

# Re: USA develops space-based weapons

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Fred J. McCall wrote:

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

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".

The majority of the Sunni populace in about 1/3rd of the country overwhelmingly supports the insurgents. Million of people, those. That is what I mean by "populace".

U.S. soldiers must operate in those regions, including Baghdad, surrounded and outnumbered by insurgents and insurgent supporters.

If you don't believe me, or ABC News, then go to the Pentagon press room and ask for a list of U.S. war dead. This list gets an average of

nearly four new names added to it every day now. Seven yesterday. And no one seems to even be speaking about the injured, who's numbers are in the tens of thousands now.

Or go to the Baghdad airport and try to drive the six mile stretch of road leading from it, which the world's most powerful nation has been unable, 3.5 years on from the invasion, to ever firmly control.

Or go to the military depots, mostly in the southern U.S. states, where

contractor facilities are surrounded by square miles filled with parked, damaged HMMWVs, Bradleys, M1s, and the like from Iraq – where

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they are rebuilding an HMMWV every 15 minutes, 24 hours a day, but are still not able to keep up, so that the parked vehicle numbers keep growing. And this doesn't include the vehicles that are too badly damaged in Iraq to bring back.

Or think for a few moments about how much Iraq is chewing into the ever-shrinking inventory of U.S. military hardware. The major armored vehicle production lines were closed more than a dozen years ago.

Or think about how much our taxes are going to have to eventually go up to pay for this adventure.

This wouldn't all be happening unless there was a healthy insurgency that was able to thrive within a population base that supported, even helped, it.

– Ed Kyle

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