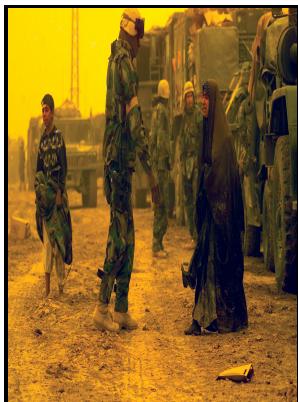


# CAUSES OF U.S. FAILURE IN IRAQ

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### Debate on Consequences of US 'Failure' in Iraq Continues

Peter Van Buren, a 24-year veteran Foreign Service Officer at the State Department, spent a year in Iraq leading two Provincial Reconstruction Teams. Choose your favorites; here are just two recent ones of mine: a report that a year-long State Department police training program had shown no results none, nada , in part because the Iraqis had been completely uninterested in it; and aof major reconstruction projects uncompleted, with billions of taxpayer dollars wasted, all carefully catalogued by the now-defunct. Other key appointees were Donald Rumsfeld and Dick Cheyney, who have a more ambiguous ideological status, however many agree that their ideological outlook is similar Khong 2008.

### The Seven Deadly Sins of Failure in Iraq: A Retrospective Analysis of the Reconstruction

While less violent, Iraq is still a country at war.

### Eight Reasons Why the United States and Iraq Still Need Each Other

I'll make this observation: If we think that intelligence is going to give us the weapon to prevent this from happening -- all the time -- we're wrong. But the surge was not the only thing that changed.

### What we Lost: Top Ten Ways the Iraq War Harmed the US

Galbraith, The End of Iraq: How American Incompetence Created a War without End New York: Simon and Schuster, 2006 , pp. The hawks have as much trouble remembering the past as they do predicting the future. As a result, Israel might feel obliged to increase its forays against terrorists and Iranian proxies inside Iraq, which would strain its capabilities, further unsettle the fragile situation in Iraq, and risk greater retaliation.

### CIA's final report: No WMD found in Iraq

No wonder spies couldn't find them! It is also clear that many past U. Social conditions remain challenging reflecting under-investment and weak institutional capacity, a gap that becomes glaring for predict-able crises such as the seasonal electricity and water problems, especially in Basra.

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