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Subject: OT: Political IQ Test

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Nukelt15Quote: it would sem we care more about iraq than our own country . . .

At the moment, we have to. The US is stable; it is not going to collapse. Mass anarchy will not result from putting a little more effort into ensuring stability in Iraq, which WOULD collapse if we were not there supporting it right now.

We don't necessarily care more about Iraq than we do our own country, because in removing Saddam's regime from Iraq, we are ensuring our own security by taking out one more country that aides and harbors known terrorists. Other than that, I would agree with your post.

Nukelt15Quote:which is strange for republicans . . . once again oil comes into play . . .  
hmmmmm?????

No...no, it doesn't. The USA has more oil in it now than Iraq ever has had, or ever will. If Bush wanted oil, he could have gone drilling up in Alaska like he wanted; bypassing the EPA is a lot less costly than starting a war. Since oil would be about profit, it's quite obvious that starting a war over a reserve which is smaller than our own untapped resources would be pure stupidity. Only you or your fellow oil ranters would even consider such an idiotic possibility.

I usually agree with what you say most of the time, but here I must disagree.

I don't know where you got the idea the U.S. has more oil than Iraq. It is a known fact Iraq has the second largest oil reserves in the world. Last I checked, an estimated 300 billion gallons of oil had yet to be touched by humans, compared to the approx. 50 billion gallons in Alaska.

But you raise a valid point. If it was for oil, then why didn't Bush go for the 50 billion gallons in Alaska? And you are right when you say it is less costly to bypass the EPA than it is to wage a war.

To emphasize Nuke's point, if it's oil Bush wants, why didn't he attack Saudi Arabia, since it has the largest oil reserves in the world? Bush could have made a pretty decent case against Saudi Arabia since 15 of the 19 hijackers were Saudis, and how the government has for years ignored terrorist activities within their own borders. But you know what? He didn't. You know why? Because the war is not about oil.

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