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The War in Iraq

Introduction/Background

* Former Iraqi state was barbaric and cruel
* Saddam Hussein killed millions with various forms of sadistic weapons – rape, lions, torture, mass shootings
* Possible haven for terrorists intent on destroying the United States
* Although not recently, he once had the capacity for weapons of mass destruction (WMDs)

(“Why We Went to War”)

Recent Controversy over War

* Faulty intelligence over WMDs
* Bush wanted to finish what his father started
* White House seems to have no effective strategy for stabilizing and then leaving Iraq (Jennings )

Nevertheless, the United States must stay in Iraq and give the Iraqi people what we promised – a free and stable Iraq.

In invading Iraq, we have ruined the infrastructure of their country

* Buildings, schools, and villages destroyed
* Have a moral obligation to rebuild what we destroyed
* Most Iraqi people did not support Saddam Hussein; therefore, we did not invade a belligerent country but instead rid a country of a tyrannical leader (Jennings)
* What would it say about America if we leave them without basic essential needs?
* We would lose our moral authority in the world.
* Therefore, we must stay in Iraq

If we do not supply Iraq with a stable government, a worse government could develop.

* Iran share a border with Iraq
* They are close to having nuclear weapons and despise the United States
* They would like nothing better than to expand their influence and have allies in Iran (Brown)
* If we do not secure Iraq before leaving it could become a haven for terrorists and cause havoc in the Middle East