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## “The Occupation of Iraq” “Winning The War, Losing The Peace”



One of many Iraqi citizens after the US's initial bombing *before* its invasion. Over 1,000,000 Iraqi citizens are now homeless in their own country. Over 4,000,000 have fled to other lands.

Photo Source: [www.robert-fisk.com/iraqwarvictims\\_mar2003.htm](http://www.robert-fisk.com/iraqwarvictims_mar2003.htm)

### San Francisco Bay ....

Our headline is the title of a Yale University Press book by Ali Allawi.

Mr. Alawi is an Iraqi citizen, an investment banker, former Iraqi Finance and Defense minister, and presently a senior advisor to Iraq's prime minister.

You may believe the photo is distasteful.

Normally, I might agree. However, in this case, I do not.

The abyss - that between the consciously deceptive media promotion created by the Bush/Cheney publicity machine & the massive, factual reporting of Allawi - validates the photograph.

This victim, as visual metaphor of our government's tragedy in Iraq, will be a longer-lasting consequence than any hoped-for political or economic gains of the war.

Millions of people worldwide demonstrated against this war. They were far more prescient than our government.

Regardless of our leaders' motives, at the highest level via our media, they consciously deceived all of us, and Iraq.

Allawi documents in detail how they eventually allowed billions of our tax dollars to be literally stolen by insurgents, terrorists, and civil contractors.

Of course, bin Laden has not been found.

Such exquisite ineptitude has rarely been painted on our political canvas before.

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*My remarks about Allawi's observations are on page 2. May I suggest you read his book to refresh your perspective about this: "war on terror."*

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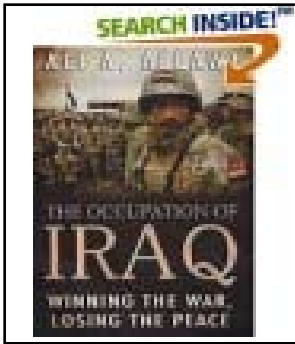
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## THE OCCUPATION OF IRAQ

by Ali Allawi



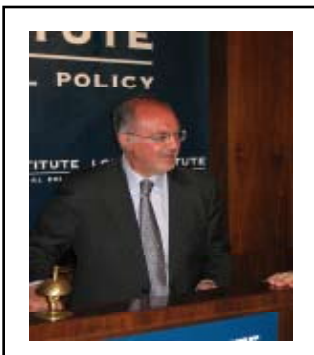
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*“The oil sector rackets amounted to billions of dollars that were stolen from the Iraqi treasury...”*

*“The optimistic assessments by General Petraeus...clashed with the huge squandering of the Ministry of Defense’s resources...”*

*“The US Treasury... [over-looked] funds... being diverted to insurgents and terrorists.”*

*Quotes from Allawi*



**Mr. Allawi**

If you would like an alternative look at the Iraq war, one that will add perspective to your opinion, whether favorable or not, this is an objective one—as far as one may be objective about this affair.

Allawi rarely mentions our two senior Federal executives by name.

He concentrates on the internal politics of the buildup to the war and the gross factual distortions broadcast by our executive leaders.

Those distortions compounded the abundant errors in the actual management of the war.

Allawi makes apparent that US ignorance about Iraq, its history, and its people fomented the Insurgency.

Without saying it in words, Allawi pro-

vides the evidence that leads any intelligent person to conclude he is correct.

Allawi has no axe to grind. His are the sober recordings of a banker, a man used to researching and weighing facts.

Others, I am sure, helped his research. Nonetheless, it is his analysis of the US government’s naivete and infantile intelligence machinations that are a damning picture of the neo-conservatives’ lack of nuance in affairs.

Our government’s actions have made questionable the health of our democracy, and have made cronies of our once citizen-owned media.

There is insufficient room here to go into detail. And that is not my purpose.

My real goal is to awaken, hopefully,

some intellectual curiosity on your part.

Other private business people need to read through Mr. Allawi’s 460 pages.

We need private American entrepreneurs in this country to heed the lessons he illuminates.

He is an ally of Dwight David Eisenhower, who warned us about the danger to us of our Military/Industrial Complex.

Mr. Allawi shows us how much we have allowed this highly profitable, multi-national, corporate military alliance to adulterate our once democratic and previously competitive entrepreneurial nation.

We ignored Ike.

We had better not ignore Mr. Allawi.

