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[ Emphasis, comments added ]

There's a lot about Ted Cruz that should worry constitutionalists considering voting for the senator in the presidential election of 2016.

Recently, Infogram published brief but illuminating biographies <[https://infogr.am/ted\\_cruzs\\_neocon\\_problem](https://infogr.am/ted_cruzs_neocon_problem)> of several of Cruz's key foreign policy advisors.

The information disclosed in these revelations could trouble many constitutionalists otherwise keen on the senator and who rely on him to restore the rule of law to the White House.

The first person highlighted in the article is the chairman of Cruz's foreign policy team, **Chad Sweet** (shown).

[ Steve Lefemine: Chad Sweet is Chairman of the Cruz for President campaign - <<http://www.p2016.org/cruz/cruzorg.html>> ]

Sweet's professional and political background betrays Cruz's claims of being someone who promises "not to continue

going in the same direction” and to “bring power out of Washington, and back to we the people.”

Infogram’s biography of Chad Sweet includes the following associations, demonstrating that he is very much a step in the “same direction”:

With a diverse background, starting as Director of the CIA [ **Steve Lefemine: This is not correct -** <http://www.nndb.com/gov/234/000043105/> ] - **Chad Sweet's bio lists Directorate of Operations, Central Intelligence Agency (1990, 1991 – 1993) -** <http://www.chertoffgroup.com/bios/chad-sweet.php> ],

Chad Sweet went into the world of big banks from Investment Banker at Morgan Stanley to **VP with Goldman Sachs**. He would then work for the Department of Homeland Security in the Bush Administration. **Currently he is the Co-Founder of Chertoff Group.**

**Sweet cofounded Chertoff Group with former Bush and Obama administration Secretary of Homeland Security Michael Chertoff.**

Hardly the pedigree of an outsider. In fact, his neocon bona fides could not be better.

As a leader of the Chertoff Group, **Sweet “advocated for expanding NSA metadata collection.”** Again, this belies Ted Cruz’s public position on the NSA’s unconstitutional surveillance of Americans.

“One of the most troubling things we have seen in recent years is an expansion of federal government authority into surveilling American citizens. I am proud to be a co-sponsor of the USA Freedom Act,” Cruz said during a speech in Austin <http://thehill.com/policy/technology/224270-cruz-reiterates-support-for-nsa-reform-bill> in November 2014.

Despite such public declarations, it’s little wonder that a key member of the Cruz foreign policy team would support dragnet surveillance of Americans given that **one of the principals of the Chertoff Group is General Michael Hayden, director of the NSA until 2005.** [ **Steve Lefemine: Michael Hayden is also a former Director of the [ war-making ( President Harry** <http://fff.org/2014/03/12/dont-reform-the-cia-abolish-it/> ) Truman [http://fff.org/2014/03/12/dont-reform-the-](http://fff.org/2014/03/12/dont-reform-the-cia-abolish-it/)

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- <<http://www.nndb.com/gov/234/000043105/>> - and is a member of the New World Order's <[http://www.thebabylonmatrix.com/index.php?title=911:New\\_World\\_Order](http://www.thebabylonmatrix.com/index.php?title=911:New_World_Order)> [treasonous](http://www.wnd.com/2005/06/30874/) <<http://www.wnd.com/2005/06/30874/>>, Jesuit <<http://truthseeker2473.blogspot.com/2010/01/jesuits-and-cfr.html>> - ruled <<http://truthseeker2473.blogspot.com/2010/01/jesuits-and-cfr.html>>, Council on Foreign Relations <<http://www.christianlifeandliberty.net/CFR-TNAart.doc>> ( CFR <<http://christianlifeandliberty.net/2014-05-08-Council-on-Foreign-Relations-CFR-article-The-New-American-May-15-1995.pdf>> ) ]

These sorts of inconsistencies have sunk other campaigns, particularly those of candidates who fly the flag of the Constitution as proudly as Ted Cruz.

**When it comes to ending the federal government's collection of personal data on millions of Americans in direct contravention of the Fourth Amendment, it seems Ted Cruz's lips draw nigh to the Bill of Rights, but his heart (and his personally chosen counselors) are far from it.**

Next up on the roster of Ted Cruz's neocon inner circle is Victoria Coates.

As was the case with Chad Sweet, Coates's connections with the neocon elite are strong and numerous. From Infogram's bio:

**Having served as director of research for former Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and as an adjunct fellow at the Foundation for Defense of Democracies. Coates has a track record of supporting a neoconservative foreign policy.**

In 2012, she was an advisor to Rick Perry, whose campaign was in support of sending troops back into Iraq.

This record of rubbing shoulders with a who's who of neocon luminaries cannot be comfortable for the constitutionalist wing of the Cruz camp.

Apparently, Coates is no neocon neophyte. Her record reveals that **she's a true believer in the neocon doctrine of using the**

## **U.S. military to spread democracy around the world.**

In 1979 [ [Steve Lefemine: the late, former member](http://www.cfr.org/support/kirkpatrick.html) [<http://www.cfr.org/support/kirkpatrick.html>](http://www.cfr.org/support/kirkpatrick.html) of the New World Order's [treasonous](http://www.thebabylonmatrix.com/index.php?title=911:New_World_Order) [<http://www.wnd.com/2005/06/30874/>](http://www.wnd.com/2005/06/30874/), Jesuit [<http://truthseeker2473.blogspot.com/2010/01/jesuits-and-cfr.html>](http://truthseeker2473.blogspot.com/2010/01/jesuits-and-cfr.html) - ruled [<http://truthseeker2473.blogspot.com/2010/01/jesuits-and-cfr.html>](http://truthseeker2473.blogspot.com/2010/01/jesuits-and-cfr.html), Council on Foreign Relations [<http://www.christianlifeandliberty.net/CFR-TNAart.doc>](http://www.christianlifeandliberty.net/CFR-TNAart.doc) ( CFR [<http://christianlifeandliberty.net/2014-05-08-Council-on-Foreign-Relations-CFR-article-The-New-American-May-15-1995.pdf>](http://christianlifeandliberty.net/2014-05-08-Council-on-Foreign-Relations-CFR-article-The-New-American-May-15-1995.pdf) ) and former member [<http://www.seekgod.ca/print/cnppr/printcnp.ken.htm>](http://www.seekgod.ca/print/cnppr/printcnp.ken.htm) of the Trilateral Commission ], Jeanne Kirkpatrick wrote an essay called "Dictatorships And Double Standards" where the Reagan administration official equated Reagan-era support for anti-communist dictators with the promotion of human rights.

Daily Beast reported in July 2014 [<http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2014/07/29/how-ted-cruz-trolls-obama-s-foreign-policy.html>](http://www.thedailybeast.com/articles/2014/07/29/how-ted-cruz-trolls-obama-s-foreign-policy.html) that Victoria Coates "asks interns to read that essay when they start working for [Senator Cruz]."

On his campaign website, Ted Cruz promises to "restore our Constitution" and to follow the Founders in looking to the Constitution "to act as chains to bind the mischief of government."

One would imagine that restoring the Constitution and being bound by its chains would include not using the U.S. military to topple governments no matter how tyrannical or to funnel funds from taxpayers to the coffers of the "moderate" extremists who declare their allegiance to the American side in foreign conflicts.

Someone committed to that constitutional tack would certainly not choose neocon interventionists with the resumés of Chad Sweet and Victoria Coates.

All of this should be sufficient to give pause to patriots inclined to support Ted Cruz's run for the White House. Surprisingly, this is just one layer of the neocon nest surrounding Ted Cruz.