

# Re: USA develops space-based weapons

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Alan Anderson wrote:

"Ed Kyle" <edkyle99@xxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

Rand Simberg wrote:

Yes, and it will continue right up to the election, since much of the purpose of the mayhem is to influence it. You ignore what their losses are. They can't continue at that rate of attrition indefinitely. This is their Tet.

Hogwash. The U.S. isn't making a dent against the insurgency. Perhaps several thousands lost versus millions of available combatants.

<http://www.geocities.com/launchreport/delta4.html>

"Reliable figures for insurgent casualties are not available. The Pentagon stopped supplying figures for what it called "non-compliant Iraqi forces" in mid-summer 2003."

Would you like to try that URL again? It doesn't say anything like what you just quoted.

Re: Tet. Vietnam lost millions over the years, but won the war.

They "won", but not because we lost. It was because we quit. We could do the same thing in Iraq, but it would definitely not be a military loss.

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If the U.S. had not "quit", it would still be fighting there (if it had not torn itself apart or bankrupted itself by now). Robert McNamara, the Secretary of Defense at the time, has said that he determined early on that the war could not be won. A lot of armchair generals believe otherwise, but I suspect that most Vietnam vets and historians agree with McNamara.

– Ed Kyle