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I am seeing both sides of this debate, and asking myself a few questions:

What happened to Bush saying, right after 9/11 that we were going to find bin Laden and bring him to justice, no matter what? As a resident of NYC, who saw the terrible events on 9/11 firsthand, I'm very concerned about how Bush seems (to me) to have given up on finding bin Laden.

In my opinion, that is Bush showing indecisiveness (sp?) ~ I see it this way: since we couldn't find one person (bin Laden) that we KNOW is a terrorist, we KNOW wants to kill as many American people as possible, he seems to have changed his attitude and now it's disarm Iraq, don't worry about bin Laden. Is Bush going to enter us into a war with Iraq, killing thousands of people; and then decide that since France was supporting Iraq, let's go to war with them? Then after we have killed even more people, will he decide that another country is a threat and go to war with them? I'm also concerned about that, as that could be considered the start of another world war. Are we, the United States of America, going to become as dictatorial as Hitler was in WWII? (in this case, will the mentality be that since the government of the country might support terrorism, everyone who lives there does too? And then maybe everyone who was born, or grew up in these countries, do they support terrorism too? And yes, I have seen the US government bias against people like this recently ~ I have a friend who came here from Pakistan as a baby, and after 9/11 he was held for about a week and questioned by FBI officials on his whereabouts and his allegiances ~ this was all legal and official because his name is similar to one of the terrorists in one of the planes). Who's to say that Pakistani and Iraqi people living in our country won't be held by our government when the war is going on, or after the war has been happening for awhile? Again, this is just something that is going through my brain, not actual fact...but I'm stating it because it's something I believe could possibly happen.

Yet, on the other side of the coin, is there more to Bush's decision than that? Is bin Laden maybe hiding over there? Does the US government have definitive proof that Iraq has WMD, or that Iraq as a country (not just the dictator and militia) is supporting terrorism? There is most likely more going on over there than the press and the general population is being told.

I read an article when Bush was first elected where he (Bush) stated that by the end of his first term he planned on the US entering a war. He didn't say what country he planned on going to war with, but by the tone and manner in which he stated this, I got the idea that just about any country would do. Are we entering this war because we feel threatened by Iraq (as a country) or because Bush just wants us to go to war?

PS

About the topic of the Atomic Bombs being dropped in Japan. Does anyone know that the US flew bomber planes over those civilian cities every day for about a month, getting the civilians comfortable with the thought of bombers going by overhead? Then one day the planes actually dropped a bomb on them, killing thousands of people.

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