Mr. Speaker, we must begin to think differently in

America, because the path we are on now is morally unacceptable. More

than 3,000 brave Americans have perished in Iraq and more than 650,000

Iraqi civilians are dead. President Bush's newest war proposal is not a

complete and comprehensive plan, and more importantly, it is not based

on realities on the ground and in the region.

The President believes that 20,000 additional U.S. troops will change

the outcome in Iraq. He was wrong to invade Iraq, and he is wrong now.

Instead of decreasing the violence, last night's proposal will increase

the risks to everyone in Iraq and the surrounding region, and it will

not bring an end to the Iraqi civil war. Clearly it was bad judgment to

have invaded Iraq. It will be even worse judgment to remain.

Simply put, we do not belong in Iraq, and we are still headed in the

wrong direction. We all support our troops, but we must not support the

administration's policy of more of the same poor judgment. We must

begin to withdraw our forces and allow the Iraqis to take control of

their own future.