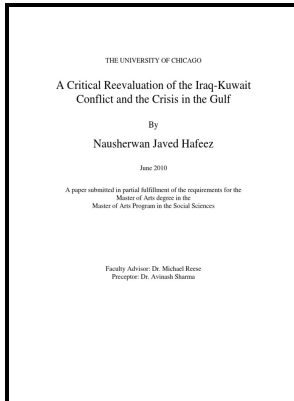


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They make minimum wage and spend months and years away from their families. The strategic air campaign also targeted Iraq's chemical and biological weapons production and the sites of nuclear reactors. Iraqi power was diminished, but Saddam Hussein was allowed to remain in power, laying the scene for the protracted suffering of the Iraq invasion over a decade later.

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