I thank the gentlewoman for yielding.

You know, the things that are being said today, if George Washington

had had television and radio and newspapers, would have been said about

him. Several of his generals wanted him out because he wasn't winning

battles and things were going wrong. Even in the Congress of the United

States, Lee of Virginia led the charge to try to get rid of George

Washington during the Revolutionary War.

Abraham Lincoln, McClellan, one of his chief generals, who wouldn't

fight, ran against him for President, and Lincoln was going to be

defeated if Sherman hadn't taken Atlanta.

War is not a popular thing. It's a horrible thing. Chairman Lantos

was a survivor of the camps during the Holocaust during World War II. I

would like to ask you a question: What would have happened if we hadn't

won that war? How many more Jewish people would have been killed in

those camps? Millions more. Six million died, but many millions more

probably would have died if Hitler had prevailed. But we had Winston

Churchill, who was willing to go to the mat to make sure that they

didn't win and that he was going to defeat Hitler.

If we pull out unilaterally like they're talking about right now, we

leave those people over there who voted and held their fingers up, we

leave those people to their fate with these people who are radicals,

who are going to take over.

Iran has camps. Senator Lieberman talked about that. They have

training camps right there along the border. They are sending

terrorists in to help augment the terrorists in Iraq. And if we

unilaterally pull out, just like you're talking about, those people who

voted for freedom and democracy, many, many, many of those will die,

maybe even more than who have been dying in Darfur, and you have been

talking about how important it is that we do something in Darfur.

A vacuum will be created, and Iran will fill it. They will not stop

their nuclear development program, and we will be imperiled down the

road from their nuclear development program because they'll have a real

jumping-off point throughout the Middle East, not just in Iran but in

Iraq and possibly Afghanistan, if many of you have your way.

I don't know why we're not waiting on General Petraeus' report. We

just gave him authority and gave him the money to pursue this until he

reports back in September. I don't understand why we're jumping the gun

and trying to force withdrawal right now when General Petraeus, who

talked to all of us, has not had a chance to succeed.

Mr. Speaker, 61 million people died in World War II, 6 million Jews;

61 million. In this nuclear age, if we pull in our horns and let Iran

run wild over there, which they will, and they develop their nuclear

program, how many millions could die in this country as well as around

the world? I submit it probably would be more than 61 million.

In the United States, if we pull out like you're talking about, we'll

probably have to go back in to stop them from developing that nuclear

capability and stop them from training these people to go in and

terrorize not only Iran and also Iraq and other places in the Middle

East. That is a tinderbox over there and we have to make the right

decision.

Every President who has been in a war has been criticized by Congress

at one time or another. Every single President, unless it was a very

short war where you were in for 5 or 6 days or a couple of months. This

is no exception.

Have mistakes been made? You bet. Were mistakes made in World War II?

Eight hundred guys drowned in a mock Normandy invasion off the coast of

England. If we had television then and the newspapers we have today, we

would never have invaded Normandy because they would have stopped it

just like that because of criticism of those 800 guys drowning to

death. They would have said it wouldn't have worked; it wasn't

feasible.

This is a very, very important issue we are talking about. Our brave

soldiers are doing their job over there. And they watch on television

right now, and what are they hearing? Pull out, pull out, pull out.

They are asking, What are we fighting for if the Congress is going to

jerk us out right now? We have heard from a lot of them who say, hey,

we're doing the job, and we're doing better right now.

I just think we ought to think very long and hard about what we're

doing. It could affect a world war. We're in a world war against al

Qaeda right now, but it could be a much more devastating war if we

don't make the right decisions. I would like to say to my colleagues

that I think it's extremely important that you think long and hard

about what you're trying to do. Nobody likes war. Nobody likes war.