

# *Should We Invade Iraq?*

*Many different reasons have been offered for our invading Iraq. None of them make sense.*

***To get rid of weapons?*** Iraq has *no nukes* and few if any chemical or biological weapons. UN inspectors need “not years, not weeks, but months” to make sure there are none. Nuclear rumours were based on faked evidence. An invasion for this reason is simply **UNNECESSARY**.

***To stop terrorism?*** Iraq had *nothing* to do with the attacks on the World Trade Center. The Iraqi regime is *not* religious, and therefore is an enemy of fanatics like those in Al-Quaeda (even if they all see themselves as enemies of America). This reason is completely **IRRELEVANT**.

***To make Iraq's neighbors safer?*** The Arab League is calling for a *peaceful* resolution. Turkey won't help, even for \$16 billion. Jordan, Syria and Iran are all opposed. Kuwait says war is inevitable, but Saudi Arabia disagrees. Any invasion would just be **UNWANTED**.

***To make the West safer?*** We are in *no danger* from Iraq unless we attack, according to the CIA. What might be dangerous is terrorism, and an invasion will only make many people much angrier with the US and Britain. An invasion would be **COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE**.

***To change the Iraqi regime?*** Almost everyone would prefer a change in the Iraqi government, but hundreds of prominent Iraqi exiles have signed petitions *against* an invasion. No United Nations resolution has even mentioned changing the government. This reason is **ILLEGAL**.

***To help the people of Iraq?*** Over the last dozen years we have *destroyed* the Iraqi economy, ruined their water and power supplies and imposed sanctions so tough they have led to the death of perhaps a million children. To help the people of Iraq, **LIFT THE SANCTIONS**.

***And then there is the cost, in lives and in dollars.***

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