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## **US Financial, Political Elites Frimly Wedded to the House of Saud**

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US President Obama supports the ruthless Saudi leadership, at the same time placing the blame for the deaths of tens of thousands on the secular government of Bashar al-Assad in Syria, US author Eric Zuesse noted, adding that Washington's foreign policy is currently controlled by an aristocracy that's firmly wedded to the House of Saud.

Saudi Arabia has long been slammed for human rights violation and exceptional brutality of punishment imposed on its prisoners, however, it does not prevent the US leadership from cooperating with the Saudi government.

"The Saudi royals are the world's top Sunni force, and they have long been allied with the United States, against post-Shah (post-1979) Iran and all other Shia-ruled countries, such as Syria, and such as the next-door Yemeni Shiite Houthis, who are being bombed incessantly by the hard-line Sunni Saudis using their US weapons," US author and investigative historian Eric Zuesse underscored.



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"According to the former bookkeeper of the Sunni organization al-Qaeda, the man who collected all of the financial donations to that organization, virtually all of al-Qaeda's funding consisted of multimillion-dollar donations, mainly from the Saud family, but also from other Sunni Arab royals," the investigative historian narrated in his article for Global Research.

Zuesse underscored that without America's support the House of Saud would have been ousted like any other "tyrannical" regime.

However, instead of targeting the clearly non-democratic Saudi government, Washington is trying to topple the secular Syrian leadership.

In August 2011, Barack Obama declared in an official statement that the future of Syria must be determined by its people, thus far, "the time has come for President Assad to step aside."

The irony of the situation is that the Syrian people have repeatedly elected Bashar al-Assad as Syria's legitimate leader and even Western polls show that at least 55 percent of Syrian respondents support their president.

Alas, the US' "democracy exporting" has never been about real democracy.

"What 'blessings of democracy' has the United States recently brought to the people in Honduras, or in El Salvador, or in Guatemala? The results have been floods of refugees from there, just like the floods of refugees from US bombing campaigns in Libya and in Syria," Zuesse stressed.



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Needless to say, by toppling Bashar al-Assad and the Iranian government, Washington would have played directly into hands of Saudi elites, who long for undivided power over Muslims, both the Sunnis and the Shiites.

America's aristocracy has much in common with that of the Saudis and that is why they have long established a close alliance.

"The American aristocracy (especially its three most powerful components: petrodollar Wall Street, oil-and-gas billionaires, and military-industrial-complex billionaires — all of whom benefit from their alliance with the Saudis) needs to be defeated in America," the investigative historian believes.

The American people need to strip the US aristocracy of their power over the US government, otherwise it will lead the nation to catastrophe.