

"Do we really want to occupy Iraq for the next 30 years?"

...In Japan, American occupation forces quickly became 50,000 friends. In Iraq, they would quickly become 50,000 terrorist targets.... Nations such as China can only view the prospect of an American military consumed for the next generation by the turmoil of the Middle East as a glorious windfall."

**James Webb, former Sec. of Navy under Ronald Reagan,
Decorated Marine Veteran - Navy Cross, Silver Star, and Purple Heart.**

<http://www.opinionjournal.com/editorial/feature.html?id=110002133>

"...a growing number of military officers, intelligence professionals and diplomats ... privately have deep misgivings about the administration's double-time march toward war..." **Analysts at the working level in the intelligence community are feeling very strong pressure from the Pentagon to cook the intelligence books,"** said one official, speaking on condition of anonymity. A dozen other officials echoed his views No one who was interviewed disagreed."

Philadelphia Inquirer, October 28, 2002 <http://www.philly.com/mld/inquirer/4234259.htm>

"If we go in (to Iraq) unilaterally, or without the full weight of international organizations behind us, if we go in with a very sparse number of allies, if we go in without an effective information operation... **we're liable to supercharge recruiting for al-Qaida"**

Gen. Wesley Clark, former NATO Supreme Commander

http://www.usatoday.com/news/opinion/editorials/2002-09-09-oplede_x.htm

"It's pretty interesting that all the generals see it the same way, and all the others who have never fired a shot, and are hot to go to war, see it another,... We are about to do something that will ignite a fuse in this region that we will rue the day we ever started.."

Marine Gen. Anthony Zinni, former Head of Central Command for U.S. Forces in the Middle East

<http://www.salon.com/news/feature/2002/10/17/zinni/> <http://www.pilotonline.com/military/ml1017war.html>

"Should the president decide to stay the war course, hopefully at least a few of our serving top-uniformed leaders – those who are now covertly leaking that war with Iraq will be an unparalleled disaster – will do what many Vietnam-era generals wish they would have done: stand tall and publicly tell the America people the truth about another bad war that could well lead to another died-in-vain black wall. **Or even worse."**

Col. David Hackworth (ret), America's most highly decorated soldier.

http://www.worldnetdaily.com/news/article.asp?ARTICLE_ID=29786

"Baghdad for now appears to be drawing a line short of conducting terrorist attacks with conventional or CBW (Chemical and Biological Weapons) against the United States. Should Saddam conclude that a U.S.-led attack could no longer be deterred he probably would become much less constrained in adopting terrorist actions."

Central Intelligence Agency Director George Tenet, October 2002

<http://www.naplesnews.com/02/10/perspective/d838246a.htm>

"Mr. President, ...The candidate we supported in 2000 promised a more humble nation in our dealings with the world. We gave him our votes and our campaign contributions. That candidate was you. We feel betrayed. We want our money back. We want our country back.... **A Billion Bitter enemies will rise out of this war."** **"A Republican Dissent on Iraq", Full page ad in Wall Street Journal by major GOP contributors** Wall Street Journal, January 13, 2003

"..analysts at the Central Intelligence Agency have complained that senior administration officials have exaggerated the significance of some intelligence reports about Iraq, particularly about its possible links to terrorism, in order to strengthen their political argument for war...At the Federal Bureau of Investigation, some investigators said they were baffled by the Bush administration's insistence on a solid link between Iraq and Osama bin Laden's network. "We've been looking at this hard for more than a year and you know what, we just don't think it's there," a government official said." **The New York Times, Feb. 2, 2003**

<http://www.nytimes.com/2003/02/02/international/middleeast/02INTE.html?pagewanted=1>

"Waging war will remove the influence of the more moderate element and put the future in the hands of the more radical elements.. **It violates international law. It violates God's law and the teachings of Jesus Christ."** **United Methodist Bishop Melvin Talbert, of President Bush's Church.** Also endorsed by the National Council of Churches

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A3764-2003Jan30.html>

- Initial deployment of troops: \$9 billion to \$13 billion • Conducting the war: \$6 billion to \$9 billion **per month**
 - Returning forces to US: \$5 billion to \$7 billion • Temporary occupation of Iraq: \$1 billion to \$4 billion **per month**
- Congressional Budget Office Cost Estimates <http://usgovinfo.about.com/library/weekly/aairaqwarcost.htm>

Millions of people in 600 cities around the world last week participated in the largest protests ever staged against a war before it has begun. Why? Because it is crystal clear that this is the wrong war at the wrong time. Without just cause it would put American servicemen and civilians in harms way and diminish our nations' stature morally and economically.

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www.publicsearch.org/Iraq

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Fountain, across from Herman Park,
Fridays 5-8 pm
www.houstonjusticenotwar.org
713-522-9850

National organizations working to
oppose an unjust war with Iraq
www.unitedforpeace.org
<http://www.moveon.org>