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Abraham Lincoln

> Until Justice Rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty
stream.

Martin Luther King Jr.

> If life is too easy, we will never become a wise person.

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> Learn everything with your most essential sense; it is your spirit to live.

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> "TO LIVE IS TO LEARN"

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> Barang siápa memasuki suatu jalan dan dia mencari ilmu disana, máka Allah SWT mempermudah jalan ke siriga báginya.

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> "va Dove II FORTA IL CUORE"

Suzanna Tamaro

- > To those who see with lowing eyes life is beautiful, to those who speak with tender voices life is peaceful, to those who helps with gentle hands life is full, and to those who caves with compassionate heart life is good beyond all measure.
- > The Last, "There is never a good war or a bad peace"

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In order to illuminate our mind about the shift in the United States foreign policy direction, the writer choose to scrutinize about the neoconservative group in the United States, who they really are, how big is their influence on the United States foreign policy decision making process and what is the impact. Apparently, every phenomenon related to America always become interesting issues in the international relation to explore.

Neoconservative itself became a unique phenomenon in the United States political realm, whether it is come from its figureheads features or come from their policies and visions of the international affairs. However, America could always touch our sense of interest and curiosity to discuss and explored in deep analysis. By this research we could conclude that America and America's government is completely different over one to another so as it can help us in seeing any current issues about the United States rationally, as the international relation students.

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