

That's why I come back to the point that our real allies are the people who are fighting for their own country. And particularly in Iraq, I am struck at how much intelligence there is there, mental – I don't mean CIA intelligence, I mean human intelligence – how much courage there is there. And maybe because they suffered so much for the last 35 years, how many of them are determined to make things better. One of my, it's a little dated now, it's five or six months old, but one of my favorite photographs, I turned up on an Iraqi Web site, two Iraqi women in what they call full hijab—which means covered, except for their faces are not covered—in Baghdad demonstrating against a resolution by the old Iraqi Governing Council that would take rights away from women, they were demonstrating against that these conservatively dressed women and one of them said, "We didn't suffer it so long under Saddam Hussein to be tyrannized by some new group."

I talked a lot about Iraqi courage and I'm talking about people that want a new Iraq. There are thousands who want something different. By no means do I want to paint a rosy picture. But I don't think it's surprising that after what that country's been through that an overwhelming majority of those people do not want to go back. And now that they see a way forward that's not an occupation, that's not Americans there indefinitely, that really is Iraqis taking over, I think they're inspired.

I might make one other comment a little afield from your question, but it was striking to me. Some of you may have noticed the planned assumption of sovereignty by the new Iraqi government was supposed to take place on July 1st. We speeded it up and surprised people and did it on June 28th. It's not a secret that the reason we did that was to surprise the terrorists in case they had some plan for a big event to disrupt the whole thing. And I guess we may have surprised them. I'm not so sure. The unintended effect was spectacular. It said to Iraqis, the Americans are so eager to get out of here, to hand government over to us, they even did it two days early. They're serious. I mean, there was an expectation somehow July 1st would come and we'd find an excuse to stick around because the myth that's out there is we really came to take their oil. I think they're starting to believe we didn't come to take their oil. We came to give their country back to them and now it's their job to take it back because we're not going to stay there forever, if they don't step up to the plate.

MODERATOR: One last question, I think.

Q: Mr. Secretary, would you comment on the source of funding for the terrorists [inaudible]?

SEC. WOLFOWITZ: Again, I wish I knew. It's the other kind of intelligence. It is the CIA intelligence. One of the – I think he was the interior minister in the previous Iraqi – the governing council, it wasn't actually government—said not long ago that some large amount of money is coming from Saddam's daughters and their relatives who were living in Jordan and have access to tens of millions of dollars. I don't know that that's true, but I find it plausible. I've seen intelligence reports that say that senior members of the Saddam regime who are still at large have tens of millions – many tens of millions of dollars in bank accounts in – particularly in Syria and Lebanon. Unfortunately, this regime stole a lot of money and they salted quite a bit of it away outside the country. Sometimes you see indications that they, in particular localities, are running short of funds, but it seems to be a temporary thing still, so far. But it's something, by the way, in speaking about terrorism more generally. It does make a difference to go after the sources of funds and we've had some real successes internationally against al Qaeda and I think they're feeling the heat. But if we let up the pressure, and they stop feeling the heat, they will be able to replenish unfortunately.

Thank you. I have to say it's always good to get out of Washington [Laughter]. And I wish I could stay in Nebraska longer and maybe I can come back again. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to at least come visit for a while. [Applause.]

MR. BROWN: If I could ask Governor Johanns to come up and make a special presentation.

GOV. JOHANNNS: Mr. Secretary, if my memory is right, I think you've been in Nebraska three times in the last