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20 Bush lies...hmm, let's see if we can dig that up! Looking...looking...DING!

Quote:Lookie! 29 lies about Saddam and weapons of mass destruction!

Simply stated, there is no doubt that Saddam Hussein now has weapons of mass destruction.

Dick Cheney  
Speech to VFW National Convention  
August 26, 2002

Prove it false.

Quote:Right now, Iraq is expanding and improving facilities that were used for the production of biological weapons.

George W. Bush  
Speech to UN General Assembly  
September 12, 2002

Unknown, possibly false.

Quote:If he declares he has none, then we will know that Saddam Hussein is once again misleading the world.

Ari Fleischer  
Press Briefing  
December 2, 2002

Can you prove it false?

Quote:We know for a fact that there are weapons there.

Ari Fleischer  
Press Briefing  
January 9, 2003

Prove otherwise please...

Quote:Our intelligence officials estimate that Saddam Hussein had the materials to produce as much as 500 tons of sarin, mustard and VX nerve agent.

George W. Bush  
State of the Union Address  
January 28, 2003

Unknown, since the public does not have access to all the intelligence yet.

Quote:We know that Saddam Hussein is determined to keep his weapons of mass destruction, is determined to make more.

Colin Powell  
Remarks to UN Security Council  
February 5, 2003

Saddam's intent is something of a mystery, but Powell should not have made that assumption.

Quote:We have sources that tell us that Saddam Hussein recently authorized Iraqi field commanders to use chemical weapons -- the very weapons the dictator tells us he does not have.

George W. Bush  
Radio Address  
February 8, 2003

Once again, please produce some hard evidence why this is a lie.

Quote:If Iraq had disarmed itself, gotten rid of its weapons of mass destruction over the past 12 years, or over the last several months since (UN Resolution) 1441 was enacted, we would not be facing the crisis that we now have before us . . . But the suggestion that we are doing this because we want to go to every country in the Middle East and rearrange all of its pieces is not correct.

Colin Powell  
Interview with Radio France International  
February 28, 2003

Hrm...not sure here; from one of my "sources," I hear that there were a few more reasons beyond toppling Saddam and WMD's...none involved oil, but there were more. In part, the war served as a message to other countries in the region- "clean up your damn act and stop harboring terrorists, or you're next," could be one way of putting it. A very non-diplomatic way of getting a point across, but if you looked at nations known to support terrorism, they've already begun to get their asses in gear, so to speak. It could be said that we are giving them an ultimatum, and allowing them to "re-arrange their pieces" by themselves. While this is not classified data in any way, the person I got it from would not like it very much if I gave you his name, so you should take that with a grain of salt if you don't believe me.

Quote:So has the strategic decision been made to disarm Iraq of its weapons of mass destruction by the leadership in Baghdad? . . . I think our judgment has to be clearly not.

Colin Powell  
Remarks to UN Security Council  
March 7, 2003

Let's put it this way: would you rather have left Iraq alone and waited for Saddam to make the first move?

Quote: Intelligence gathered by this and other governments leaves no doubt that the Iraq regime continues to possess and conceal some of the most lethal weapons ever devised.

George W. Bush  
Address to the Nation  
March 17, 2003

Prove it false. You don't know what the intelligence was; odds are nobody will ever have the whole story. It cannot be proven either way until the whole of Iraq has been searched.

Quote: Well, there is no question that we have evidence and information that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction, biological and chemical particularly . . . all this will be made clear in the course of the operation, for whatever duration it takes.

Ari Fleisher  
Press Briefing  
March 21, 2003

You know about the 50-gallon drums containing chemicals that could be used as nerve agents...since you seem to question Saddam's intent to use those as weapons, let me point out that Saddam once tried to build a giant cannon out of perfectly legal pipe segments. If completed, it could have hit Tel Aviv and beyond. If you can make a weapon out of legal materials at lower risk, and still maintain the effectiveness of the weapon, why would you advertize use of illegal materials instead?

I say that quote is not a lie, but a statement of common goddamn sense.

Quote: There is no doubt that the regime of Saddam Hussein possesses weapons of mass destruction. And . . . as this operation continues, those weapons will be identified, found, along with the people who have produced them and who guard them.

Gen. Tommy Franks  
Press Conference  
March 22, 2003

Here we go again...let's see some concrete evidence why this is false. You have yet to produce any.

Quote: I have no doubt we're going to find big stores of weapons of mass destruction.

Defense Policy Board member Kenneth Adelman  
Washington Post, p. A27  
March 23, 2003

That looks like an opinion to me, not a statement of truth or falsehood. Plus, it cannot be proven

until Iraq has been fully searched.

Quote:One of our top objectives is to find and destroy the WMD. There are a number of sites.

Pentagon Spokeswoman Victoria Clark  
Press Briefing  
March 22, 2003

Reword that: There are a number of sites that could have been moved or hidden. You can't prove it false.

Quote:We know where they are. They're in the area around Tikrit and Baghdad and east, west, south and north somewhat.

Donald Rumsfeld  
ABC Interview  
March 30, 2003

Rummy may have gotten a little ahead of himself, and waited for confirmation before stating something like that on TV. For all we know, that statement could have been the reason why we didn't find anything in those areas (Saddam watched the news, in case you weren't aware of that).

Quote:Obviously the administration intends to publicize all the weapons of mass destruction U.S. forces find -- and there will be plenty.

