Subject: As if we could pretend this wouldn't come around...
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I have my doubts about the War on Terror, more specifically, the current situation in Iraq...

What is happening, is we are pissing off large numbers of Iraqis and Middle-Easterners in general, and inadvertantly contributing to the memberships of terrorist groups in the process.

Now, civilians are indeed unintentional casualties during war. But think of this scenario:

Picture a child in Iraq, and during the initial bombing raid on Baghdad, his parents were killed when a building was bombed. Yes, it wasn't 'intentional.' But because his life was essentially ruined due to the United States, as he would proclaim, he is going to dedicate his life to resisting American 'occupation' and will probably become a terrorist. So, we killed terrorists when we bombed the building, but we essentially created terrorists in the process. Don't deny that this sort of thing is happening.

Anyway, what's the alternative? I'm not sure, I think we've already done an immense amount of damage that is going to plague us in the future. But what I do know, is that this war is exacerbating the problem of anti-American feelings in the Middle East, contributing to the ranks of terrorist groups. This is how I see the 'War on Terror' to be a paradox.

This is a stupid question, and maybe it's because I'm too tired, so forgive me. What are we still doing in Iraq?

Oh, and about the whole 1984-mini-argument... I haven't even read it, and I still knew what DaveGMM was referring to when he made his post. Good grief, is it so unreasonable for someone to assume a general level of intelligence on these boards and reference an immensely popular book? :rolleyes: