

**Deadly Dogma:**  
**How Neoconservatives Broke the Law to Deceive America**

**La Cosa Nuovo – Leadership Structure and Duties**

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<i>Capo di Tutti Capi</i>	The “Boss of Bosses,” currently Bernardo “Il Trattore” Provenzano for the Sicilian Mafia; not usually applicable to the American Mafia	Richard Perle	Broker and “close” major money deals such as Boeing, the Saudi extortion, and the Iraq invasion
<i>Capo di Capi Re</i>	A title of respect given to a senior or retired member, equivalent to being a member <i>emeritus</i>	Paul Wolfowitz	Defining strategies, major policy initiatives
<i>Capo Crimini</i>	A “Super Boss” known as a Don or “Godfather” of a crime family	Norman Podheretz, Irving Kristol, Douglas Feith	Softer tone and intellectual sheen, coordination and implementation
<i>Capo Bastone</i>	Known as the “Underboss,” second in command to the <i>Capo Crimini</i>	William Kristol	Propagation of ideological discipline, spreading the word
<i>Consigliere</i>	An advisor	David Brooks	Public image, soft messages, alignment
<i>Contabile</i>	A financial advisor	Frank Gaffney, Jack Abramoff	Ongoing fundraising and PR service as a military deal broker

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<i>Caporegime</i> or <i>Capodecina</i>	A lieutenant who commands a “crew” of around ten <i>Sgarrista</i> or “soldiers”	Lawrence Franklin	Espionage, end runs around institutional barriers, fall guy
<i>Sgarrista</i> or <i>Soldati</i>	“Made” members of the Mafia who serve primarily as foot soldiers	Michael Ledeen	Dirty work, Iran Contra-Italian forgeries, espionage
<i>Picciotto</i>	A low-ranking member who serves as an “enforcer”	Jonah Goldberg, Joel Mowbray, David Horowitz	“Enforcement” through smear, defamation in the news media
<i>Giovane D’Onore</i>	An associate member, usually not of Italian or Sicilian ancestry	George Will	Ideological backing, implementation, appearance of diversity

As with the Italian Mafia in the US, there is a strong group orientation to a foreign “homeland,” but in this case it is a highly idealized concept of Israel rather than Sicily. The mix of neocon business, media savvy, and talking points circulates through the upper reaches of American society and the foreign policy establishment, from Georgetown University to “Think Tank Row” on Massachusetts Avenue. Their high profile provides the appearance of legitimacy and overshadows the dark underbelly of a much broader racket.