



WMD & the Iraqi War

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Take a Step back in Time

- The Iraqi War has been greatly politicized
- While Bush made many mistakes, one of key questions is whether he lied over WMD
- What are the implications of this situation?
- How did we get here?
- Take a look back!

SHEIKH RAHMAN FATWA (8/28/98)

Currently serving a prison term for the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center.

- *"Spoil their trade, burn their companies, drown their boats and target their planes and kill them on the land, in the oceans and in the air: from your brother in American prison Omer Abur Rehman...Allah will help you against them," the message read.*"

ISLAMIC GROUPS OPERATING IN THE U.S. (1999)

- **Hamas**
- **Islamic Jihad**
- **Hizbullah**
- **Hizba-Tahrir (Islamic Liberation Party)**
- **Armed Islamic Group (Algeria)**
- **En-Nahda (Tunisian)**
- **Muslim Brotherhood**
- **Ga'mat Islamiya (Egypt)**
- **Al Qa'eda**
- **Islamic Salvation Front (Algeria)**
- **Abu Sayyaf Group (Philippines)**
- **Taliban (Afghanistan)**
- **Jamat Muslimeen (Pakistan and Bangladesh)**

UBL AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS

- In 1998, an Arabic news magazine reported bin Laden's organization paid Chechen gangsters US\$30-million for 20 Russian nuclear warheads.
- The plan, according to the magazine, was to dismantle and smuggle the bombs into U.S. cities, where they would be detonated.
- The Russian government denies any of its warheads are missing.
- U.S. Sources state that the former Soviet Union cannot account for 48 of its 10-kiloton suitcase nuclear weapons.

TRIAL TESTIMONY

- Jamal Ahmed al-Fadl, a member of Osama bin Laden's Al Qaeda network, who was on trial for the 1998 bombings of U.S. embassies in Africa.
- Testified in New York district court that he arranged meetings with smugglers in Sudan in the 1990s, offering \$1.5 million for weapons-grade uranium for a nuclear attack.

SOVIET SUITCASE NUKE

- **CIA had intelligence reports from senior Arab intelligence officials that in October 1998 bin Laden had obtained one or two nuclear suitcase weapons from a Central Asian republic in return for \$30 million in cash and two tons of heroin worth \$70 million - a deal brokered by the Chechen mafia.**
- **Others asserted that bin Laden paid millions of dollars to stockpile these portable weapons at a hideout near Kandahar in southern Afghanistan.**



WMD THREAT (JULY 1999)

- Ahmed Salame Mabruk, a top aide of Bin Laden, was captured while *trying to buy chemical and biological arms from Azerbaijan.*
- Seized with him was a computer disc that listed *over 100 targets in the United States, Israel and India.*
- A senior Indian official was noted as saying the government was investigating reports that bin Laden was planning to expand his operations and *trying to buy nuclear, biological and chemical weapons for use on targets.*

The First Nuclear Device?

- October 2001, Israeli security arrested a man linked to bin Laden *armed with a radiological backpack bomb*, as he attempted to enter Israel from the Palestinian Territories.
- Device was a small explosive core that is encased in radioactive material.

CONSIDER...

- Each of the previous slides represent evidence of WMD prior to the Iraqi war.
- If you were president, after the events of 9-11, would you be willing to take the chance that Iraq had WMD, which could be transferred to al Qaeda?
- If you still are cynical, stay tuned, there is much more to come!

FOR THOSE WHO DOUBT ABOUT THE “WAR” IN IRAQ

Read each of the four quotes, and ask yourself who said it?

CONSIDER THIS QUOTE

“Heavy as they are, the cost of action must be weighed against the price of inaction. If Saddam defies the world and we fail to respond, we will face a far greater threat in the future. Saddam will strike again at his neighbors. He will make war on his own people. And mark my words, he will develop weapons of mass destruction. He will deploy them and he will use them.”

CONSIDER THIS QUOTE

“One way or the other, we are determined to deny Iraq the capacity to develop weapons of mass destruction and the missiles to deliver them. That is our bottom line.”

CONSIDER THIS QUOTE

“If Saddam rejects peace and we have to use force, our purpose is clear. We want to seriously diminish the threat posed by Iraq’s weapons of mass destruction program.”

“You know, I have repeatedly defended President Bush against the left on Iraq, even though I think he should have waited until the U.N. inspections were over...

After 9-11, let's be fair here, if you had been president, you'd think, well, this fellow bin Laden just turned three airplanes full of fuel into weapons of mass destruction, right? Arguably they were super-powerful chemical weapons. Think about it that way...

But you also have to say, well my first responsibility now is to try everything possible to make sure that this terrorist network and other terrorist networks cannot reach chemical and biological weapons or small amounts of [nuclear] material... That's why I supported the Iraq thing. There was a lot of stuff unaccounted for..."

WHO SAID THESE QUOTES

- 1st: President Clinton in December, 1998
(after three days of bombings in Iraq-from *Wall Street Journal* on 11-18-05, p. A16)
- 2nd: President Clinton, February 4, 1998
- 3rd: President Clinton, February, 1998
- 4th: President Clinton, June, 2004 (from *Time Magazine*-reprinted by *Wall Street Journal* on 11-18-05, p. A16)

- Have you heard or seen these quotes in the media?
- Why not?
- Are they relevant to the “Bush lied & people died” mantra?

