

# Stage III: The Surge and the End of GW



# Change in Leadership and Strategy Defense Secretary (Dec 2006)

OUT



Donald  
Rumsfeld

IN



Robert  
Gates

# General David Petraeus

New Commander of Multi-National Force -Iraq  
US Army Counterinsurgency Expert



# Counterinsurgency Ratio

US CI Manual

Iraq

50 people

to

1 soldier / police officer

26.7 million people

divided by 50

=

534,000 needed



# The New Way Forward “The Surge” (Jan. 10, 2007)



- Added 21,500 troops

# “Clear, Hold, and Build”



Goal: Fight a cleaner war

# Counterinsurgency Tactics

Distinction

Proportionality





# Results of the Surge

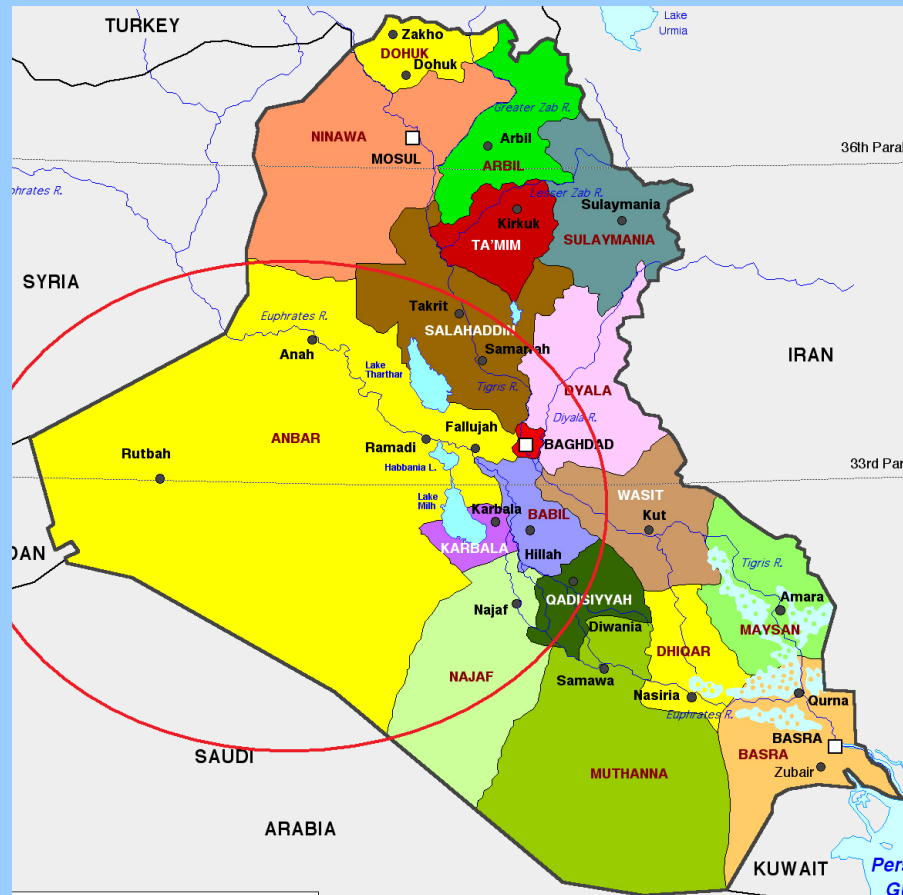


- Violence down 80%



# Anbar Province

- Pre-Surge Troops = 15 battalions (15,000)
- Post-Surge Troops = 6 battalions (6,000)



# Slowing the Civil War Sunnis vs. Shiites



## How?



# Sahwa or “Awakening” (2007) (aka The Sons of Iraq)



- General Petraeus program
  - US paid over 100,000 Sunni gunman
    - \$300 a month = 30 million
- Sunnis agreed to focus on al-Qaeda
- Shiites agreed to focus on al-Qaeda as well



# Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) (December 14, 2008)

- June 30, 2009:  
US forces will withdraw  
from Iraqi cities
- December 31, 2011:  
US forces will withdraw  
completely from Iraq

# Transfer of Power



# Iraqi Economic Growth

## Gross Domestic Product –Real Growth Rate

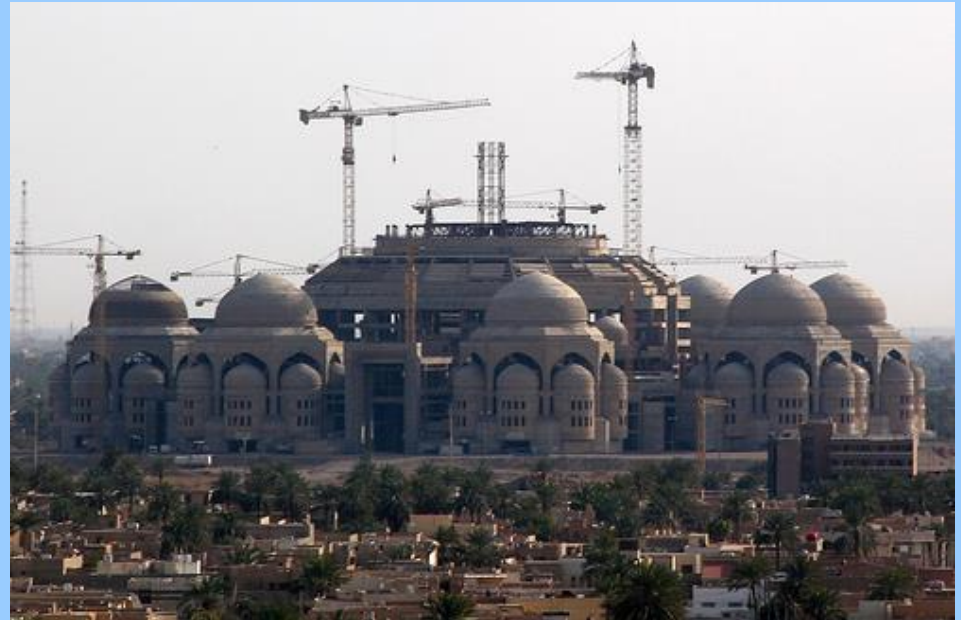
2012 = 8.4%

2011 = 8.6%

2010 = 5.9%

2009 = 4.2%

2008 = 9.5%



# Premature Announcement of Mission Accomplished???





# Who throws a shoe, honestly?



# Bush and Talabani



# Freedom Packages

- <http://www.thedailyshow.com/watch/mon-march-21-2011/america-s-freedom-packages>