

## The case for war in Iraq

Why is the US the target of Islamic terrorism?<sup>1</sup>

1. Permanent conflict between Islam and the rest of the world.
2. Frustration over lack of social and political progress.
3. Belief that the US can be defeated.
  - a. Soviet Union in Afghanistan
  - b. US retreats in Lebanon and Somalia

Iraq and the Bush Doctrine<sup>2</sup>

1. Eliminate terrorists *and* state sponsors, preventive war.
2. Maintain military dominance
3. Spread democracy, using force if necessary.

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<sup>1</sup> Bernard Lewis, "The Revolt of Islam," *The New Yorker* November 19, 2001.

<sup>2</sup> John Lewis Gaddis, *Surprise, Security, and the American Experience* (Harvard University Press, 2004).

