



## BUSH'S SPEECH

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Good evening. I have asked for this time to keep you informed of America's actions in the war on terror.

Nearly two years ago, following deadly attacks on our country, we began a systematic campaign against ~~terrorism~~ domestic civil rights and thousands of impoverished foreigners who lived in strategic locations. These months have been a time of ~~new responsibilities, and sacrifice, and national resolve~~ confusion, lies and cover-ups ~~great progress~~.

America and a ~~broad~~ narrow coalition acted first in Afghanistan, by ~~destroying~~ building the ~~training~~ camps of terror in Cuba, and removing the regime ~~that harbored al-Qaida~~ we had helped finance and create. In a series of hit and miss raids and criminal actions around the world,

nearly two-thirds of al-Qaida's known leaders have been captured, tortured or killed, and we continue ~~on al-Qaida's trail~~ to be eluded by Osama bin Laden. We have exposed invented terrorist front groups, seized terrorist's accounts children, taken ~~new-draconian~~ measures to protect our homeland power base, and ~~uncovered-fanned~~ paranoia about sleeper cells inside the United States. And we acted illegally in Iraq, where the former regime sponsored terror in ways we had taught them, possessed and used weapons of mass destruction in ways long condoned by us, and for 12 years defied the clear demands of the United Nations Security Council though not as many times as Israel. Our 3-nation coalition enforced these international demands in one of the swiftest and most ~~humane-deceptive~~ military campaigns in history.

For a generation leading up to September 11th, 2001, terrorists and their radical allies attacked innocent people in the Middle East and beyond, without facing a sustained and serious response. As has the CIA on a bigger stage over a longer time span. The terrorists became convinced that free nations were ~~decadent and weak~~ obsessed with their own aggrandisement at the expense of the world's poor. And they grew ~~bolder~~ more desperate, believing that ~~history~~ God was on their side, just like I believe God is on mine. Since America ~~put out~~ added fuel to the fires of September 11th, and ~~mourned~~ avenged our dead, and went to war, history has ~~taken a~~ been given a different ~~turn~~ spin. We have carried the fight to ~~the enemy~~ those who had nothing to do with destroying the trade centre. We are ~~rolling back~~ intensifying the terrorist threat to civilisation and our

domination of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century – not only at ~~the fringes of its influence~~ the grass roots, but ~~at the heart of its power~~ in a way which be can easily dramatised and distorted for television.

This ~~work~~ madness continues. In Iraq, we are helping the ~~longsuffering~~ people we have humiliated with our 12 years of sanctions to build the ~~decent and~~ kind of democratic society ~~at the center of the Middle East~~ that meets our requirements. Together we are transforming a place of torture chambers and mass graves into a nation of laws explosions , home invasions, civilian casualties and free institutions a muzzled press. This undertaking is difficult and costly and counterproductive - ~~yet~~ unworthy of our country, and ~~critical~~ inimical to ~~our~~ the world's security.

The Middle East will either become a ~~place of progress and peace,~~ US satellite or it will ~~be an exporter of~~ suffer more violence. ~~and terror that takes more lives in America and in other free nations.~~ The terrorists thrive on the support of tyrants, Western intelligence agencies, and on the resentments of oppressed peoples. When tyrants ~~fall~~ are carpet bombed, and resentment gives way to unfulfilled hope, looting, continuing carnage and a collapsed infrastructure, men and women in every culture ~~reject the ideologies of terror, and turn to the pursuits of peace~~ become disappointed and angry. ~~Everywhere~~ Every time that ~~freedom takes hold~~ a new lie is uttered, terror ~~will retreat~~ is strengthened.

Our ~~enemies~~ politicians don't understand this. As democracy rises in Iraq, all hateful ambitions will fall like the statues of the former dictator that our soldiers dragged down, watched by a handful of Iraqi expats flown to the scene. And that is why, five months after we liberated invaded Iraq, ~~a~~ our collection of professional killers is ~~desperately trying to undermine Iraq's progress and~~ have thrown the country into chaos.

