

TABOO OPINIONS #112

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7-26-08 THE "SURGE" CON GAME

I believe the so-called 'success' of the 'surge' is a fraud, an exaggeration by "patriots", the Bush administration and by John McCain and his crew.

The Surge appears to have quelled some sectarian and insurgent violence in Iraq mostly because the Shiite and Sunni militias' chiefs have decided not to fight the superior American land forces and deadly air power.

We Americans have obviously decided to bomb and missile houses and buildings in cities in order to keep our casualties to a minimum. That's now true in Afghanistan as well as Iraq. [It'll probably be true also when we do 'defensive' incursions into Pakistan next year.] The result is that we kill far more civilians than insurgent fighters. But that way we get to count all dead as dead insurgents. We always win the 'body count' stats, at least in the American media.

Al Sadr, the most powerful of the Shiite religious leaders, has declared his intent to not fight the Surge unless directly and unavoidably attacked. When the American and Iraqi army "surged" into his 'Sadr City' Baghdad territory he was forced to resist and that long battle was very costly to the Iraqi army, our marines and army, and to al Sadr's forces. A 'negotiated' cease fire and partial withdrawal resulted.

The Iraqi government, out of weakness, has 'negotiated' several cease fires and withdrawals (Basra, Mosul, Baghdad) in order to save face, credibility and to prevent obvious defeat.

It is further my belief that the recent dramatic bombardment of the American/Iraqi governments' fortified Green Zone in Baghdad (supposedly secure, supposedly safe) by insurgents using rocket grenades, missiles, and mortars which killed and wounded a number of Americans and Iraqis and which destroyed a lot of 'our' buildings was a message to us that the al Sadr militias have the capability of

embarrassing the hell out of us and our self-serving puppet Iraqi government. I believe they could lay siege to the Green Zone, and we (Bush, the commanders, McCain, Obama) know it...which contributes to our decision not to surge no more.

Al Sadr also has the capability of cutting off the pumping and shipping of Iraqi oil in southern Iraq whenever he wants...and we know it.

So 'we' can brag all we want in America about the success of the Surge, but the rest of the world knows better.

7-26-08 THE OBAMA DRAMA

Barack Obama has been touring the Near East and Europe as the presumptive president of the United States. No real need for an election to make it official, is there? He is also the Second Coming of Christ in the religion of Secularism.

Except his recent policy promises say he is willing to get out of Iraq in order to shift forces to Afghanistan, and apparently to continue the war in Afghanistan as long as necessary to 'win' that war. That's going to go down hard with his liberal supporters. They all thought when he said he'd end the war he meant both wars. Silly Libs.

Obama might find it necessary to invade Pakistan in order to fight the Taliban to the death and finally find Osama bin Laden (who is very likely dead by now, anyway). The trouble with fighting religious zealots with guns is they never accept defeat and will continue fighting for a thousand years if need be. They recently defeated the Soviet Union (with our 'secret' help) and I expect the Taliban to defeat us (with Russia's help).

In addition, Obama has declared Iran cannot be permitted to develop and possess nuclear weapons because Iran is so radical and dangerous, which is the Bush/McCain line. He hasn't said what he would do if push came to shove and the U.N. and/or Europe refused to 'authorize' a military attack on Iran.

But in living memory Iran has not invaded another country. Whereas it is the United States which has invaded...umm...at least twelve nations. Boy, spreading and saving "democracy" is expensive.

Altogether, Obama has joined the conservative establishment foreign policy brigade. He has bought into saving the American corporate empire (and Israel) at any cost to the American people.

He'll have to win the election by promising to revive and improve the economy, cancel debts, and provide free health care.

Delivering on those promises is another set of problems which will require radical and regimented cultural and social and economic changes in our country [like a 'Social Service' draft]. I think we'll end up (if Obama wins the election in November) in a far more socialist country than I now expect. The social/cultural/economic governing pendulum swings between more capitalism (and it's greed screwups), to more socialism (and its fantasy economic & social screwups), to more capitalism....

Either way, the common man gets screwed.

7-27-08 THE TRUTH WILL MAKE ME FREE

I mistakenly called for letters of comment. Nobody responded. Great. I don't really want to be bothered.

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