



# Not Just, Another War.

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**Our government is now considering a major military action to overthrow the Iraqi government.**

**All of us long for a secure future. But war is not the way. War will:**

cause suffering and death for ordinary Iraqis (mothers, fathers, and children);

mean numerous U.S. soldiers returning home in body bags;

further ruin an already collapsing Iraqi civilian infrastructure;

spread violence and further destabilize the Middle East;

aggravate anti-American sentiment.

**A more hopeful path toward a secure future includes commitments to:**

thoroughly explore peaceful solutions;

cease making threats and begin building trust;

acknowledge positive and address negative behaviors, rather than labeling a whole nation as evil;

work cooperatively with other nations rather than acting alone;

value the well-being and safety of Iraqi citizens as highly as our own security.