

I think I'm against the War, but...

Isn't Saddam Hussein a threat to the world?

Saddam Hussein *is* a vicious dictator who has murdered his own people. However, the **FBI** just announced (Feb. 6) that Iraq *is not* the most serious threat to the US – al-Qaeda, led by Osama bin Laden is.¹ So why does Bush never mention Osama Bin Laden anymore? What about N. Korea, a country that *we know* possesses nuclear weapons? According to a recent declassified report, The **CIA** agrees that Hussein *is not* a threat to regional, US or world security and would not use weapons of mass destruction **UNLESS ATTACKED**, in which case he *is* highly likely to use them.²

What about liberating the Iraqi people?

A US invasion will not liberate the Iraqi people. The war *will* cause the death and suffering of millions of innocent Iraqis. The UN warns the war will be a humanitarian disaster.³ The US supports many dictators in the Muslim world (Egypt, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, etc.) and we have never created a democracy there. All the historic evidence shows that a war will simply install another dictator to ensure the flow of oil.

UNICEF reported that over **HALF A MILLION** Iraqi children have already died as a direct result of US-led sanctions imposed after the Gulf War.⁴ What would we think if another country did something that killed 500,000 American children? So much for 'liberating' the Iraqi people.

What about weapons of mass destruction and al-Qaeda?

There is **no credible evidence** that Saddam Hussein has an active nuclear program. The administration's most dramatic arguments have not withstood scrutiny (please see reverse side). In addition, the CIA conducted a comprehensive investigation after September 11th, searching for any ties between Hussein and al-Qaeda. **The CIA found no links between Iraq and al-Qaeda.**⁵ Since then, the administration has done everything it can to create a link, but the evidence just isn't there.^{6,7}

Then what is this war *really* about?

Iraq sits atop the world's second-largest oil reserves.⁸ Our economy runs on oil and Bush's new energy policy makes us even more dependent at a time when we could easily reduce consumption. President Bush, Vice President Cheney, Condoleezza Rice and Donald Rumsfeld all have powerful ties to major oil companies. Maybe this is why Nelson Mandela and millions of others around the globe are saying "No Blood For Oil!" Maybe this is why our strongest allies are rejecting the call to war. **Let the inspectors do their job.** Spend \$200 BILLION on our schools and health, not war and death. The Iraqis have suffered enough. This war is not worth the blood of American sons and daughters.

STOP THE RUSH TO WAR! NO BLOOD FOR OIL!

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