

IRAQ FACTS

Is WAR the best response to terror?

The wars in Afghanistan and Iraq have been the main response of the Bush Administration to the terrorist attacks of 9-11. The two wars have destroyed two countries, no democracies have developed and the chaos has spawned the resistance to the U.S. presence and supplied more breeding ground for international terrorism.

What are the conditions the two wars have created?

Although the U.S. government claims that precision bombing was used in Afghanistan and Iraq, the bombing killed thousands of innocent

people and disrupted the lives of millions. Whatever the crimes of the Taliban or Saddam Hussein, the two wars are a collective punishment of the people of Afghanistan and Iraq.

Now the warlords control all of Afghanistan but the capitol. The Taliban are making a comeback. Opium production is booming.¹ In Iraq, 18 months after the invasion, the level of interpersonal violence is shocking and the war is intensifying. There has been little reconstruction except for the building of American military bases.² *(continued on back)*

1 <http://www.cnn.com/2004/WORLD/europe/07/29/uk.afghan.iraq/>

2 <http://www.guardian.co.uk/Iraq/Story/0,2763,940414,00.html>

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³ Chomsky, Noam. *Hegemony or Survival: America's Quest for Global Dominance*. (Henry Holt, 2003) pp. 199-200.

—Martin Luther King, Jr.

“Returning violence for violence multiplies violence.”

The Bush Administration's pursuit of war even without UN approval and the disastrous consequences of the two wars have eroded international cooperation to enforce international law!

misrepresented it.³

European countries the highest percentage support for the war in Afghanistan was 29%, in Latin American countries only 11% supported the war. Even in Israel, the majority wanted diplomacy and extradition. Only one American newspaper wrote about that Gallup poll and they

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When Timothy McVeigh bombed Oklahoma City, did we bomb Michigan?

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