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- Peaceful means for addressing the possibility that Iraq is developing weapons of mass destruction have not been exhausted.
- Allies in the region of Iraq are opposed to the U.S. plans for an invasion.
- The overthrow of Saddam Hussein's regime through a U.S. invasion is unlikely to lead to a democratic government.
- There is **no evidence** that the security and safety of the United States are directly threatened by Iraq.
- A war against Iraq would be immensely costly at a time when resources are desperately needed for the eradication of poverty both domestically and globally.

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