

In my view, the idea of sending more U.S. troops into Iraq, under any conditions, is completely unacceptable. We should not have been there in the first place, we shouldn't be there now, and we should not be there in the future. We are wasting lives — American and non-American — in pursuit of a bogus war against terrorism (as William Pfaff puts it, "as if terrorism were a country") in which there clearly will be no "winner."

We have increased the world's image of the U.S. as an international bully. We have spent vast amounts of money on this misadventure at the same time as we have seen states, communities, and individuals suffer worse economic conditions than many can re-

member. Lieberman's willingness to commit even more troops would make the situation even worse. I urge him — and all of us — to consider carefully the folly of committing further troops to Iraq. If he — or anyone — would lead this country, that person must be ready to lead us toward peace, not prolonged war.

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