CONSIDER THIS QUOTE

“Iraq is a long way from here, but what happens there matters a great deal here. For the risks that the leaders of a rogue state will use nuclear, chemical or biological weapons against us or our allies is the *greatest security threat we face.*”

Former Secretary of State, Madeline Albright

February 18, 1998 (Emphasis added)

CONSIDER THIS QUOTE

“We urge you, after consulting with Congress, and consistent with the US Constitution and laws, to take necessary actions (including, if appropriate, air and missile strikes on suspect Iraqi sites) to respond effectively to the threat posed by Iraq’s refusal to end its weapons of mass destruction programs.”

Letter to President Clinton dated Oct., 8, 1998 signed by Senators Carl Levin, Tom Daschle, & John Kerry

CONSIDER THIS QUOTE

“Saddam Hussein has been engaged in the development of weapons of mass destruction technology which is a threat to the countries in the region and he has made a mockery of the weapons inspection process. The responsibility of the US in this conflict is to eliminate weapons of mass destruction, to minimize the danger to our troops, and to diminish the suffering of the Iraqi people.”

Nancy Pelosi, December 16, 1998

ARE THESE QUOTES RELEVANT?

- Any “fair minded” person would say yes!
- If these quotes are relevant to the debate, why are they not being communicated in the media “debate”?
- Is it possible you are being manipulated?
- Many people attribute the “lies” to Bush, but I question this premise and condemn those who seek to “re-write history” for partisan purposes!
- The next eight slides are from Jack Kinsella on February 29, 2008 at:
http://hallindsey.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=241&Itemid=1

Why is this important?

- “Because for the past four years, the politicians, media pundits, political activists and bloggers on the Left have built their worldview around the mantra, "Bush Lied, People Died.”
- “In the process, they've managed to convince a lion's share of the American public, and the majority of the global public, that the President of the United States knew in advance of the March 2003 invasion of Iraq that Saddam did NOT have WMD and invaded anyway to seize control of Iraqi oil.”

WMD “reality”

- **Iraq Survey Group, headed by Charles Duelfer, reported findings to Congress on October 7, 2004 told the Senate Intelligence Committee:**
- **"The Iranian threat was very, very, palpable to him [Saddam], and he didn't want to be second to Iran, and he felt he had to deter them. So he wanted to create the impression that he had more than he did."**

What Saddam said!

- **In February, 2008, “CBS *60 Minutes* held an interview with George Piro, the *FBI interrogator* who spent nearly seven months questioning Saddam Hussein.**
- **Saddam told Piro that he was running a bluff because he was certain the US would not invade.**
- **Saddam expected something more along the lines of the 1998 aerial attack dubbed ‘Operation Desert Fox’.**

What Saddam said!

- **“According to Piro, Saddam wanted Iran to believe he had nuclear weapons because he feared an Iranian attack.**
- **If he admitted that he didn't, the U.S. might stand down, but he was convinced that Iran would seize the moment and launch their own invasion.**
- **Evidently, Saddam was less worried about his chances with the Americans than he was with the Iranians.**
- **He thought that [faking having the weapons] would prevent the Iranians from reinvading Iraq,’ Piro said.”**

What Saddam said!

- **“Saddam knew that Western intelligence had compromised his military high command and that they were feeding the West information, so he constructed this elaborate ruse to maintain the fiction.**
- **Saddam fooled Western intelligence because he convinced even his top generals that Iraq had both a stockpile of WMD and an ongoing nuclear program.”**
- **Saddam still wouldn't admit he had no weapons of mass destruction, even when it was obvious there would be military action against him.**
- **‘For him, it was critical that he was seen as still the strong, defiant Saddam.**

Political Impact of the “Lie”

- **The Left has been constructing an edifice upon which to run this November -- "Bush Lied, People Died."**
- **John Edwards: "I was against the war from the beginning."**
- **Barak Obama: "I've been against the war since BEFORE the beginning."**
- **Hillary Clinton: "It's time we had a leader in the Oval Office that will tell the truth to the American people."**

Real Impact of the “Lie”

- “They [the democrats] rejected the truth because there was greater political advantage in lying. It didn't -- and doesn't -- make any difference to them that maintaining the lie has done more damage to America's international image than [various scandals] combined.
- In other scandals, the allegations concerned the actions of corrupt individuals -- the "Bush Lied, People Died' allegation is an indictment against the entire sitting US government.
- If the Left is correct, then the entire Congress and Senate are corrupt for authorizing the war. The entire Pentagon leadership is corrupt for prosecuting it.
- And our brave military forces are merely pawns in a deadly game of political chess.”

Real Impact of the “Lie”

- “But by 2006, Osama bin-Laden had more credibility than the President of the United States of America.
- It isn't about George Bush. His term is almost over. The damage isn't to Bush -- George Bush is only a politician -- it is the *office* and the *country* that are reeling from the blows, not the man.
- The truth is out there -- not that it matters. The damage is done.”

Source: Jack Kinsella on February 29, 2008 at:

http://hallindsey.org/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=241&Itemid=1

The Impact of the “Lie” is far-reaching

- Why & When should we believe future intelligence estimates?
- Remember intelligence is not perfect knowledge, it is an estimate
- Compare Intelligence to Other “Mental States”
- Probable Cause/Proof Beyond Reasonable Doubt
- Will any political leader stake his/her reputation or position on intelligence estimates?
- What are the consequences of being wrong?
- We are stuck in a box, with no good solution!

QUESTIONS?

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