

# TABOO OPINIONS #29

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## 1-30-05 DO THE MATH

We are told today, amid the programmed joyous cries of Iraqi election success by the highest Iraqi and American leaders, that 66-70% of the Iraqi registered voters actually voted yesterday.

Since there were a reported 14+ million registered voters, we must assume that about 8 million of them did vote.

And we know there were 5300 polling places at which to vote.

Wow. Even with almost all the Sunni Iraqis not voting, and thus with about 20% of the polling places virtually empty all day, that means about 4200 voting places handled about 8 million voters.

How does that work out?

It comes to about 1904 voters voted at each polling place.

Since the polls were open for 7 hours, that means about 272 voters voted per hour.

And that comes to about 4.5 voters voted every minute!

Since there were 2 big ballots to cope with, with over 170 parties to choose from... That means each voter had about 13.3 seconds to enter a voting booth, spread out the ballots, make their marks, and get out of the voting booth.

That's really moving the bodies! And you have to believe all them voters were lined up all day long, no delays, no mishaps in patting them all down, no running out of ballots or pencils or whatever, at each polling place! Even with the distractions of mortars, bombers, rifle fire...

And you have to believe our wonderful leaders who would never, EVER lie to us! And if you believe our trustworthy, honest, virtuous news media who would never just parrot the propaganda they're fed.

And the poor news media dears, they don't have access to a calculator, nor the mind to use one. Pity them.

Eventually some newspaper---maybe the NY Times---will do

this numbers story. But don't hold your breath.

As for me, if we are ever told the truth about this Iraqi "election," I believe about 4 million actually voted...far less than the 50% needed to make the process 'legitimate'.

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