Center of Evil

2024. Acrylic on canvas 30 x 48" by
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President Joe Biden was supposed to be the foreign policy president. America was back. Biden was promoted as a senior statesman, having been a U.S. Senator and Vice President under President Barack Obama. Biden would be the steady hand guiding American policy after all the chaos of Donald Trump. In the end, though, it all turned out to be one Biden failure after another - more chaos, more war, and finally ending his presidency as a collaborator in genocide, war crimes and crimes against humanity, earning him the moniker "Genocide Joe."

It should be no surprise, though, because throughout his presidency, he never showed any real leadership. It was all pretend. He had to pretend he was leading Middle East policy, all the while genuflecting to autocrats like Mohammed bin Salman of Saudi Arabia, and the Israeli genocidal mass murder Benjamin Netanyahu. As the old saying goes, follow the money - it led straight from Israel to Joe Biden, and did for his entire career. The final purchase being the green light to carryout mass murder and genocide of the Palestinians.

The problem with Joe Biden, and always has been, is that he actually never knew what to do. His entire career was about going along with what other people told him to do. Then, once he became the actual decision maker, it was one disaster after another, especially in the Middle East. Joe was never a person who could think through a problem historically or logically. He was always a poorly informed, non-intellectual person. He never had an original thought or idea. All Joe could do was repeat what other people told him, and hence, all the anecdotal stories that often changed for whichever audience he was entertaining.

He spent his career in the Senate representing the small state of Delaware and pretty much did nothing except rubber-stamp approval for whatever the banking and financial industry wanted. He even became known as "Mastercard Joe." His idea of bipartisanship was just to go along with the Republicans, not them following him.

Furthermore, Joe was always considered nothing more than a loud-mouth, a big talker, a loose cannon, who eventually had to back-pedal his dumb statements. Biden's main political strategy was to ingratiate himself with the powerful and the elite. Though, at election time he peddled the myth of common, working-class Joe from Scranton, Pennsylvania, and pretended to support minorities and the working class to mask the extreme policies that he supported, policies that wreaked havoc on those very communities.

Therefore, that pattern of conduct made old Joe the perfect choice for the Democratic party elites and the wealthy donors who knew he wouldn't change anything. Putting him up against the failed presidency of Donald Trump, made Joe look like a good choice.

It should also be remembered that Genocide Joe ran for the office of President four times before finally getting into office. Even then, the Democratic party had to rig the 2020 primary to make sure that Vermont Senator Bernie Sanders could not get the nomination, who at the time, was the favored choice over Biden. Therefore, it had to be fixed because the truth was, Biden was not well-liked in the party, especially by the average voters. Even they knew he was nothing more than a loud-mouth. They knew his record on the disastrous Iraq war, and his catering to and fawning over the George W. Bush Administration. They knew his failed record on policing, the 1994 crime bill, the 1996 brutal welfare reform, the plagiarism. The average Democrat did not like the guy.

Furthermore, a good example to show how Biden operated in political campaigns was the 2024 Democratic primaries. In February 2024, Genocide Joe told reporters with him in an ice cream shop, that there could be a Gaza cease-fire the following weekend or Monday. That was just before the Michigan primary. Joe was tossing a bone to Michigan Democrats, especially to the uncommitted, hoping to score more votes. Of course, there was no ceasefire. It was all a lie, a political con.

However, to be a complete failure, Genocide Joe needed two pathetic secretaries to work for him: Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin and Secretary of State Antony Blinken.

In October 2023, after the military wing of the occupation resistance organization Hamas, broke through the seventeen-year blockade of Gaza, Israeli Defense Minister, Yoav Gallant declared a complete siege of Gaza and said that, "[t]here will be no electricity, no food, no fuel, everything is closed... [w]e are fighting human animals and we are acting accordingly." It was soon after that when Lloyd Austin showed up in Israel to pledge the full support of the United States. Perhaps Austin pretended not to hear the war crimes that were pledged by Gallant. Perhaps, Genocide Joe told Austin to just cover his ears, and act like he never heard the criminal words spoken by Gallant. Pretend there is no apartheid. Pretend Israel is a democracy. Pretend it's not a fascist government of gangsters and mass murders. Pretend Gaza was never blockaded. Pretend Gaza was not an opened-air prison, surrounded by the Israeli military since 2007. Just pretend, Lloyd.

However, one thing that is important to remember about Lloyd Austin - his mentor was former Army general and Secretary of State Colin Powell, who lied to the world at the United Nations about Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, setting the stage for America's disastrous war in Iraq. So, there you have it. That was Austin's role model.² Enough said.

The other pathetic secretary to show up in Israel, more than eleven times, was Secretary of State Antony Blinken, Genocide Joe's former foreign policy and national security adviser when Biden was Vice President. Tony had been a cheerleader for all the failed policies of the Bush and Obama administrations, including the Iraq war, Afghanistan, and the destruction of Libya. So, of course, he was given the promotion to Secretary of State. In other words, he became old Joe's errand boy. He was dispatched over and over again to deliver messages and assurances to Bibi Netanyahu that Genocide Joe was okay with all the mass murder and destruction. And like Lloyd

Austin, Tony could pretend he didn't' see all the murder, the destruction, the genocide of the Palestinian people. He merely read his prepared statements and pretended that everything that was happening wasn't happening – the mass murder, bombing and destruction of Palestinian hospitals, schools, homes, and universities. That's what errand boys do – they only deliver what they are told to deliver. Errand boy Tony, it turns out, was the worst, most incompetent Secretary of State in the post-World War II period, and not only for the United States, but for the entire world. A master at failure. A complete shameful embarrassment.

Finally, as Americans will, in time, learn the truth about Genocide Joe and the Israeli genocide, the war crimes, and all the atrocities committed against the Palestinians, old Joe will be tossed into the dust bin. He will be a dark stain, a shameful embarrassment to the United States, and rightly so. As for the rest of the world, they will always see Genocide Joe as just another genocidal mass murderer, bought and paid for by the fascist gangsters in Israel.

Notes

- 1. Defense minister announces 'complete siege' of Gaza: No power, food or fuel, Times of Israel, October. 9, 2023.
- 2. Department of Defense Statement by Secretary Lloyd J. Austin III on the Death of Colin Powell, Press Release, October 18, 2021.