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Subject: The WMD and terrorist ties that didn't exist...or did they?

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Quote:You're right, they are outdated tactics. They SHOULD be changed. But that doesn't mean that you can go around playing vigilante cop until that happens and call it "legal". Iraq should be punished for its violations of those UN resolutions, and believe me, I don't want to see Saddam back in power, but you have to understand that two wrongs do not make a right in any circumstance.

It's becoming irrelevant as to whether or not it was vigilante justice. The fact remains that no one was going to do anything about it except for the United States. Russia, France, and Germany all had some nice deals going with Hussien. Removing him would have voided them. That is the only reason they opposed removing him from power by invading Iraq and finishing what he started in 1991.

This reminds me of those "realism superhero" comics. A mega villian attacks, destroys a lot of people and property, and someone like Superman comes along and stops them. After the fight is through, someone calls them a vigilante, and they get hunted down. Nevermind the fact that they saved the populace from further destruction, or the fact that they were the only ones willing or able to do anything about it.

I'll concede that what we did was "wrong" by "international law," but then again allowing Hussien to mutilate the Oil for Food program and bribe our allies into helping him does not really help your case either.

I personally view this as the real world equivalent of Star Trek's Kobiashi Maru simulation program - a no win situation. Arguing over it is futile - it won't change anything at all.

Quote:And we come full circle. Prove to me that Iraq was a real an imminent threat.

The problem with your type of thought is that you probably won't acknowledge a threat until it makes itself known in a belligerent fashion.

Quote:That's right. They were attacked by Al Qaeda, not Iraq. Therefore, under the very Charter of the U.N. (however outdated that we can agree it is), you cannot do what you did legally in terms of their sovereignty.

Unfortunately that holds little water when human lives are at stake. I care little for international law, as I've said before, because it always ends up being self-serving tripe for Europeans to try and "counteract US hegemony in the world" as a sign of defiance, that they're not as weak as they really are. I suppose losing every major point of influence over the past 400 years really hurts European pride, only to get one-upped by a former British colony.

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