

## Post-War Arguments For and Against the War

Post-War Args in Favor of War	Post-War Args Against War
<p>1. The Iraqi citizens are happy to be liberated.</p>	<p>1. (a) While some of the Iraqi citizens seem very excited to be free of Saddam, many others are either upset that the US has invaded, or they are happy that we freed them but are very upset at the prospect that the US will be in charge of them.</p> <p>(b) The situation (for many weeks) has been very chaotic; while the military did seem to secure oil fields, they did not immediately secure either the hospitals or the museums, e.g. Other basic services have been slow in being restored, all of which does not demonstrate that the US troops wanted to help the Iraqi people.</p> <p>(c) The recent demonstrations by Iraqis to get the US to leave were larger than the crowds who watched the Hussein statues fall.</p>
<p>2. We will find weapons of mass destruction (WMD), and then we'll really be justified in going to war. (b) Even if we don't find WMD, the Iraqis are liberated. [Go to 1(a) and 1(b).]</p>	<p>2. (a) We have yet to find any major amount of these weapons, and it's been several months since we've invaded.</p> <p>(b) Even if WMD are found, this does not necessarily justify the war. The debate before the war started was not essentially about whether Iraq had any WMD at all (i.e., most people on both sides of the issue thought that Hussein was hiding something), but it was about whether his possessing these weapons justified war as being the best way of covering / removing the WMD.</p>
<p>3. Despite Americans and the world's being told that the real reasons for war were to rid the world of Hussein's power and WMD, and also to liberate Iraq, officials in the administration and advisors close to the president have recently admitted (4/25/03, ABC News - see link below) that they wanted to go to war with Iraq to give a global show of American power and democracy by overthrowing a Middle Eastern country that would send OTHER Middle Eastern countries (e.g., Syria and Iran) a message that we mean business. <a href="http://www.ccmeep.org/2003_articles/Iraq/042603_reason_for_war.htm">www.ccmeep.org/2003_articles/Iraq/042603_reason_for_war.htm</a></p>	<p>3. If this is true, it shows that the Bush administration is willing to lie to Americans and the world about its true intentions, for starters. It also may show why the other reasons for war (WMD, Hussein's evilness, Hussein's ties with terrorists, his oppressiveness, etc.) were not sufficient and not the real reason why the Bush administration really wanted to go to war in the first place. In short, why not be straight with the world and tell us what our real intentions are, from the start?</p>

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