Double Standards

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USA, against any US invasion of Iraq. Hans Blix and his team of weapons inspectors kept calling for more time to complete their weapons inspection in Iraq. But, as we all know, Bush and his team in the White House couldn’t wait another minute and rushed into the most disastrous war in US history, even worse than Vietnam.

There is no doubt about the indisputable fact that President Bush lied to the Joint Session of Congress when he declared war. It is now a proven fact that even the White House no longer denies, that there were no weapons of mass destruction in Iraq and that Saddam Hoosein had no contact with bin Laden.

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