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Non-intervention as a Foreign Policy

by Joe Escobar - Saturday, April 19, 2014, 5:52 PM

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Leaning Towards Non-intervention as a Foreign Policy

by Robert Johnson - Monday, April 21, 2014, 2:39 PM

After watching these clips about Non-intervention Foreign Policy, to me so far Ron Paul makes a strong case, with point's receiving my immediate agreement.

One point I can agree with right off the bat, is Paul's position on, America not needing to send her military forces into foreign country's, to enforce how they live, or using those American military forces to fight their own civil wars.

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Re: Leaning Towards Non-intervention as a Foreign Policy  



by Sarah Riebe - Friday, April 25, 2014, 12:15 PM

I strongly agree with you here. I believe Ron Paul makes a very good point as well.

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Re: Leaning Towards Non-intervention as a Foreign Policy



by James Price - Friday, April 25, 2014, 10:15 PM

I also agreed with many of Ron Paul's points such as his statements that we "shouldn't be world policemen" (Ron Paul Interview) and that we shouldn't "send our troops overseas, using force to tell them [other countries] how to live" (John McCain Comments), but I find myself disagreeing with his strict interpretation of the Constitution regarding military use. Paul states that the military should only be used for defense and that the First Gulf War was an unjustified use of military force (Ron Paul Interview). I would argue that we should be able to act, by any means approved through Congress, to protect people suffering human rights violations and who ask for our aid.

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Re: Leaning Towards Non-intervention as a Foreign Policy



by Robert Johnson - Saturday, April 26, 2014, 4:11 AM

Yes I think it's pretty easy to agree with Ron Paul, at least on this particular subject. Based on the provided video clips, and all other material for this forum, at the end of the day, I still have nothing I can find to disagree with, about anything Paul said.

I actually am realizing that, I am in favor of strict interpretation of the constitution. Speaking of how I as an American citizen, want my government to realize and go by the constitution. I feel like it's best for all Americans if our government sticks to the letter, therefore very opposed to our government using any sort of stretchable elastic, or loose interpretation of the constitution.

in my opinion, the 1st Gulf war was justified.

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Spreading Goodness



by Justin Guinan - Monday, April 21, 2014, 10:50 PM

Ron Paul states in his interview that WW2 was justified because of Pearl Harbor and the beginning of the Iraq war because of Osams Bin Laden. I stand by this very much so.

These were direct acts towards us that we had to defend as a country. However like Ron Paul says when we began to occupy and try to change Iraq that is where its not ok. I agree that is where we draw the line. We as a country still dont have ourselves figured out yet we

try to push ourselves on other countries. We try to fight their civil wars and battles..
Consequently we get a backlash we aren't intending

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Mind Your Bee's Wax

by Laura Newman - Tuesday, April 22, 2014, 11:01 PM

The videos reassured my stance in that the United States should be mild reservationists. Ron Paul makes some very profound points. He states that war is only justifiable in self-defense, that the United States does not have the authority to transform nations in the name of democracy, and that our country can help in terms of morality through individual means, but not through government military force.

It can be argued that the United States is a country that is "wise and powerful" which justifies our role or need to be the "world police", intervening in conflicts or issues that we feel need our assistance, most typically (in my opinion) for self-interest or capitalistic reasons.

In terms of the aftermath of WWI and the Treaty of Versailles, the United States, specifically Wilson, came off arrogant, thinking that it was the role of the U.S. to dictate how and what other countries should do in order to restore democracy and world peace. While the treaty was idealistic and logical in the sense that it posed solutions to the initial problems that caused the war, it wasn't the place of the U.S. to pose these solutions. Not to mention how Wilson left Republican representatives from traveling to Paris with him, thus the failure of ratifying the treaty.

I don't find as many similarities between then and now as I find causes to later issues the United States faced years down the road. The attempted treaty and league set up the hostility and problems in Germany leading to WWII and as stated in class, Wilson did not meet with the leader from Vietnam, leading to complications in our foreign relationship with them and eventually war.

