daniel

Sheehan, Visiting Professor of Constitutional Law, UC Santa Cruz, and Chief Counsel to the U.S. Jesuit Headquarters' National Office of Social Ministry --.Griffin's Bush and Cheney is a detailed study of the successful efforts of 'Neoconservative' forces to take over US foreign policy in order to create a global empire, using the attacks of September 11, 2001, as a key lever. Griffin demonstrates that this Neocon agenda has shredded the US constitution and produced a foreign policy that is immoral, criminal, and quite literally insane. While Griffin focuses on the Bush/Cheney administration, he also shows how some of its worst policies were continued under President Obama. As a result, the United States has become the most serious threat to the future of humanity and life on our planet. If you read this book, you will want everyone around you to read it. A clear understanding of what America has become is critical to opposing the self-destructive direction in which we are headed. E. Martin Schotz, author of *History Will Not Absolve Us: Orwellian Control, Public Denial, and the Murder of President Kennedy* Drawing upon his authoritative grasp of the big picture, Griffin lucidly cuts through the lies, deceptions and propaganda that have paralyzed the minds of so many. From 9/11 and the ensuing regime change wars, through to the terrifying dangers now posed by climate change, this work is an essential wake-up call for the people of the West. Everyone should read this, and then act upon what they have learned. Professor Piers Robinson, Chair in Politics, Society and Political Journalism, University of Sheffield We seem to be condemned to living, for the foreseeable future, in a 9/11 world. In his latest book, David Ray Griffin meticulously documents how 9/11 may have provided a pretext to carry out pre-existing plans for the invasion of Afghanistan and the Shock and Awe attack in Iraq. Griffin takes us back to Bernard Lewis framing of Muslim rage as the perfect rationale very appealing to Dick Cheney to explain its hatred of the West as irrational. Griffin analyzes Cheneyism militarism under a state of permanent war as legitimizing the concept of Creative Destruction, or Manifest Destiny understood as bombing the Other into democracy. And Griffin projects us forward, documenting how the Bush-Cheney lies in Afghanistan and Iraq created the conditions for the Rule of Chaos as al-Qaeda in Iraq turned into ISIS/ISIL/Daesh. A must read. --Pepe Escobar, Editor-at-Large, Asia Times, author of *Empire of Chaos*

Was America's response to the 9/11 attacks at the root of today's instability and terror? Because of various factors, including climate change, ISIS, the war in Syria, the growing numbers of immigrants, and the growing strength of fascist parties in Europe, commentators have increasingly been pointing out that the chaos in the world today was sparked by the post-9/11 attacks on Afghanistan and Iraq. At the same time, there has also been much discussion of ways in which the

Bush-Cheney administration's response to 9/11 has damaged America itself by stimulating Islamophobia and fascist sentiments, undermining key elements in its Constitution, moving towards a police state, and in general weakening its democracy. While the first two parts of this book discuss various ways in which 9/11 has ruined America and the world, the third part discusses a question that is generally avoided: Were the Bush-Cheney attacks on Afghanistan and Iraq really at the root of the ruination of America and the world in general, or did the original sin lie in 9/11 itself?

In his new book, *Bush And Cheney: How They Ruined America And The World*, David Ray Griffin details the damage caused by the neocon movement and its prime vehicle—the Bush-Cheney Administration. Given the unprecedented power of the vice president in that association, it is better to describe it as the Cheney-Bush Administration. Griffin describes the devastation caused by the Cheney-Bush Administration's "response" to 9/11, justified by way of those crimes. Griffin notes that the preemptive war policy that was enabled by 9/11 was disastrous for the United States. Moreover, the Islamophobia born of 9/11 was the means by which a war for the Greater Middle East was driven by the Bush, and later both the Obama and Trump, Administrations. The book shows that, through use of dubious justifications leading back to 9/11, the tenets of U.S. Constitution have been shredded. Violations of nearly every aspect of the Constitution have been enabled, including the widespread use of drone killings. Griffin points out that the philosophy espoused by the neocons has led to the threat of war, even nuclear war, with other superpowers including Russia and China. His book goes on to describe how the policies of the Cheney-Bush Administration also led to an impending environmental crisis, most critically involving the effects of terminal climate change. Having enumerated these threats, Griffin returns in the second part of the book to the root of the policy drivers behind them—the crimes of 9/11. Griffin once again provides convincing arguments for a new investigation into those crimes and why such an investigation should include the Cheney-Bush Administration as suspects. This book is a comprehensive call for the truth about 9/11. It is about what many have called for, with Griffin again leading the charge. If we are to survive we must expose "the big lie for what it is."

David Ray Griffin's new book on the high crimes of the Bush-Cheney administration is another superb tour de force on one of the most vital issues of our time. It explains how Bush, Cheney and their co-conspirators used the 9/11 attacks as unjustifiable justification to wage war on humanity - abroad beginning a cycle of endless wars of aggression, at home by

enactment of police state laws. Their diabolical agenda violated core international and constitutional law principles, committing Nuremberg-level high crimes. They and their successors transformed America into a pariah state, reviled worldwide, threatening humanity’s survival. Understanding how their agenda created the most perilous time in world history is the only way for ordinary people to know the importance of resisting for responsible change before we’re doomed.

David Ray Griffin previously wrote a large and thoughtful book on climate change and over ten books on the 9/11 operation. Now he has tied it all together, with clarity and with patient scholarship. He has shown how Richard Cheney and his useful fool, George W. Bush, used the 9/11 magic show to put the entire human race, and many other species, at risk. Read the book and weep. Then get angry and mobilize. Disclosure: I played a minor role early in the writing of this book, fact checking and offering my advice. Graeme MacQueen

David Ray Griffin’s new book, *Bush and Cheney: How They Ruined America and the World*, presents a comprehensive accounting of the change for the worse in America’s foreign policy and the deceitful methods of implementation brought about by George W. Bush and Richard Cheney. A list of shady topics from the book runs from presidential election manipulations to ecological holocaust. The one I choose here to share pertains to Philip Zelikow, a key White House insider. Zelikow drafted the NSS 2002 (National Security Strategy 2002) and he was the Executive Secretary of The 9/11 Commission. The NSS 2002 was a much bolder policy than had existed, as it declared in bellicose terms the right of anticipatory (preventive) preemption in taking military action. As Max Boot said, NSS 2002 was a quintessentially neoconservative document. The main purpose of bigger military budgets and preemptive-preventive war doctrine is: regime change. With Bush-Cheney selecting Zelikow as the Commission’s Executive Secretary, it put in place a micromanager who was intent on furthering the Administration’s war strategy. The 9/11 Family Steering Committee demanded he be fired, but the appointment stood. Zelikow exerted total control over the Commission staff and Commissioners, while hobbling the Co-Chairs’ access to resources. He secretly drafted a detailed outline of the entire report in advance, and didn’t allow investigation into items not on his outline. Furthermore, Zelikow communicated a number of times with Carl Rove and others in the White House, including taking actions to cover that up.

Communicating with the White House was clearly prohibited. As a result, the 9/11 Commission Report was a brazen misstatement of the truth, a gigantic lie to the American public designed to launch one regime change war after another. It continues today with unrelenting pressure on Syria, Iran, and now Russia.

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