

America Exposed

Condensed from an Interview with Greg Felton on the current crisis of the U.S. occupation in Iraq

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Why the Iraq War?

The U.S. didn't go into Iraq to bring democracy. Any talk about Iraqi freedom or Iraqi democracy was only meant to sell the war to the American public and the world. The last thing the U.S. wants is democracy in Iraq, because in a democracy, workers are paid better and have rights, and the U.S. wants Iraqi oil at the cheapest cost possible.

Iraq was the only Arab country that really stood up for the Palestinians. War on Iraq was on the neo-con agenda, which means for Israel. The neo-cons are the American branch of the Likud, the Zionist right wing. The Zionists want to impoverish the Palestinians, so they had to get rid of Hussein.

Who is Chalabi?

Ahmad Chalabi is a self-aggrandizing individual with lots of connections. It is alleged that he had Mossad guidance in his embezzlement of the Petra bank, which nearly bankrupted Jordan. At that time he used to pay frequent visits to Albert Wohlstetter, a nuclear and security strategist at the RAND Corporation and a founder of the neo-con movement. So Chalabi has ties not only to Iran, but to the right-wing American Jewish Lobby, particularly the pro-Likud JINSA and PNAC.

There is no doubt that Chalabi was the conduit for phony reports about WMD, nor any doubt that the civilian defense hierarchy – Cheney, Rumsfeld, Wolfowitz and Feith – were keen on Chalabi because he told them what they wanted to hear. America's warmongers needed an excuse to invade Iraq, no matter how thin or ludicrous.

That's what these latest attempts are to blame Chalabi and the Iranians for the U.S. quagmire. It's far too convenient, it defies common sense, and we have no real evidence implicating Iran.

It really smacks of a false flag operation. It's an old trick to try and get the Shiites and the Sunnis to fight each other. Remember the U.S. armed both sides in the Iran-Iraq war. Divide et impera.

A public spat between Chalabi and the U.S. increases domestic support for both of them. It gives Bush an alibi and helps agent Chalabi build up his Shiite power base in Iraq. The U.S. used Saddam Hussein like this for decades, they use Osama bin Laden like this. My book goes into detail on his role.

Quo Vadis America?

The U.S. is a peculiar country because it started with the highest ideals of constitutional justice and went backwards from there. Suffice to say, the Constitution no longer applies.

In the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks, the U.S. quickly degenerated into a police state with the passage of the so-called USA PATRIOT Act. A better name would be the Gestapo Act, because 9/11 served the same purpose for Bush as the Reichstag fire did for Adolf Hitler. It gave him unfettered powers to launch wars of aggression.

As a result the U.S. republic has degenerated into a kind of modern fascism. A fascist state needs scapegoats, you need an illusion of internal and external enemies, so the government can claim moral superiority and abrogate civil rights in the name of "security."

America with its Pants down before the World

I'm not too surprised by the Abu Ghraib abuses for several reasons.

First, you have the same military intelligence units in Iraq that committed similar atrocities in Afghanistan. America has been crushing resistance movements all over the globe for a long time, and it has been using torture in a lot of these places.

Second is the 'Clash of Civilizations Crusade' that makes the ugliest and most vulgar racism against Arabs politically correct in America.

Third, as Seymour Hersh revealed in the New Yorker, you have covert Israeli advisers in Iraq. The Israelis have special psychological methods of torturing Arabs by humiliation and sexual abuse. Abu Ghraib is consistent with Israeli practice. When they occupied Ramallah and the Arab TV stations there, they broadcast porno movies during the day on Easter weekend - in a curfew, when kids couldn't go outside. They were stripping and parading Palestinians naked already in 1948.

Both Israel and the U.S. know the Arabs are very conservative regarding sex, and U.S. intelligence training manuals for interrogators highlight this fact.

The sheer magnitude of brutality at Abu Ghraib prison raises questions how the U.S. could sink to this level. When the answers are in, they will point at Christian and Jewish Zionists. They are responsible for creating a political climate where it is acceptable to treat Arabs with contempt.

According to Hussein Ibish, director of the Arab-American lobby ADC, the real purpose of the torture - and the videos - was to deliberately poison relations between Americans and Arabs, because Sharon thinks U.S.-Arab enmity is good for Israel.

Where's the Exit?

How does the U.S. get out of this mess? First, it has to admit that the invasion of Iraq was wrong, and take immediate steps to punish those responsible. That likely won't happen even after the election. But we need to have a Nuremberg-style war-crimes tribunal with the entire PNAC-junta in the dock, including Bush, Cheney and Rumsfeld.

Second, the U.S. must cede complete political and military authority to the UN and the surrounding Muslim states so that Iraq can form an independent government. Third, the U.S. should pay billions of dollars in reparations to the new Iraqi government to help it rebuild what the U.S. destroyed. Fourth, no Western or Israeli company should be allowed to profit from the attack.

As it stands now, Bush's presidential directive 13303 exempts companies like Bechtel and Halliburton from anti-profiteering legislation. This directive must be repealed.

The U.S. has lost all credibility and can only begin to repair the damage it has done by making honest efforts at contrition and reparation.