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## Why Peace is Elusive

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Today, the Council on Foreign Relations hosts a Task Force entitled "Iran: Time for a New Approach, An Independent Task Force on U.S. Policy Toward Iran" co-chaired by Zbigniew Brzezinski and Robert M. Gates along with Suzanne Maloney and Lee Feinstein. The Task Force argues that the U.S. government's lack of sustained engagement with Iran harms U.S. national interests in this critical region of the world and concludes that external efforts to change the current regime are not likely to succeed, and urges the United States to pursue direct dialogue with Tehran on specific areas of mutual concern.

Our question for Mr. Brzezinski is, do you not see a ghost in the mirror?

Throughout your career, you have always looked at Dr. Henry Kissinger as the reference of diplomatic and political success, and have tried to reach his level of accomplishment and influence in U.S. policy towards other nations, and particularly towards the Middle East. In effect, when you look in the mirror, you believe that you see Dr. Kissinger.

Is that really the image that is reflected back at you? Or is that the ghost you see through your clouded vision?

Over a quarter of a century ago, the strong and stabilising ship of the Nixon-Kissinger policy of the "dual-pillar" security for the Middle East was abandoned at your urging and was replaced by the "green-belt" policy as a means to stabilise the Middle East and fend-off Communism. You, with the help of people such as former President Jimmy Carter, former Secretary of State Warren Christopher and their ilk, crafted a missile that sunk the ship of peace and stability in the Middle East. You placed your trust in the unholy beliefs of pseudo spiritualists such as the late Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, and thus created a tsunami that finally reverberated on the shores of this great land on 9/11.

This shipwreck sunk so deep, and in such turbulent waters that, even after more than a quarter century of deep-sea rescue attempts by such able divers as President George W. Bush, none have been able to raise the ship. Every day, in order to raise this shipwreck, a new scheme is contrived. Each scheme, in effect, has sunk the ship deeper.

Mr. Brzezinski, I urge you to look in the mirror once again. You hope to become Dr. Kissinger. Look closely, for you will see that you can never become Dr. Kissinger, neither on your surface nor in your soul.

WHY?

Because the core of your agenda was the dismantling of the geopolitical area of the Middle East, while the core of Dr. Kissinger's agenda was built upon the building of a foundation of friendship and strategic alignment for peace and stability in the region. Dr. Kissinger recognised the vital influence of regional stability created by the Shah of Iran, Mohammad Reza Pahlavi. He realised that the framework of peace forged between President Anwar al-Sadaat of Egypt and Prime Ministers Golda Mayer and Menachim Begin of Israel on the western frontiers of the Middle East required the vision of a peaceful and stable Middle East as put forward by Mohammad Reza Pahlavi on its eastern front.

The Kissinger roadmap for Middle East peace succeeded at a time when, like a perfect checkmate, all the various leaders of the Middle East were strategically lined up. Mohammad Reza Pahlavi of Iran in the East and Anwar al-Sadaat, Golda Mayer, and Menachim Begin on the West. Each, individually and collectively, contributed to a unique time in history that has never been repeated since.

Again, we ask you, Mr. Brzezinski, WHY?

Because you, Mr. Brzezinski, have always had a clouded vision, and have seen your true enemies and the enemies of civilisation as your friends and partners! The mirror does not lie. You are just unable to see the reflection clearly.

Thus, we urge you to take a cloth to the mirror and clear the fog that has gathered on its surface and take a closer look. You are no Dr. Henry Kissinger! You never have been, and you never will be, unless you recognise the mistakes that you and your coalition of Islamic enthusiasts have made and abandon your failed policies of the past 25+ years and re-examine the road upon which you have urged the U.S. to guide its footsteps. Then, and only then, when you recognise that the only solution to Middle East peace and regional stability is the dismantling of the "green-belt" policy, and most importantly, the lifting of Islamic tyranny of the Ayatollahs in Iran, will you possibly begin to approach your dream.

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