

✓ This is a privatization law!

The Oil Law transfers public resources - resources that could rebuild Iraq's decimated infrastructure, = to a few wealthy multi billionaires. Using Production Sharing Agreements, it would allow foreign oil corporations contracts to exploit Iraqi oil reserves for up to 30 years, while leaving the security of those investments in public hands.

The Iraq National Oil Company would have exclusive control of just 17 of Iraq's 80 known oil fields,. The other 63, or two-thirds of known oil fields, in addition to fields yet to be discovered would be controlled by foreign interests. Little wonder that Iraq's oil unions call it "a gift to the occupiers."

✓ A Law With Bipartisan Support!

The U.S. government -- colluding with oil company consultants -- drafted much of this law before the invasion. Indeed, some suggest this is one reason Cheney refuses to turn over the notes he made when meeting with oil executives. Nevertheless, both Republicans and Democrats embrace it and include it in the "benchmarks" for progress.

"I'm saddened that it is politically inconvenient to acknowledge what everyone knows: The Iraq war is largely about oil."

– Alan Greenspan

✓ A Law Without Popular Support!

In a country ripped apart with differences, a majority of Iraqis in all religious and ethnic groups oppose this oil law. They oppose the concessionary terms, they oppose the total lack of regulation, they oppose passing a law before the laws to regulate it are enacted. Parliament won't pass it despite U.S pressure.

✓ A Law All Iraqi Labor Unions Oppose

The oil workers have rallied, marched, and gone on strike against the oil law. Even as U.S. & Iraqi governments have declared unions illegal, arresting and murdering union leaders and activists, workers have united behind their leadership's demand that the Oil Law be renegotiated.

✓ A Law Born of "Dark Corners"

The last half of the 20th century witnessed the adoption of "dark corner" democracy - policies debated and shaped away from the light of public scrutiny.

The Oil Law was conceived in clandestine meetings behind closed White House doors months before the destruction of the World Trade Center. It gestated in US state department "Future of Iraq" working groups before the war, and then as the Coalition Provisional Authority organized a carousel of oil executives from Shell, then ExxonMobil, then ConocoPhillips and BP as advisors to Iraq's Minister of Oil.

As oil money bought the ears of US appointed ministers, BearingPoint, the Iraq Study Group, and Kissinger Associates, amongst others proselytized privatizing Iraqi oil to the public ear.

Plans for Iraqi oil became public in December, 2004, followed by the announcement two months later that a Petroleum Law had been drafted and awaited ratification by the Iraq National Assembly.



✓ A Law That Guarantees More War

Passage of this law will require a continued military presence to insure that expensive investments will be safe. In a word, more US troops will be required to spend years away from their families to insure the rich get richer.

✓ A Law That Rewards Bad Decisions

Passage of the Hydrocarbons Law rewards decisions predicated on lies that themselves were built upon layers of fabrication and deceit. Another blatant handout to those that need it least, it is the quid pro quo that rewards support of a totally unprovoked, unsanctioned, criminal war and suggests that aggressive, pathological, anti-social policy and behavior is a model to emulate and reward.

✓ A Law That Won't Benefit Us

Little, if any oil extracted from the sands of Iraq will help the United States. Any oil that will be pumped will be sold on the international oil market - probably many times. It will go to the highest bidder, will be refined in the lowest cost refinery, and be distributed wherever the profits can be maximized. And since we'll be busy paying the bill for Bush's folly, only a relatively few people in the United States will be able to afford oil prices.

"The war in Iraq is a stain on American history. Let us not further besmirch our nation by participating in an outrageous exploitation of a nation, which is in shambles due to the U.S. intervention"

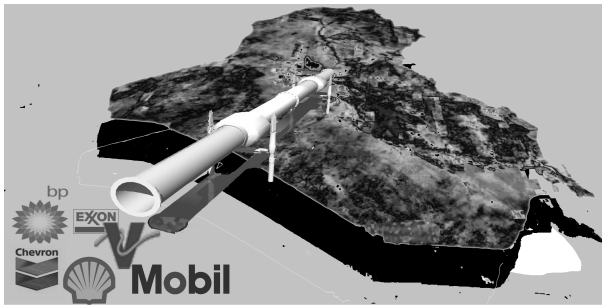
– Rep. Dennis Kucinich

✓ A Law That's Insulting

The bottom line is that again our sensibilities are insulted. Exchanging rights to export oil profits for hundreds of thousands of lives is an insult our sense of all that is right. It is an insult to our intelligence knowing \$100 billions will be transferred back to London, New York, or Amsterdam that could have rebuilt Iraq.

It's insulting that the Republican party promotes this policy, but it's even more insulting that the Democratic Party with the power to put a halt to this breach of morality instead acquiesces.

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✓ A Law That Demands Action

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THE IRAQ OIL LAW WILL U.S. CORPS HIJACK IRAQI OIL ?

In March, 2001, half a year **before** the leveling of the New York Trade Center, the Bush-Cheney administration released a two page document called *Foreign Suitors for Iraqi Oilfield Contracts* which detailed every oil contract signed, pending, or under study in Iraq. Since then, with the assent, if not assistance, of a compliant Congress these scions of the oil industry have pursued a single-minded goal of insuring total, unfettered, unregulated foreign access to the second largest proven oil reserves in the world. The Hydrocarbons Law is being rammed down the throats of a largely compliant Iraqi administration in the guise of a so-called "benchmark" of progress. Saying this law fairly distributes oil revenues among all Iraqis, this administration again says one thing but means something totally different. Here's the real story:

"In brief, there is hardly an article in the law that actually benefits the Iraqi people. But they all serve American interests in Iraq. And we know well that the law was actually written here in the United States, with the help of James Baker and Ms. Rice and the experts from the IMF. And it serves the interests of the American government and not the Iraqi people."

**– Faleh Abood Umara,
Gen. Secretary, Fed of Oil Unions**