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Why intervene when the problem isn't yours?

by Cameron Holliday - Thursday, April 24, 2014, 9:08 PM

Usually I find myself bored with debating in politics because it is just a bunch of people making promises they most likely won't keep and all they are trying to do is use whatever B.S. they can to get your vote. These video clips were different though. They had me intrigued and were on a topic that I am actually concerned with. I find myself in 100% agreement with Ron Paul. We continually try to police the world and solve other countries' problems when we cannot even take care of the problems going on in our own country. It might be one thing if we sent aid to countries in need but there is no reason to be going into countries with force and then staking claim to that region and trying to Americanize it. Now do not get me wrong, John McCain gets me just as fired up as the next guy about not taking crap from anybody and doing whatever it takes to be victorious, but I also have to step back and realize that it's not just some game. American lives are being lost in war

along with a lot of money. It seems today that there is not any real concrete reason as to why we are at war anymore. It's those kinds of things that make you stop and realize that maybe Ron Paul is right when he says that we should defend ourselves because we have a reason and its constitutional. What I take from his interview is that we should not stick our noses where they just do not belong.

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American lives are lost, but money is being made

by Blake Taylor - Saturday, April 26, 2014, 8:22 PM

Cameron,

I too completely agree with Ron Paul's stance military intervention; it's arguable that we intervene militarily not for policy reasons, but for economic ones. This is rarely said on the Sunday news shows or during Rose Garden press conferences, but the military industrial complex is HUGE and it makes the private sector billions. Yes, tax payer money is poured down the drain, and directly into the trough of corporations like Lockheed Martin. Congressmen in whose districts these corporations' plants are located have a major incentive to advocate for armed intervention, because those corporations are bankrolling their election campaigns. Here's an example: <http://www.foxnews.com/politics/2013/04/28/army-says-no-to-more-tanks-but-congress-insists/>

And another one: <http://www.opensecrets.org/politicians/summary.php?cid=N00008799>

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Non-intervention as a Foreign Policy

by Sarah Riebe - Friday, April 25, 2014, 12:13 PM

I definitely feel that Ron Paul has a very good point about non interference into other countries affairs. The united states feels like we need to also come in to keep the peace or make it. We still do it now and we are continuing to do it with our current war.

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A Man Named Ron Paul

by Andrew Betz - Friday, April 25, 2014, 3:52 PM

I would have to agree with Ron Paul's position of non-intervention. The idea that we are imposing on other countries like Iraq and Afghanistan and trying tell them how to live their life seems very undiplomatic. What made me back Ron Paul is when he said "I don't want to send troops overseas to tell them how to live, we would object to it here and they're going to object to us over there!" It made me think what if some foreign power came to the United States and tried to tell us how to live our lives? I found it troubling, he's right, we would greatly object to it. You would probably see a high number of private militias being

formed to drive out the foreign power in cooperation with the military. Instead of telling others how to live we should focus on our countries problems, like hunger, poverty, education, and our national debt.

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Re: A Man Named Ron Paul

by Cameron Holliday - Friday, April 25, 2014, 4:18 PM

You make good points in your post. I find them very similar to mine but I also realize that America is kind of like the rich guy that always gives his wealth to charities and people in need. We are in no way right for trying to impose our culture on another but when countries need aid we are almost always there. The problem is that once we aid a place we seem to want to stay there and also get what we can from that country or region. My point really being that even when we do have our bad moment in foreign affairs we also do a lot to help people around the world and that is sometimes overlooked.

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Bad Habits

by Kira Iantorno - Friday, April 25, 2014, 8:40 PM

I think Ron Paul has great points in these videos. He doesn't have to follow the bad habit American politicians have obtained. The habit of spreading being an American, this bad habit was caused by many factors but it should end. I feel a nation's government should only be concerned if it is in danger of a direct threat. The US has so many internal issues at the moment, that taking control of another's issues because they are doing it wrong is like the pot calling the kettle black.

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Re: Bad Habits

by James Price - Saturday, April 26, 2014, 8:54 PM

I also liked Ron Paul's statement about the "mission" of spreading democratic ideals being "propaganda" (Ron Paul Interview), and after listening to Alen Keyes say that "we need to... enforce a sense of regional responsibility [because] as a nation of immigrants we have a connection with all the peoples of world" (Alen Keyes Comments), it seems like he is verifying what Ron Paul is saying.

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Wilson vs Non-intervention Foreign Policy

by Robert Johnson - Friday, April 25, 2014, 9:16 PM



After some careful analysis of all the material regarding the spectrum of factions, a few thing's have come to my attention about the far left end of it.

While being the President, I think Wilson managed to push some things through, that have benefited America and her people, no argument there. But some of the things he done while in office, raises my suspicion, and I find my self wondering if he actually had a hidden agenda, and if so, then what was it?

