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The "Bob and Weave" Harper Neo-Cons and the McCain-Palin Connection

Don Currie - Chair CPS

The Harper brain trust has veiled its neo-con program during the election campaign. Elections can't be won by openly calling for more war, more energy sell-out, more economic decline and more global warming. But that's what Canadians will get if Harper is re-elected.

The "bob and weave" Harper Conservatives can be "straightened"; with a couple of short left hooks. The first is to fully expose the Harper-McCain-Palin Big Oil connection.

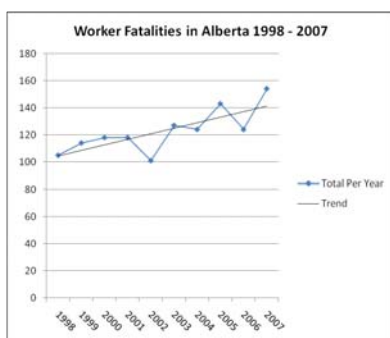
The US neo-con connection to the Harper Conservatives is not primarily through the emotional fervour and hair brained ideology of the US religious right. It doesn't play that well in Canada. The connection metaphorically speaking runs through the Trans Canada Pipeline via the Calgary Petroleum Club, the University of Calgary's Political Science Department and its Fraser Institute star, Professor Tom Flanagan who was Harper's campaign manager in the 2004 federal election. From there it goes straight to Republican Vice-Presidential candidate Sarah Palin's Alaska doorstep. Sarah Palin may be a "hockey mom" but she is on US Big Oil's Team and Stephen Harper is their chosen Canadian right-winger.

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500 Ducks? A Worker's Response to Harper's Election Playbook of War, Hyper-Profit, Resource Sell-Out and Labour Intensification

William O'Casey

Another worker was killed on the Canadian Natural Resources Ltd. (CNRL) Horizon project, 70 kilometres north of Ft. McMurray, on September 3, 2008. The 47 year backhoe operator, husband and father of 3 marks the third death on the CNRL site in 17 months and 21st workplace fatality in Alberta in 2008. The number of construction related fatalities in Alberta in 2007 was 20.



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Letter to the Editor: Making the War in Afghanistan a Decisive Issue in the Federal Election - Not Possible

Editor, FOS:

Making the war in Afghanistan a decisive issue in the federal election will not be possible, in my opinion, since both the major parties are in harmony on keeping our troops in combat until 2011. But we must be vocal against this war. I cannot express how deep is my dismay that we are fighting in Asia, when we had the wisdom not to do so in Vietnam.

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CAW Elects New President

Newly-elected CAW President Ken Lewenza says he will work towards preventing Harper from a majority government. "Put it this way: I will do everything within my power, within the influence of the Canadian Auto Workers union to influence the electoral process and citizens not to give the Tories the majority government that they're working for."

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