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Position: Bolton should have been confirmed

This position addresses the topic Confirmation of John Bolton as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, 2006.

For this position

“ Mr Bolton is, or rather was from the moment he announced his resignation, the sharp and solid component of U.S. foreign policy that now falls off. Removing and replacing him with another soft touch leaves the whole American position in mush.” ”

From Bolton was worth saving, by David Warren (*Ottawa Citizen*, December 7, 2006) (view)

“ That track record apparently didn't matter much in Washington. Bolton's close-minded? Turns out it was his critics who fit that bill.” ”

From Bolton calls it quits, by Chicago Tribune editorial board (*Chicago Tribune*, December 5, 2006) (view)

“ Sen. Chris Dodd (D-Conn.), a likely '08 presidential candidate, called on the White House to "put forward an individual who believes in diplomacy." But diplomacy as practiced at Turtle Bay is typically just a cover for an essentially anti-American, anti-Western agenda. John Bolton understood that. And tried to do something about it.” ”

From Bolton Steps Down, by New York Post editorial board (*New York Post*, December 5, 2006) (view)

“ Bolton's opponents caricatured him as an intemperate bully, which proved not to be the case, and they predicted that straight talk in the Palace of Babel would damage U.S. interests. And they were measurably, demonstrably wrong.” ”

From Dumb Dems boot Bolton, by New York Daily News editorial board (*New York Daily News*, December 5, 2006) (view)

“ “It is a sad commentary on the state of American politics that yesterday John Bolton resigned as the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations with a list of accomplishments that would be the envy of any international diplomat.” ”

From Capitol politics shoot down Bolton, by Boston Herald editorial board (*Boston Herald*, December 5, 2006) (view)

“ “He has understood that the essence of realism is, or ought to be, to see the world as it is and speak with moral clarity about it. He offended America's enemies because he looked at their behavior and refused to excuse it. This is discomfiting to those who prefer to believe that every enemy can be appeased with talk, and that every dispute can be settled with a treaty.” ”

From Bolton Departs, by The Wall Street Journal editorial board (*The Wall Street Journal*, December 5, 2006) (view)

“ “Turtle Bay is a crooked place. No U.S. ambassador can convert its self-serving bureaucrats and envoys of tyrants to standards of probity worthy of Sir Thomas More. What an ambassador can and should do is articulate correct principles as persuasively as possible, rather than sacrificing moral clarity for the sake of a superficial comity. And that is what Bolton did.” ”

From Boltin', by National Review editorial board (*National Review*, December 5, 2006) (view)

Against this position

“ “Though a more complex and interesting figure than the one-dimensional pantomime villain he was often portrayed as, he cast himself in that role often enough to be an unaffordable liability to a US that - while it may be the lone superpower - has rarely been more in need of friends.” ”

From Bolton goes, at last, by Financial Times editorial board (*Financial Times*, December 6, 2006) (view)

“ “The United Nations doesn't need any further proof of how little the Bush administration thinks of it. And the Bush administration doesn't need to insult the world at a time when it is becoming increasingly clear how much help the United States needs to stabilize Afghanistan, extricate itself from Iraq, and curb the nuclear appetites of North Korea and Iran.” ”

From Mr. Bolton Resigns, by The New York Times editorial board (*The New York Times*, December 5, 2006) (view)

“ “My problem with Ambassador Bolton was never his cosmetic behavior, it was the content of his views and policy objectives, and the numerous times in which he undermined or sabotaged fragile diplomatic efforts underway and conducted by his colleagues and direct superiors. John Bolton, in my view, saw a significant portion of his job as not to achieve success at the United Nations but rather to set the UN up for failure.” ”

From Taking Stock: John Bolton's Resignation, by Steve Clemons (*The Huffington Post*,

December 4, 2006) (view)

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