



# Thor Jacobs: My Prescription for Success in Iraq

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This war was an attempt to install a puppet dictatorship in order to monopolize Middle East oil for American petroleum companies and their support groups like Halliburton. Even with the best of intentions and planning, it was going to be an enormous task for our military to bring some sense of security and genuine democracy to Iraq.

In my policy paper that follows, I will show that the existing plan has little chance of success and will only continue to cost precious American lives, drain our already depleted treasury and, rather than hunt down the terrorists, simply create more.

This is my prescription to set American policy on its proper course:

- **Set a Specific Time Frame for Total Withdrawal**
- **Ensure Sunnis are Represented in Future Governments**
- **Mend Fences with our Allies**
- **Internationalize the Peace Keeping Effort**
- **Put Syria on a Stable Path**
- **Direct Talks with Iran**
- **Economic Revitalization through Reconstruction**

### **ABOUT THOR**

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We need help in Iraq, lots of help. Going it alone has proved disastrous; in terms of lives lost, money spent, the fueling of the insurgency and its effect on our standing in the international community. Our current policies are destabilizing the region and further inflaming attitudes. We must reverse this trend through diplomatic engagement of all the relevant players and use our economic resources of influence.

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We must make it clear through our actions, that we plan to leave on a given date and that all nations of the world are welcome to assist in the security effort. The reward for their effort is the opportunity to invest in the economic future of Iraq. The decisions on how and who, will of course be in the hands of a legitimate and duly elected Iraqi government. This competition, free market economy and representative government is what we should have been striving for all along.

*To view the paper in its entirety, go to [www.jacobsforcongress.org](http://www.jacobsforcongress.org).*

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