

# Re: USA develops space-based weapons

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"Ed Kyle" <edkyle99@xxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

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:> :Rand Simberg wrote:

:> :> On 1 Nov 2006 19:05:55 -0800, in a place far, far away, "Ed Kyle"

:> :> <edkyle99@xxxxxxxxxxxxx> made the phosphor on my monitor glow in such a

:> :> way as to indicate that:

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:> :> >> >The U.S. forces are everywhere, but nowhere, the net

:> :> >> >result being that they control nothing – like the British

:> :> >> >during the Revolution, or the French and Americans

:> :> >> >in Indochina. This is what losing a war looks like at

:> :> >> >first, then it gets worse. The insurgents are on home

:> :> >> >ground, supported by the local populace.

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:> :> >> >> Really? The "populace" supports a movement that is murdering them

:> :> >> >> daily?

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:> :> >> >It is a civil war. Sunni versus Shia.

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:> :> >> >> That doesn't constitute a "movement." It constitutes at least \*two\*.

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:> :> >> >> "Movement" was your word.

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:> :> >> >> You didn't object to it. It's nonsensical to say that "the populace"

:> :> >> >> supports a civil war, since that implies that there is a unitary

:> :> >> >> "populace."

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:> :> :I said that the populace supports the insurgency, not the civil war.

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:> :> Just which 'populace' and which 'insurgency' are you referring to? The

:> :> overwhelming majority of the populace does \*NOT\* support 'the

:> :> insurgency'.

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:> :> 75% of Sunni's do support the insurgency.

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I'd bet that's an incorrect statement stemming from some journalist's ignorance and should actually read 75% of ARAB Sunnis. The Kurds are Sunnis, you see, and definitely do NOT support said insurgency. The population of Iraq is around 35% Sunni and around 17% or so Kurdish. That leave around 18%–20% of the country as Arab Sunni.

So that 75% amounts to around 15% of the population of the country AT MOST, which is hardly a big enough proportion to claim that in Iraq "the populace supports the insurgency". It's why I asked the question.

: "<http://abcnews.go.com/WNT/story?id=2470183>

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: "Sept. 20, 2006 – A confidential Pentagon assessment finds that an overwhelming majority of Iraq's Sunni Muslims support the insurgency that has been fighting against U.S. troops and the Iraqi government, ABC News has learned.

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: "Officials won't say how the assessment was made but found that support for the insurgency has never been higher, with approximately 75 percent of the country's Sunni Muslims in agreement."

As I said, I bet someone misunderstood that number...

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"This philosophy of hate, of religious and racial intolerance, with its passionate urge toward war, is loose in the world. It is the enemy of democracy; it is the enemy of all the fruitful and spiritual sides of life. It is our responsibility, as individuals and organizations, to resist this."

— Mary Heaton Vorse

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