Neocon scholar Robert Kagan  
Washington Post op-ed  
April 9, 2003

Does not give a date or a specific location; cannot be proven false yet.

Quote:But make no mistake -- as I said earlier -- we have high confidence that they have weapons of mass destruction. That is what this war was about and it is about. And we have high confidence it will be found.

Ari Fleischer  
Press Briefing  
April 10, 2003

"High confidence" does not constitute a statement intended to be taken as the truth. Cannot be a lie if it is given as an opinion.

Quote:We are learning more as we interrogate or have discussions with Iraqi scientists and people within the Iraqi structure, that perhaps he destroyed some, perhaps he dispersed some. And so we will find them.

George W. Bush

NBC Interview  
April 24, 2003

Cannot be proven; we haven't searched the whole county yet. However, the statement is mostly true; that is the kind of information that was being gained from interrogations. That was one of the primary reasons to interrogate anyone in the first place.

Quote:There are people who in large measure have information that we need . . . so that we can track down the weapons of mass destruction in that country.

Donald Rumsfeld  
Press Briefing  
April 25, 2003

How is this a lie? Would you say that no one knows where the WMD's are or what happened to them? Someone knows. Truth.

Quote:We'll find them. It'll be a matter of time to do so.

George W. Bush  
Remarks to Reporters  
May 3, 2003

Again, impossible to prove either way until all of Iraq has been searched.

Quote:I'm absolutely sure that there are weapons of mass destruction there and the evidence will be forthcoming. We're just getting it just now.

Colin Powell  
Remarks to Reporters  
May 4, 2003

Stated as an opinion; that reflects personal beliefs, not an attempt to impress a belief upon someone else, and thus not a lie.

Quote:We never believed that we'd just tumble over weapons of mass destruction in that country.

Donald Rumsfeld  
Fox News Interview  
May 4, 2003

POSSIBLE lie. I think there were some people in the administration who thought that WMD's would be easy to locate, but it's really impossible to prove, since you can't read the thoughts of every last person in the executive branch.

Quote:I'm not surprised if we begin to uncover the weapons program of Saddam Hussein -- because he had a weapons program.

George W. Bush  
Remarks to Reporters  
May 6, 2003

Again, an opinion. See the "I'm not surprised" (probably meant to be "I wouldn't be surprised," from the context), which marks it as the President's opinion, not truth or lie.

Quote:U.S. officials never expected that "we were going to open garages and find" weapons of mass destruction.

Condoleeza Rice  
Reuters Interview  
May 12, 2003

Again, possibly false, but really impossible to prove without knowing what said US officials were thinking.

Quote:I just don't know whether it was all destroyed years ago -- I mean, there's no question that there were chemical weapons years ago -- whether they were destroyed right before the war, (or) whether they're still hidden.

Maj. Gen. David Petraeus, Commander 101st Airborne  
Press Briefing  
May 13, 2003

You must be desperate to use that. It has been proven without any shadow of a doubt that Saddam has used chemical weapons before. The rest is a statement of personal uncertainty.

Quote:Before the war, there's no doubt in my mind that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction, biological and chemical. I expected them to be found. I still expect them to be found.

Gen. Michael Hagee, Commandant of the Marine Corps  
Interview with Reporters  
May 21, 2003

That's another personal view, not a statement of what the American people are meant to believe.

Quote:Given time, given the number of prisoners now that we're interrogating, I'm confident that we're going to find weapons of mass destruction.

Gen. Richard Myers, Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff  
NBC Today Show interview  
May 26, 2003

This is simply pathetic. Can you find ANYTHING that can be proven to be a lie, that is NOT a personal goddamn opinion? Opinions are not lies, they are personal views which may or may not be AFFECTED by truth or lies! Get your statements straight!

Quote:They may have had time to destroy them, and I don't know the answer.

Donald Rumsfeld  
Remarks to the Council on Foreign Relations  
May 27, 2003

Maybe he didn't know the answer. Can you prove he did?

Quote:For bureaucratic reasons, we settled on one issue, weapons of mass destruction (as justification for invading Iraq) because it was the one reason everyone could agree on.

Paul Wolfowitz  
Vanity Fair interview  
May 28, 2003

Very likely the truth. The Government has to choose a reason to give the American people, one which will make them support the war and not oppose it. There were other reasons, but that's the one they chose to wave on the propaganda flyers. The same thing has happened in every war in the past...Vietnam and Korea had "fighting Communist aggression" as their theme, which was part of the reason for both wars, but not all of it. Since it has not yet been proven that there were no WMD's in Iraq, it cannot yet be called a false justification.

uncovered weapons, as you say, in some of the forward dispersal sites. Believe me, it's not for lack of trying. We've been to virtually every ammunition supply point between the Kuwaiti border and Baghdad, but they're simply not there.

Lt. Gen. James Conway, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force  
Press Interview  
May 30, 2003

Interesting that you would list this as a lie, since it is a statement that agrees with your viewpoint. Oh well. Once again, I point out that not every place in Iraq has been searched.

Quote:Do I think we're going to find something? Yeah, I kind of do, because I think there's a lot of information out there."

Maj. Gen. Keith Dayton, Defense Intelligence Agency  
Press Conference  
May 30, 2003

Stop offering up people's opinions as examples of lies. Opinions are not lies; only the data behind those opinions can be proven false. Which it has not been yet!

You still have yet to provide any conclusive, concrete evidence that there were/are no WMD's in Iraq. I eagerly await such evidence, because it would finally bring some justification to your continued use of that argument.

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