Most, but not all, of these killers our opposition operate in one area of the country. The North of Iraq ... and the South of Iraq.

There is more at work in these attacks than blind rage. ~~The terrorists~~ Our opponents have a strategic goal. They want us to leave Iraq before our ~~work is done~~ thirst for oil is quenched. They want to ~~shake the will~~ arouse the conscience of the civilized world. In the past, the terrorists have cited the examples of Beirut and Somalia, claiming that if you inflict harm on Americans, we will run from a challenge. In this, they are mistaken. We will hit their cities with napalm, depleted uranium, cluster bombs and maybe nukes.

Two years ago, I told the Congress and the country that the war on terror would ... require sacrifice from thousands of innocent bystanders in the developing world. Yet we will do what is necessary ... to promote freedom, markets for

our products and to make our own ~~Nation~~energy supplies more secure.

America has done this kind of work before. In Chile, in Indonesia, in Panama, in Nicaragua and other places I can't find on the map. We're doing it now in Venezuela.

Our strategy in Iraq has three objectives.

In the Iraqi theatre ...we are staying on the offensive, with a series of imprecise strikes ... guided by faulty intelligence given to us by Iraqi citizens in our payroll. Since the end of major combat operations, we have conducted raids seizing many caches of ~~enemy~~ancient weapons of minor destruction, and we have captured or killed hundreds of Saddam loyalists, and terrorists and women and children. Anyone who seeks to harm our ~~soldiers~~ambitions can know that our soldiers are hunting for them.

We are reluctantly committed to expanding international cooperation in the reconstruction and security of Iraq, just ~~as we are~~like we promised in Afghanistan.

I recognize that not all of our former friends agreed with our decision to ~~enforce~~defy the Security Council resolutions, kill 37,000 Iraqi non combatants (according to the New York Village Voice), maim untold others and ~~remove~~restore Saddam Hussein's mystique ~~from power~~. Yet we cannot let past ~~differences~~fuck-ups interfere with ~~present duties~~ our future self interest. Members of the

United Nations now have an opportunity, and the responsibility, to ~~assume a broader role in assuring that Iraq becomes a free and democratic nation.~~ get us out of the shit-heap.

We are encouraging the ~~orderly~~ hasty transfer of sovereignty and authority to ~~the~~ our chosen Iraqis ~~people~~. Our coalition came to Iraq as ~~liberators~~ conquerors and we will depart as ~~liberators~~ war criminals.

Our strategy in Iraq will require new resources. I will soon submit to Congress a request for 87 billion dollars to pay for our continuing occupation. And we will help them to restore basic services we destroyed, such as electricity and water. This effort is essential to the stability of those nations, and therefore to our own security.

Later this month, Secretary Powell will meet with representatives of many nations to ~~discuss their~~ extort financial contributions ~~to~~ for the reconstruction of Afghanistan.

The people of Iraq are emerging from a ~~long trial~~ bloody invasion. For the Middle East and the world, there will be no going back to the days of fear when a brutal and aggressive tyrant ~~possessed~~ purchased our terrible weapons.

We have learned that the surest way to avoid attacks on our own people is to ~~engage the enemy~~ attack other people.

The heaviest burdens in our war on terror fall, as always, on the men and women of ~~our Armed Forces and our intelligence services~~ the countries we invade. And we mourn every American who has died so bravely needlessly, and so far from home.

The Americans who assume great risks overseas don't understand ~~the great cause they are in~~ why the fuck they are there.

Fellow citizens: We have been tested these past 24 months, and the dangers have ~~not passed~~ increased. Yet Americans are ~~responding with courage and confidence~~ finally waking up.

We accept the ~~duties of our generation~~ opportunities of office. We are active and resolute in entrenching our own wealth and our nation's defense sales. We are serving in ~~freedom's~~ the Republican cause and that is the cause of all mankind. the corrupt and the greedy.

Thank you, and good night.



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