**Iraq Facts**

Were the reasons the US went to war true or false?

The Bush Administration has flip-flopped from one reason to another for attacking Iraq. Were any of those reasons true?

**Was there a connection between Iraq & 9/11?**

No. President Bush said, “We know [Iraq has] got ties with al Qaeda.” But the 9/11 Commission report stated clearly that Saddam Hussein’s government had no role in the 9/11 attacks by Al Qaeda. Recently Secretary of State Colin Powell and Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld have admitted this.3

**Did Iraq pose a nuclear threat?**

No. President Bush said, “Iraq is reconstituting its nuclear weapons program.” But the CIA reported, “We do not have any direct evidence that Iraq has used the period since Desert Fox [1998] to reconstitute its weapons of mass destruction programs.” And the top U.S. inspector recently reported that the Iraqis eliminated illicit arms in 1991.6

1 Office, White House Press Secretary, 11/1/02 http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2002/11/200221101.5html
4 Office, White House Press Secretary, 10/7/02, www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2002/10/20021oo7-8.html

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Was there a threat of Iraqi chemical or biological weapons?

No. Just weeks before the war, the President's chief national security advisor, Dr. Condoleezza Rice, stated that the United States had not found any evidence that Iraq was working on biological weapons.9

None of these reasons were true. None justified violating international law.

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And for the false reasons we were given, to war when we did, in the way we did, there was no reason whatsoever to go, justifying violating international law. None of these reasons were given, none of these reasons were true, none of these reasons for war were true. No one who had been found in Iraq, since 1991, no chemical or biological weapons or producible and stockpiled chemical weapons, and no evidence that Iraq was producing biological or chemical weapons. But the President claimed, “Iraqi operatives continue to hide biological and chemical agents.”

Was the threat of chemical or biological weapons? No.

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