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Subject: "U.S. government objectives in Iraq"  
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Wow, I don't read the forums for half a day and havocsnipe goes completely insane. I don't even know where to begin. Every line I've read is either complete bullshit or has so scewed the facts there's almost no point in responding, but I'll do what I can.

For the questions about why haven't banned weapons been used, it has been confirmed that several SCUD missiles have been fired by Iraq. These were banned, Iraq claimed there were no more and the inspectors couldn't find any. Also, Saddam is believed to have been severely injured in the first hours and now the entire command structure is failing so no orders are being given.

The writer of the article in your first post is confused. Causes and effects are being mixed up. Yes, it is likely the US will have more influence in the middle east after this, but that is an effect of the war not a cause. I say its a good effect too. The US is taking some big risks in overthrowing a tyrant, and I can only hope we get rewarded for that. Likewise, countries like France should lose influence if they are determined to keep people like Saddam in power no matter what.

That's all I feel like responding to now.

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