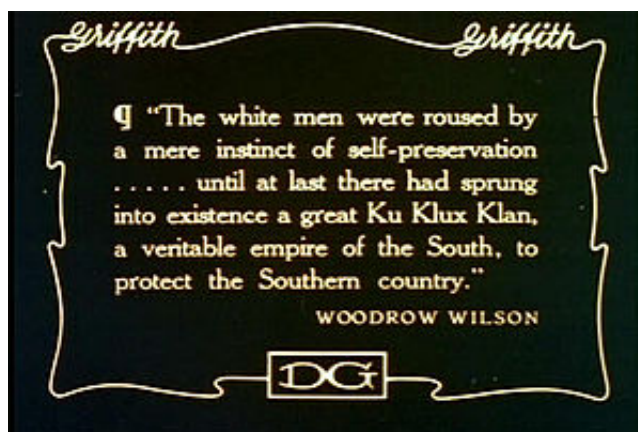
First of all in this post, I have to say President Wilson, a southerner, in my opinion was a total racist.

Supporting this claim in our book p. 739, Wilson supported the segregation of White American's and African Americans in government offices, and he ignored pleas from the NAACP, to involve federal government in a campaign against lynching.

Wilson didn't believe African Americans could be free, and self governing. He believed that congressional equality for black's was an imposition, and claimed it was justification for extreme measures, and reassert white supremacy. (wikipedia)

A supporter of the KKK, also found on wikipedia. After that bit, I'm thinking he probably did not support reconstruction of the south.

I have to wonder what may have been in his vision of the New World order, that no one else got to see.



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Wilson vs Non-intervention Foreign Policy (part 2)



by Robert Johnson - Friday, April 25, 2014, 10:34 PM

On the opposite end of the spectrum, irreconcilables and strong reservationists alike, stood against internationalist Woodrow Wilson's ideas, and I would guess some even questioned his true motive and real vision of the New World Order. He could have been seen by some as someone who really wanted to run the world, it seems to me Wilson was all about persuasion, influence, control, and big government.

Wilson pushed for and signed the federal reserve act, p.739. This did give the federal government more control of the banking system.

Wilson forced military government in Haiti, p. 766. What was really on his agenda there?

Wilson's Mexico policy, p. 766. This adds to my suspicion of what underlying motives he may have had on that one?

The United States under president Wilson looked for ways to support other countries, p. 767. Or was it really all about ways to control other countries?

Last but not least on this short list, p. 790. Article X endowing the league with the power to punish nations, economically and militarily. Why would anyone want to sign that?

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Wilson vs Ron Paul

by Robert Johnson - Saturday, April 26, 2014, 12:00 AM

As I look it, considering what I last posted about Wilson, most of which is supported by our history book, Wilson's ideas and plans about New World Order were too much like President Bush's actions of war and his concept of New World Order.

Based on the video clips, we know Paul's position stands against telling, other countries how to run their government or fighting their wars. I agree and also apply this to Wilson's Do-intervention foreign policy.

To me what Ron Paul spoke against, is very relative to how Irreconcilables must have felt about Wilson's League of Nations and his ideas about New World Order in the aftermath of WW1.

I can see similarity's here between then, and continuing to our time. Consider Wilson and Haiti page 766, and the proposed League of Nations. Then next I can Compare those things to our current U.N, and the many times after WW1, that the U.S. government has militarily stepped the problems of other countries.

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Re: Wilson vs Ron Paul



by Jennifer Rose - Saturday, April 26, 2014, 5:13 PM

I really enjoyed reading your posts, and learned some new things about Wilson and his blatant racism. Although George W wasn't a blatant racist, and there are many things that aren't similar about the two presidents (Wilson was a studious academic and Bush was a mediocre student) there are many similarities. Both spoke in favor of personal freedom, but each was responsible for taking away civil liberties. These similarities pose really interesting questions about why our country keeps electing similar leaders, and makes learning about historical events more interesting and easy to understand.

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Ron Paul Makes a Good Point on Occupation



by James Price - Saturday, April 26, 2014, 8:37 PM

After listening to all the comments and interviews I agree with Ron Paul's comments on occupying regions in foreign territories. Paul's statement that America doesn't have "Constitutional authority to place troops in foreign lands" (Ron Paul Interview) influenced me, but I think his most convincing statements were that the U.S. doesn't have the cash to continue to fund large occupational forces and that continuing to do so would spread our resources too thin (Ron Paul Interview). While I don't think that we should remove all our overseas bases, I look at all the money budgeted to the military and wonder what would happen if we could redirect some of that cash to issues here in the U.S.

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