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nikki6ixx wrote on Wed, 10 June 2009 18:21u6795 wrote on Wed, 10 June 2009 16:43

How about George Bush's management of the war in Afghanistan? Up until recently that had been going smoothly (I'm not insinuating it's at all tied to Obama) and the Taliban has been nearly crushed (however, once again, recently they have begun a resurgence). Al Qaida has effectively been driven out of Afghanistan, mostly as a result of expert commanders on the part of the United States, but without the freedom to operate and the support of Bush the military would not be as formidable as it is today. Iraq, while short sighted in its planning, was executed masterfully and its people were freed from a pretty oppressive douchebag.

Actually, Afghanistan has devolved into a nightmare scenario. Had the United States not gone to war with Iraq, Afghanistan would be in a much better shape. However, much of the country is in fact governed by militia's, and warlords, many of whom are affiliated with the Taliban. The worst thing is that the poppy industry has created enormous illegal wealth for the Taliban, and al-qaeda sympathizers; meanwhile, the drugs produced by poppies will end up in the hands of Afghans, which can cause addiction and illness, as well as likely appearing on the streets of North America.

It's not fair to fault America totally for Afghanistan; indeed, much of the blame needs to be shouldered by Europe, for withdrawing from the fight, leaving the bulk of the work to come from North America and England.

Obama's decision to refocus on Afghanistan was one of his few policies that I actually liked. I agree. The Taliban are back now, and there's no disputing that. I completely agree about Obama, though, I'm very glad he's making steps to shift the war on terror back to where it belongs. Unfortunately for the Iraqi's we might be gone before true stability can be achieved. Iraq was indeed a mistake, and the assets we've used and wasted there should be in Afghanistan. However there's no question that the Iraqi people are better off today, and I think it would be responsible of us to finish that off completely before pulling out.

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