Opposition groups convene to plot Iraq without Saddam

Washington Times Opponents of Saddam met in London to map out a future for the country...

Iraq War Will Divide the World for the Better

by Daniel Henninger Wall Street Journal 03/03

"On this page a few days ago, Spain's foreign minister Ana Palacio aligned herself with 'the values and objectives we share with the United States' and in support quoted Miguel Cervantes on liberty." **Writing pen next to that---"free media"

"This model is so internalized that I believe some of the critics are coming very close to suggesting that what the embeds with U.S. troops on the Iraqi front are reporting does not constitute reality."

Beware of the Kurds

by Melik Kaylan Wall Street Journal *3/19/03* "In the weeks I've been here, I've learned the last thing local leaders want, or intend to employ, is democracy and the rule of law."

The New Iraq

CBSNEWS.com 3/26/03

"Through personal anecdotes, factual research, folk stories and jokes, (Joseph) Braude paints a picture of what life in Iraq has been like under Saddam, and what the countries people hope for in the future"

Afghanistan Gets First radio Station Dedicated to Women

By Todd Pitman Associated Press 3/09/03 "The new radio station is sponsored by UNESCO and the French aid group AINA"

Perceptions Where Al-Jazeera & Co. Are Coming From

by Mamoun Fandy Washington Post 3/30/03 "Indeed the Arabs are watching a different war than we are"—article contrasts Western & Arab style of war reporting.

Wrong answer to al-Jazeera

by Robert Satloff Washington Post 4/04/03

"To combat what is widely viewed as the slanted news coverage of Arab satellite stations, the white House and Congress are joining forces to spend tons-perhaps hundreds-of millions of dollars to launch an official Arabic-language U.S. government competitor. Unfortunately, it has a chance of turning out to be one of this country's most ill-conceived and wasteful experiments ever in public diplomacy"

Bush, Blair Trumpet New TV Station to Iraq

By Andrew Cawthorne and Michael Holden

Reuters

4/10/03

Nahwa Al-Hurrieh or "Toward Freedom" would broadcast one hour a day from a U.S. Force plane flying over the country providing news and coalition public service announcements....The messages were, however, aired by Arabic satellite broadcasters in Dubai.....the new Anglo-American station will likely be viewed with suspicion"

An American Ally--Qatar's road map to democracy

by S. Rob Sobhani Washington Times 4/29/03

Qatar is proving to be an ally with significance to The United States far beyond that of military partnership. As a groundbreaker in the application of democratic principles in the Arab world, a patron of scientific and technological breakthroughs of the 21st century, owner of huge gas natural reserves and ruled by a visionary and compassionate leader, the country of Qatar may be physically small, but its importance to the world could be huge."

It Time to Place Some Trust in the Shiites

by George Melloan Wall Street Journal 4/29/03

"In other words don't be guided by prejudices in trying to sort out the politics of a Muslim nation. There are indeed negative forces derived from hatred, blind orthodoxy or political ambition. But there are positive ones as well, driven by normal human desires for peace and prosperity."

Bush to Call for Mideast Free-trade pact

by Bill Simon Washington Times 5/09/03 Will tie proposal to reforms

A Digital Marshall Plan

by David Ignatious *Washington Post* 5/9/03 "Memo to: Bill Gates, John Chambers, Scott McNealy.....Starting today you should combine forces with each other and the U.S. Government to create a digital Iraq—a new economy built from the ground up with the latest in network systems"

How to Build a Democratic Iraq

By Added Dawisha and Karen Dawisha Foreign Affairs May/June 2003

Watching You, Africa

Economist 6/21/03

Johanessburg—this article is about the success of Big Brother Africa and African media "Anton Harber, who started the Mail and Gaurdian, and other news papers, says there is no pan-African as market yet. Without it, growth will be slow. DSTV is looking further afield, including to Asia.

All that Jazeera

Economist 6/21/03 Despite its popularity, al-Jazeera is struggling to break even. "as for al-Jazeera, a spokeman for the network says it would consider any proposal that guaranteed editorial independence. Could that be the Murdoch clan?"

Iranian Exiles Sow Change Via Satellite

by Michael Dobbs Washington Post 6/26/03 Islamic government's foes tap TV, web and phones to encourage protests

Under Cover—Christianity in Muslim Lands. But is this what the worlds needs now?

By David Van Biema Time Magazine 6/30/03

Afghanistan's Future, Lost in the Shuffle

by Sarah Chayes New York Times 7/01/03

"The most dangerous form of bet hedging has been America's support for local strongmen.....because they had reaped weapons and cash in the bargain, the warlords were able to impose themselves as provincial governors...."

U.S. Satellite Feeds to Iran Jammed

By Robert Windrem MSNBC—La Nueva Cuba 07/12/03

"U.S. government officials as well as Iranian and Americans and communications satellite operators confirm that all U.S.-based satellite broadcasts to Iran are being jammed out of Cuba, one of Iran's major allies and a nation increasingly dependent on Iranian oil."

U.S. Cuba jamming TV Signals to Japan

Satellite Sabotage Allegedly Affecting Iranian Exile Broadcasts NBC6.net

07/17/03

"The Iranian programming that Cuba has been trying to block originates in Los Angeles from three broadcasters; ParsTV, Azadi Television and Appadana TV. The satellite feeds are uplinked and taken down in Washington Dc, then uplinked again to Telstar 12, a communications satellite that services Iran, and that is when the Cuban satellite overpowers the signals, Windrem reported."

Terror in Everyway

National Iranian Television Web Site

7/17/03

"TLS investigations concluded an ellipse of the most probable location of the source of the interference, which it identified as being in the vicinity of Havana, Cuba. On 9th July Skynet forwarded at the information concerning the interference and forwarded it to the FCC"

Cuban Transmitters Jam signal to Iran

Miami Herald posted on Philly.com By Nancy San Martin 7/16/03

"The jamming, first reported by NBC news, began as the Washington based VOA began broad casting a new Persian-language television program, News &Views, to Tehran as Iranian students launched a series of street protests against their government.

America's Glossy Envoy

by Peter Carlson Washington Post 8/09/03 State funds pop magazine for young Arabs

52 to 48

by Thomas Friedman *New York Times* 9/03/03 "Show biz, and Arab democracy----about the Arab version of American Idol

Book reviews

Islam: a Guide for Jews and Christians

By F.E. Peters

"Clearly the reading public needs a book describing Islam that avoid trendy multiculturalism as well as Christian rejectionalism. That is precisely what Peters provides..."

"militant Islam is the latest in a long line of death obsessed anti-liberal ideologies"

Terror and Liberalism

By Paul Berman

"Berman is a prominent left-wing intellectual and his new book presents a passionate defense of the nation's war on terror (including Iraq) in explicitly liberal terms."

Nation-Building 'Lite'

by Francis Fukuyama *Wall Street Journal* 10/01/03 "Nation building requires a lot more than training indigenous police and military forces to take over their coercive roles from the occupying power "(lessons from Nicaragua)

For 'New Europe' the Silent Treatment

by Josh Muravchik Washington Post 10/21/03 OMB\$ vs. VOA/Radio Free Europe "could there be a worse moment to slash it further and kiss of the few friends who have been standing staunchly with us?"

How to Win Iraq (A new strategy must be developed) by Harlan Ullman *Washington Times* 10/29/03 "A sense of coherent society must be created" "If however the administration's spin doctors continue to rely on static statistical metrics to rationalize progress, they will find that the operation may succeed. But the patient surely will not survive"

Letting Fear Flourish

by Marcela Sanchez *Washington Post* 11/01/03 Funding for "public diplomacy has been declining since the end of the Cold War—Latin America