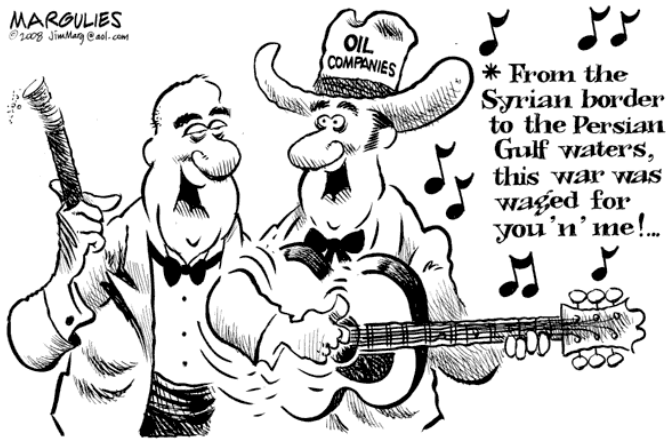


Out Of Iraq Now

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With U.S. casualties mounting again in Iraq, the Obama administration should **not** go back on its commitment to pull out.

June saw 15 U.S. soldiers die in Iraq, the worst in two years.

President Obama had promised to withdraw our 47,000 troops from Iraq by the end of the year, but **administration officials have exerted tremendous pressure on the Iraqi government to "ask" the U.S. to keep its forces in Iraq.**

Neither Iraqis nor Americans signed up for this kind of a deal: **the permanent occupation of Iraq.**

Iraqis from disparate groups have formed a large nationalist movement against occupation and have demanded that the U.S. government keep its pledge to exit Iraq completely by the end of this year.

Ultimately, Obama's vow notwithstanding, neither Democrats nor Republicans are likely to say no if Iraqi politicians wish to cling to thousands of American protectors for years to come. **The reason isn't anything else, but geology — the voluminous pools of oil lying underground in Iraq and neighboring countries.**

In Iraq, this ill-advised consensus has thus far **cost Americans some \$780 billion, taken nearly 4,500 American lives,** and severely wounded an additional 22,000 men and women — to say nothing of the greatly higher tallies of killed and maimed Iraqis.

It is up to ordinary Americans to compel our government to withdraw our troops completely from Iraq without delay or excuses.



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