

IRAQ and the 10 Faces of the Bush Gang



1. **Saddam good:** 12/ 19/83. Donald Rumsfeld sent by Bush Sr. and Reagan to meet with Saddam. 12 days after visit, Saddam uses poison gas on Iranian troops. Rumsfeld meets with Tariq Aziz four months later; the U.S. provides credits and loans enabling Saddam to buy billions of dollars worth of weapons and chemical agents.
2. **Saddam bad:** 1990: Saddam invades Kuwait. Bush Sr. and Defense Secretary Dick Cheney attack Iraq.
3. **But don't kill him:** 1991: After the war, Bush Sr., Cheney and Colin Powell urge Shiites to rise up against Saddam. After they do, Bush decided NOT to help the Shiites and they were massacred by Saddam.
4. **Until now. Kill him now.** 1998: Rumsfeld, Wolfowitz and others, as part of the "Project for the New American Century," write an open letter to President Clinton insisting he invade Iraq and kill Saddam Hussein.
5. **Nation building bad:** 2000: During debate with Al Gore, Bush said, "I would take the use of force very seriously. I would be guarded in my approach... I think we've got to be very careful when we commit our troops. The vice president [Al Gore] and I have a disagreement about the use of troops. He believes in nation building. I would be very careful about using our troops as nation builders."
6. **Saddam not a threat:** 2/24/01: Colin Powell: "He [Saddam] has not developed any significant capability with respect to weapons of mass destruction. He is unable to project conventional power against his neighbors." 7/29/01: Condoleezza Rice: "His country is divided, in effect. He does not control the northern part of his country. We are able to keep arms from him. His military forces have not been rebuilt."
7. **Saddam a major threat:** Bush: 10/7/02: "Satellite photographs reveal that Iraq is rebuilding facilities at [past nuclear] sites." 1/28/03: "Our intelligence officials estimate that Saddam Hussein had the materials to produce as much as 500 tons of sarin, mustard and VX nerve agent... The British government has learned that Saddam Hussein recently sought significant quantities of uranium from Africa... Evidence from intelligence sources, secret communications and statements by people now in custody reveal that Saddam Hussein aids and protects terrorists, including members of Al Qaeda." 2/6/03: "Senior members of Iraqi intelligence and Al Qaeda have met at least eight times since the early 1990s ...Iraq has also provided Al Qaeda with chemical and biological weapons training."
8. **But that's not why we invaded:** After no WMDs were found, and no connection to Al Qaeda established, Bush changed the story on why we needed to invade, coming up with a brand new after-the-fact reason -- we went to war so we could have regime change (see #5) and liberate Iraq.
9. **Mission accomplished:** May 1, 2003...
10. **Or not...** More than 1,000 Americans have died in Iraq, and the number is increasing. 42 died in June, 54 in July, 66 in August, and 54 as of mid-September. In March, insurgents attacked American forces in 700 separate assaults. In August, they initiated 2,700 attacks -- a 400% increase. Falluja, Ramadi, Samarra, and even parts of Baghdad, are now "no go zones" and breeding grounds for terrorists who plot and launch attacks against American soldiers. Violence against Iraqi civilians is on the rise from bombings to kidnappings to intimidations.

**Iraq is in chaos. It's getting worse.
Which face will they try next?**