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FROM  
MY  
CORNER*“Reviving  
Capitalism”*

*New Business* believes that capitalism can be a force for good ... if America will return to it.

America's present economic model is a form of socialism - exclusively for giant multi-national corporations. It has proven itself to be an economic model attractive to personalities willing to sacrifice broad US democracy and national integrity to purely personal financial gain.

Inhibiting true capitalistic competition, neo-capitalism has effectively aborted egalitarian democracy.

American neo-capitalism, with its attendant talent for buying the loyalty of dependent politicians on both sides of the aisle, is a disaster for at least a tenth to a twentieth of the United States population. It endangers many more, including entrepreneurs.

An economic model periodically injecting new initiates into the private club of over thirty million US citizens constantly in jeopardy of both their health and their livelihood - this is not an economy.

This is quite simply a euphemism for a self-preserving oligarchy.

I was raised the son of a real capitalist. He was the son of an Ozark mountain miller and grocery store owner, who provided his local farmer clients also a post office and a service station.

My grandfather was in the habit, when he found himself with excess capital, of helping others less fortunate in his tiny community

make the first step back to prosperity.

He believed this was a responsibility of a capitalist.

My father tackled the unknown, believing in capitalism, and developed his own business, which left at his death, after all expenses, an estate of \$10,000,000. He did not bequeath this money to me, because he thought a man ought to earn his own living.

I agree. I inherited only his political and economic beliefs, many of which he shared with Thomas Jefferson, that enlightened economic self interest, coupled with



stringent safeguards against governmental and monopolistic abuses, would insure economic security for all American citizens.

I would amend to say that the above is true so long as the capitalists ever organize and fund an ever-available pool of capital for new entrepreneurs to explore new businesses, repeatedly testing and confirming the soundness of the concept of open competition.

*New Business* would like to try to define a new vision of both capitalistic economics and politics for America's future.

That is a daunting task. But, as a private business person who has survived the destructive influence

of the monopolistic concentration of financial and political power in America today, I have come to the point that I no longer wish to remain silent. I have painstakingly learned how to profit from what I perceive to be a destructive economic and political system, once based on a relatively benign philosophical foundation by the bright founders of our country.

You will find in *New Business* [you may even wish to contribute to *New Business*] thoughts about how competitive entrepreneurial capitalism may reassert itself as a means for America and the world to speed the evolution and security of America and the earth's emerging nations.

The credo of *New Business* is that profit no longer suffices as a philosophy for intelligent people.

Profit must be applied to the preservation of our national identity and economy, and the peaceful integration of the poorer nations into the industrial and information society.

It requires that capitalists assume responsibility for the entire human race, not just for the chosen few with big bank accounts.

Anything less is not intelligent. After all, those who are poor make poor markets. And if we are real capitalists, we want always larger, richer markets.

I, therefore, question all alleged capitalists who, in their singular pursuit of personal wealth, do not decide to share responsibility for their society, their nation, their fellow Americans, and the world.

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## The Basis of Religious Freedom and its Separation from Government in The United States of America

by Thomas Jefferson



In 1779 Tom Jefferson wrote :

“An Act for establishing Religious Freedom,” passed in the Assembly of Virginia in the beginning of the year 1780, to wit:

“Well aware that Almighty God hath created the mind free...our civil rights have no dependence on our religious opinions, more than our opinions in physics or geometry; that, therefore, the proscribing any citizen as unworthy the public confidence by laying upon him an incapacity of being called to the

offices of trust and emolument, unless he profess or renounce this or that religious opinion, is depriving him injuriously of those privileges and advantages to which in common with his fellow citizens he has a natural right.

“Be it therefore enacted by the General Assembly,

“That no man shall be compelled to frequent or support any religious worship, place or ministry whatsoever, nor shall be enforced, restrained, molested, or burthened in his body or goods, nor shall otherwise suffer on account

of his religious opinions or belief; but that all men shall be free to profess, and by argument to maintain their opinions in matters of religion, and that the same shall in no wise diminish, enlarge, or affect their civil capacities.

“We are free to declare, and do declare, that the rights hereby asserted are of the natural rights of mankind, and that if any act shall be hereafter passed to repeal the present or to narrow its operations, such act will be an infringement of natural right.”

The accompanying text is the law of the land of The United States of America by tradition.

It is our historical custom; it is our way, our habit, our convention.

It is, as is our Union, by definition, inviolable.