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## #NeverTrump Red Herring

Neoconservative writer Bill Kristol doesn't like the prospect of Donald Trump running as the Republican presidential candidate this year. And Kristol's not just going to talk about it. He's trying to get something done.

But instead of doing the rational thing and lobbying each and every delegate to the Republican convention, pleading with them to vote their consciences, not their fictional primary "commitments," he's trying to recruit an independent candidate to run against Hillary and Donald. (Donald isn't worried.)

At first he mentioned, in fleeting, Mitt Romney as the type of candidate "coming soon." But in discussing his mission, he kept the candidate's identity secret. He was trying to create a stir of interest.

Yesterday it was leaked that Kristol's Great White Hope is . . . David French.

Writer for *National Review*.

And the American people say, together, *Who?*

No matter Mr. French's many virtues, the truth is that *he's the darkest of dark horses*.

I'm sure his principles align somehow with Kristol's. But be realistic: the Libertarian Party ticket sports far more plausibility — two former two-term governors, former Republicans of blue states.

It's still possible that this newest story is just a leak to get us to a false sense of . . . well, whatever this is.

After all, Kristol is a neoconservative. He has secrets and strategies above us mere mortals. Conspiracy buffs might contend that throwing another "right-wing" candidate into the mix is his way of splitting "the right," allowing his real (if secret) favorite, Hillary Clinton, to squeak by. She *is* the one candidate he could count on to keep throwing money at the Pentagon — and dropping bombs overseas.

This is Common Sense. I'm Paul Jacob.

