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## Neocon “Republicans” Prefer Hillary

Over the Memorial Day weekend, neocon gadfly and *Weekly Standard* editor William Kristol dropped his latest #NeverTrump salvo, another hint that he has found an “acceptable” Republican to head up a third-party, independent run for the White House.

In a tweet that was immediately picked up by CNN, Bloomberg, and other establishment media organs, Kristol said, “Just a heads up over this holiday weekend: There will be an independent candidate — an impressive one, with a strong team and a real chance.”

Kristol didn’t say in the tweet who that “impressive” candidate would be, but it appears to be fellow neocon David French, a writer at *National Review*. At least that is what Mark Halperin, co-host of Bloomberg TV’s *With All Due Respect* program revealed (“according to our sources,” he said) on May 31. And a close reading of Kristol’s recent writings indicates that Halperin’s sources are probably correct — for the moment anyway, although Kristol has had a tough time recruiting a viable candidate.

David who? David French. Don’t beat yourself up if you don’t recognize the name; he’s largely unknown outside the N.Y.-D.C., *National Review/Weekly Standard* neocon echo bubble. Kristol was setting the stage for French (or someone like him, if French ends up declining, as other of Kristol’s recruits already have) in his June 6 *Weekly Standard* column entitled “The United States of Argentina.” The independent candidate to save the GOP and the Republic from Trump, he opined, “could be a not-terribly-well-known” person, even “someone who hasn’t yet held elective office.” French fits both particulars of that bill.

In Kristol’s above-mentioned op-ed, the globe-trotting globalist (who made his Memorial Day tweets from Israel) praised French, who, he said, “wrote eloquently this week urging Mitt Romney to take up the gauntlet” against Trump. Kristol had already tried to recruit Romney after Trump’s May 3 Indiana primary victory, which saw Trump’s last two GOP rivals, Ted Cruz and John Kasich, drop out. Romney has declined (so far), but Kristol and company are undaunted in their #NeverTrump crusade to run a “true conservative” in a third-party effort.

Who are some of Kristol’s other potential candidates, in addition to French? He lists, first of all, former Senator Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut, the Democrat-turned-Independent-turned-Republican-turned Democrat. Yes, the same neocon Joe Lieberman who was Al Gore’s VP running mate. Yes, Lieberman, the staunch pro-abortion, pro-ObamaCare, pro-open borders, pro-UN, pro-Cap-and-Trade, pro-NAFTA-WTO, pro-Federal Reserve, pro-Wall Street bailouts, pro-Big Government, etc. But undoubtedly, the attribute that most endears Lieberman to Kristol is his unflinching support for the neocon vision in favor of keeping the United States involved in perpetual war — all over the globe. That’s what Kristol and his neocon brain trust, the Project for the New American Century (PNAC), call “global leadership” and “strategic engagement.” Lieberman, of course, is also a longtime member of the Council on Foreign Relations (CFR), one of the most important establishment power centers fronting for world government, and a home base for many of the neocon internationalists favored by Kristol and his allies at *National Review*, the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and *Fox News*.

Kristol goes on to list for consideration House Speaker Paul Ryan (who, like most of his GOP predecessors in that position, has aided and abetted the liberal-left Democrat agenda), Marco Rubio and Jeb Bush (both of whom were resoundingly rejected by voters in the just-concluded primaries), and



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former Bush Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice (a CFR member and internationalist), among others. Do Kristol and his chattering-class cronies really believe any of these candidates can win? No, they're smart enough to know better than that. However, they are trolling the idea among Republican conservatives, constitutionalists, and neocons that in a close Trump vs. Clinton race a third-party candidate can siphon off enough votes to deprive either of the major candidates of the 270 votes needed in the Electoral College. That would throw the election into the House of Representatives, where, the neocons say, we would be more likely to get a "real" conservative elected president. However, any challenge Kristol and company mount will draw votes from Trump — and that is the intention. If they can throw the outcome to a House vote under the control of Paul Ryan, they're fine with that; if it means another Clinton White House, they're fine with that too. Anything to stop Trump.

In a May 9 commentary on Fox Business, Dr. Ron Paul, the former Texas congressman and presidential candidate, nailed it. "I think what the neocons will do, the Bill Kristols of the world, and you hear it already, they're going to go with Hillary. A Wall Street person, and she is a neo-con."



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