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Letters to the Editor

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Subject: Simpson essay October 2015

Dear Nick,

There is nothing Simpson says that I would disagree with. When Bush II overthrew Saddam, I remember thinking that it would now be our responsibility to govern a country we knew nothing about, and then hearing that Powell describe the situation using the Pottery Barn analogy, which was bang on. You could argue that we were in better shape in 1945 when we took charge of Germany than we were when we took out Saddam. At least there were responsible Germans we could deal with, e.g. Adenauer, who could command the support of the nation. If there were/are such people in Iraq, we have yet to find them.

The regimes we have destroyed in the Muslim world have all been perfectly terrible tyrannies, but at least they kept the peace, more or less. Neither G.W. Bush, who started us down this road, nor Obama, who was left having to clean up the mess, have been able to come up with a creditable way forward. So now we have chaos, and unimaginable suffering and destruction.

On that cheery note, I hope you have a good fall.

Sincerely,

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