

# Post-invasion Iraq

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### No stated opinion

- The Silence That Kills by Thomas Friedman (*The New York Times*, March 2, 2007) (view)  
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The Grand Delusion by David Brooks (*The New York Times*, 9/28/2006) (view)

### Coalition troops should pull out

#### For

- Leaving Iraq: about time by The Miami Herald editorial board (*The Miami Herald*,

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After 9 years, time for troops to leave Iraq by USA Today editorial board (*USA Today*, October 25, 2011) (view)

End the occupation by Medea Benjamin (*USA Today*, January 22, 2009) (view)

Britain leaves Iraq in shame. The US won't go so quietly by Seumas Milne (*The Guardian*, December 11, 2008) (view)

Now That We've 'Won,' Let's Come Home by Frank Rich (*The New York Times*, June 22, 2008) (view)

Staying in Iraq for proxy war by Los Angeles Times editorial board (*Los Angeles Times*, April 9, 2008) (view)

Everything His President Wants to Hear by Robert Scheer (*The Huffington Post*, April 9, 2008) (view)

The Gen. Petraeus and Amb. Crocker Hearings and What the Surge in Fact Proves by John Murtha (*The Huffington Post*, April 8, 2008) (view)

Five years is long enough by Darcy Burner (*The Seattle Times*, March 25, 2008) (view)

Iraq: No light at the end of the tunnel by Carl Hiassen (*The Miami Herald*, March 23, 2008) (view)

Iraq, \$5,000 Per Second? by Nicholas D. Kristof (*The New York Times*, March 23, 2008) (view)

A War We Must End by John Podesta, Ray Takeyh, Lawrence Korb (*The Washington Post*, February 26, 2008) (view)

Unfinished Debate on Iraq by The New York Times editorial board (*The New York Times*, January 13, 2008) (view)

Iraq: The Real Cost of War Can't Be Ignored by Bill Richardson (*The Huffington Post*, December 19, 2007) (view)

Bring the troops home by Maxine Waters (*USA Today*, December 13, 2007) (view)

Iraq: The Elephant in the Room by Bill Richardson (*The Huffington Post*, December 7, 2007) (view)

U.S. should take advantage of improved security in Iraq to withdraw by David Gompert (*San Francisco Chronicle*, December 2, 2007) (view)

Even the British are leaving Iraq by Los Angeles Times editorial board (*Los Angeles Times*, October 9, 2007) (view)

Democrats' So-Called Leaders are Not Leading on Iraq by Christopher Dodd (*The Huffington Post*, October 5, 2007) (view)

The Surge Has Failed; No Residual Troops by Bill Richardson (*The Huffington Post*, August 24, 2007) (view)

The misleading Vietnam analogy by Los Angeles Times editorial board (*Los Angeles Times*, August 23, 2007) (view)

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'Inspiring Progress' on Iraq? by Nicholas D. Kristof (*The New York Times*, July 12, 2007) (view)

This is not our fight by Robert Byrd, Hillary Clinton (*New York Daily News*, July 10, 2007) (view)

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We've Lost. Here's How To Handle It. by Steve Simon, Ray Takeyh (*The Washington Post*, June 17, 2007) (view)

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Democrats: Don't cave on ending war in Iraq by Star Tribune editorial board (*Star Tribune*, May 3, 2007) (view)

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How to Get Out of Iraq by Juan Cole (*The Nation*, April 9, 2007) (view)

Out of Iraq in '08 by The Philadelphia Inquirer editorial board (*The Philadelphia Inquirer*, April 1, 2007) (view)

The Best Way To Support Our Troops by Stephen E. Wright (*The Hartford Courant*, March 25, 2007) (view)

Why the Dems Should Go for It by Peter Beinart (*Time*, March 22, 2007) (view)

Failure of will: Congress lacks the courage to end a pointless war by Pittsburgh Post-Gazette editorial board (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, March 18, 2007) (view)

A Plan for Iraq by Harry Reid (*The Huffington Post*, March 9, 2007) (view)

Conscience and the War by Stephen F. Cohen (*The Nation*, March 8, 2007) (view)

Not so willing: Britain, Denmark show the way on Iraq by Pittsburgh Post-Gazette editorial board (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, February 22, 2007) (view)

