



## Bring Back the Law and Education Bring the Troops Home. NOW!

The NJ Coalition to Bring the Troops Home Now brings together local groups in New Jersey that oppose the war in Iraq to carry out joint activities and campaigns. Our aim is to intensify peace activity and to bring the Iraq war to an end – the sooner

### Why NOW!

Since March 2003, more than 3,800 US troops have lost their lives in Iraq. Many thousands more have been wounded, and they will carry the cost of this war with them for the rest of their lives. The men and women of our armed services have sacrificed and continue to sacrifice because they believe it is their duty to us and to our country.

Not only Americans are paying a terrible price for this illegal and immoral war. Hundreds of thousands, perhaps more than a million, Iraqis have died in the more than four years since the invasion. The present state of violence and lawlessness in Iraq is the direct result of the U.S. occupation. The continued presence of U.S. troops only makes the situation worse. The vast majority of Iraqis want the U.S. to leave. It is time for us to do so.

We, the American public, must now do our duty as citizens and oppose this unjust war. Empty talk of "staying the course," or waiting to see if the escalation works is a betrayal of our responsibility to the troops, to our country and to the people of Iraq.



A review of this document indicates the US had several objectives, at least initially, in the war against the Iraqi regime.

- To eliminate weapons of mass destruction stockpiled or under development by Iraq as called for by various UN resolutions.

To implement democracy within Iraq and eventually throughout much of the Middle East.

- To free the people of Iraq from a brutal dictatorship.
- To eliminate a dangerous enemy.
- To prevent Saddam Hussein from working with international terrorist groups that might threaten the US.

Although not specified in the Iraq War Resolution, it seems clear to me that the US was intent on making sure that control of Iraqi oil was taken from Saddam and turned over to a friendly Iraqi government. Removing Saddam also eliminated his threat to Kuwait,

Saudi Arabia and other oil rich Middle East nations.

As everyone knows, we did not discover weapons of mass destruction in Iraq. Although there are rumors that these weapons were shipped out of Iraq shortly before the invasion, no hard evidence supports this theory. Therefore, we must conclude that there were no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq during the days leading up to the war. It appears there was a massive intelligence failure not only in the US, but in many other nations as well. Some have claimed that the Bush administration knew all along that there were no such weapons in Iraq, but this claim isn't justified with evidence. Basically, it was a screw-up of massive proportions.



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