

Congress of the United States
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Our Enemies' True Goals In Their Own Words

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Dear Colleague:

Many of our colleagues appear to believe that we can simply abandon Iraq, and that the radical Islamists will then abandon their efforts to murder Americans and Westerners. Unfortunately, they are not listening to what the radical Islamists are saying. Consider their words:

"It is a jihad for the sake of God and will last until [our] religion prevails...from Spain to Iraq. The entire world is an open battlefield for us. We will attack everywhere until Islam reigns." – **Ayman al-Zawahiri.**

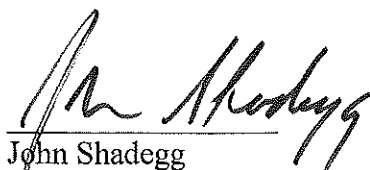
"The whole world is watching this war and the two adversaries; the Islamic Nation, on the one hand, and the United States and its allies on the other. It is either victory and glory or misery and humiliation." – **Osama bin Laden**


"...the Jihad in Iraq requires several incremental goals: The first stage: Expel the Americans from Iraq. The second stage: Establish an Islamic authority or amirate...The third stage: Extend the jihad wave to the secular countries neighboring Iraq. The fourth stage: It may coincide with what came before: the clash with Israel...." – **Ayman al-Zawahiri.**

"Hostility toward America is a religious duty, and we hope to be rewarded for it by God...I am confident that Muslims will be able to end the legend of the so-called superpower that is America." – **Osama bin Laden.**

Some people hear the words of radical Islamists and hope that they will not follow through on what they say. The reality is that they have shown they are all too willing to keep their word. We as Americans would be wise to heed their threats.

Sincerely,


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