Support the Troops: Bring Them Home by Michael Kinsley (*Time*, February 19, 2007) (view)

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Same Product, New Package by Sherrod Brown (*The Huffington Post*, January 10, 2007) (view)

The Least Immoral Choice by Sally Quinn (*The Washington Post*, January 9, 2007) (view)

Escalation? It's Not His Decision to Make by Ted Kennedy (*The Huffington Post*, January 9, 2007) (view)

## United States should negotiate with Iran

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The Wisdom In Talking by John Kerry (*The Washington Post*, May 24, 2008) (view)

Rethinking Iran by Samantha Power (*Time*, January 17, 2008) (view)

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Talk of talks: Let's hope the U.S. is serious on Iran and Syria by Pittsburgh Post-Gazette editorial board (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, March 1, 2007) (view)

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The Time to Negotiate Is Now by Robert K. Brigham (*The Washington Post*, January 14, 2007) (view)  
The Smart Surge: Diplomacy by Wesley Clark (*The Washington Post*, January 8, 2007) (view)

## Iraq should be split up

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Make Walls, Not War by Peter Galbraith (*The New York Times*, October 23, 2007) (view)  
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## Iraq Study Group's recommendations should be followed

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Bipartisanship is good for both sides by Anne-Marie Slaughter (*Los Angeles Times*, August 9, 2007) (view)  
Getting Out of Iraq by The Philadelphia Inquirer editorial board (*The Philadelphia Inquirer*, July 15, 2007) (view)  
It's time for Bush to get an Iraq policy that works by Trudy Rubin (*The Philadelphia Inquirer*, July 15, 2007) (view)  
Lesser evils and an exit strategy by The Boston Globe editorial board (*The Boston Globe*, July 10, 2007) (view)  
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## United States should fight more ruthlessly

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Out-thought by the enemy by Ralph Peters (*New York Post*, June 1, 2007) (view)  
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## **United States should increase troop levels**

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- Is Iraq turning into Yugoslavia? by Max Boot (*Los Angeles Times*, February 21, 2007) (view)
- Iraq is no 'Nam by Helle Dale (*The Washington Times*, January 31, 2007) (view)
- Baghdad Is Key by Stephen J. Hadley (*The Washington Post*, January 29, 2007) (view)
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- All We Are Saying... Is Give Petraeus a Chance by Frederick W. Kagan, William Kristol (*The Weekly Standard*, January 22, 2007) (view)
- No better idea by Max Boot (*Los Angeles Times*, January 17, 2007) (view)
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- A Skeptic's Case For the Surge by Michael O'Hanlon (*The Washington Post*, January 14, 2007) (view)
- Noble effort our only alternative to awful defeat by John Podhoretz (*New York Post*, January 11, 2007) (view)
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- A Shift not a Surge by The Times editorial board (*The Times*, January 11, 2007) (view)
- Stabilize Iraq by The Washington Times editorial board (*The Washington Times*, January 10, 2007) (view)
- A Heavier Iraq 'Footprint' by The Wall Street Journal editorial board (*The Wall Street Journal*, January 8, 2007) (view)
- Fingers in the wind by The Washington Times editorial board (*The Washington Times*, January 8, 2007) (view)
- Send More Troops by John McCain (*The Washington Post*, January 7, 2007) (view)
- The Consequences of Failure in Iraq (Gerecht) by Reuel Marc Gerecht (*The Weekly Standard*, January 6, 2007) (view)

## **Iraqi government should crack down on Shiite militias**

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- Don't prejudge the surge by Jack Kelly (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, January 28, 2007) (view)
- A Plausible Plan B by Charles Krauthammer (*The Washington Post*, January 19, 2007) (view)
- Anatomy of a Wrong Approach by David S. Broder (*The Washington Post*, January 18, 2007) (view)
- The Leadership Gap by The Times editorial board (*The Times*, January 18, 2007) (view)
- Pressure Iraqis by Orlando Sentinel editorial board (*Orlando Sentinel*, January 11, 2007) (view)
- Bush's Last Stand: Is president's new Iraq strategy too little, too late? by The Dallas Morning News editorial board (*The Dallas Morning News*, January 11, 2007) (view)
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