

# IRAQ FACTS

## Why doesn't the Bush Administration have an exit strategy for Iraq?

*Because they are not planning to leave!*

There has been regime change in Iraq. Saddam is in jail. No nuclear weapons or weapons programs were found. The new American appointed government plans to hold elections for a National Assembly in January 2005.

*Why can't we say "mission accomplished" and leave?*

Why is the Pentagon planning to keep American troops in Iraq at least through

2006? Why is Republican Senator John McCain saying US troops will be in Iraq for 10 to 20 years and noting with satisfaction that US troops have stayed in Germany for 60 years?

The usual reason given is to prevent a civil war. However, there is a war raging in Iraq right now between the minority of Iraqis who support the U.S. appointed government and the overwhelming majority of Iraqis who are against it.<sup>1</sup> If the U.S. withdrew, that war would stop.

1 [http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/national/179129\\_resentment23.html](http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/national/179129_resentment23.html)

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2 <http://hnn.us/articles/3097.html>  
3 <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/04208/351890.stm>  
4 Chicago Tribune, March 23, 2004  
5 deTocqueville wrote the book Democracy in America, published in the 1830's

— de Tocqueville<sup>5</sup>  
"Nothing is more opposed to the well-being and freedom of men, than vast empires."

**Whether the U.S. military stays in Iraq permanently will ultimately be decided by the political will of both the Iraqi and American people.**  
engineers are focusing on constructing 14 "enduring bases" in Iraq! General Mark Kimmitt said, "This is a blueprint for how we could operate in the Middle East."<sup>4</sup>

Most Americans are unaware that there are at least 500,000 of their fellow citizens stationed overseas in a network of 702 military bases located in 130 countries.<sup>2</sup> This is one aspect of American military domination of the world. The new basing strategy of the Bush Administration indicates that "the arc of instability" will be the focus of new bases.<sup>3</sup> The oil rich Persian Gulf area including Iraq is the center of the arc. The upshot is that the Bush Administration is positioning US forces to control the flow of oil from the world's largest remaining reserves. US

*Why doesn't the Bush Administration have an exit strategy for Iraq?* (continued from front)

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