

National Security Working Group
Weekly National Security Working Group Update
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The National Security Working Group (NSWG) is comprised of Trent Franks, 2nd, AZ; Connie Mack, 14th, FL; Duncan Hunter, 52nd, CA and Allen West, 22nd, FL. We look forward to providing RSC members updates on national security issues and matters using this forum. We welcome your inputs.

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An Unwavering March of Freedom and Democracy (Rep Franks)

The announcement that Osama Bin Laden has been killed by U.S. special forces is a testament to the dedication of our men and women in uniform, who struck a victory for justice and freedom by destroying the leader of the most notorious terrorist group in the world -- an organization that has accounted for the deaths of thousands of innocent civilians.

As we move forward from this momentous victory, let us not forget that, while the death of Osama bin Laden is unquestionably a battle won, we will not have truly won the greater war against radical jihad until the violent, hateful ideology that marked bin Laden's life -- the same ideology still espoused by rogue nations like Iran -- is rejected across humanity and the world.

In the fitting words of Ronald Reagan, I believe that, in the final analysis, 'the march of freedom and democracy' will leave jihadist terrorism 'on the ash-heap of history as it has left other tyrannies which stifle the freedom and muzzle the self-expression of the people.'

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Keeping the Promise - Reducing Wasteful Government Spending (Rep West)

On April 4, 2011, the United States House of Representatives passed H.R. 1246, *To reduce the amounts otherwise authorized to be appropriated to the Department of Defense for printing and reproduction*, by a unanimous vote -- which cuts the Department of Defense printing and reproduction budget by 10 percent.

A mere ten percent reduction in the printing budget will save taxpayers \$35.7 million in fiscal year 2012 and nearly \$180 million over the next five years. The passage of this legislation proves that

wasteful spending can be cut from the Department of Defense without affecting the overall mission of America's men and women in uniform protecting our national security.

All government programs must be thoroughly scrutinized, including the Department of Defense. After serving 22 years in the United States Army, I am aware of areas where saving money is very possible.

In this spirit, I am submitting the additional two bills I introduced via the YouCut program as Amendments to the National Defense Authorization Act. The first would reduce funding for Defense studies, analysis and evaluations by 10%, generating a savings of \$24 million in FY12, returning up to \$120 million to the treasury through FY16. The second would restrict payout of annual nationwide adjustment and locality pay for below satisfactory workers, generating approximately \$21 million in savings while increasing productivity in the workforce. As employees become more satisfactory in future years, the savings would be approximately \$80 million through FY16.

I encourage full support of these efforts that will be in the National Defense Authorization Act, as it fulfills our promise to the American people to cut wasteful government spending while spending taxpayer dollars more efficiently.

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[Egyptians Don't Want Peace with Israel - Reason for Concern \(Rep Franks\)](#)

In a recent poll conducted by the Washington DC based Pew Research Center, the majority of Egyptians feel the 1979 Camp David Peace Treaty with Israel should be scrapped. "By a margin of 54 percent to 36 percent, Egyptians say their country should annul the treaty with Israel." In the same Pew Research Center poll, 75% of Egyptians "said they had either a favorable or a very favorable opinion of the Muslim Brotherhood (MB)."

In a sign of the MB impact in shaping the future of Egyptian politics, the organization announced over the weekend the formation of their new party, named The Freedom and Justice Party, and their commitment to contest 45% to 50% of the seats in the September election. Given the MB is "one of the only experienced, organized and powerful political parties in post revolutionary Egypt," it is plausible that the MB would stand to have a significant influence in Egyptian policies towards the United States and Israel following the September elections.

This raises serious concerns if the MB will maintain the 1979 Camp David Peace Treaty between Egypt and Israel, which it previously agreed to honor. Failure of the MB to honor the peace treaty could lead to greater instability in the region and an escalation of conflict between nations that have maintained long standing peace.

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