The Future of Iraq & US Policy
People’s Alliance for Justice & Change Talking Points

- The US must allow the Iraqi people to determine their own future. The US can not hand pick the next Iraqi leader, nor finance factions or political parties sympathetic to US interests. If there is any outside political entity that assists Iraq in nation building it must be the United Nations. http://www.foreignpolicy-infocus.org/papers/iraqgov2003.html


- The US needs to provide and assist in massive humanitarian relief for Iraqis. To do this the US needs to acknowledge it’s role in imposing the worst economic sanctions ever placed on a country http://www.casi.org.uk/guide/ and pay significant reparations for the destruction of Iraqi infrastructure http://www.progressive.org/0801issue/nagy0901.html and the deaths of thousands of civilians, mostly children.

- The US needs to take ownership of the civilian deaths caused by bombing and ground forces and should prosecute anyone who killed Iraqi civilians. www.iraqbodycount.org http://www.commondreams.org/headlines03/0428-06.htm


- The US must allow UN weapons inspectors back in Iraq to continue their disarmament efforts and honor the text of the original UN Security Council Resolution (687 http://www.ips-dc.org/iraq/primer4.htm) from 1991 that called for a regional disarmament process. This would mean that the US and other UN Security Council members can no longer sell weapons to countries in the Middle East. http://www.fas.org/asmp/profiles/sales_db.htm