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SIX INSIGHTS ON THE WAR ON TERROR

- The threat terrorist organizations have been intimidated and badly damaged.
- The threat has morphed and remains a huge danger to the US and our allies.
- Global animosity toward US foreign policy and the Administration is universal, intense, and growing.
- Homeland security has improved immeasurably since 9/11 (not withstanding Katrina).
- Homeland security is grossly under-resourced, lacks congressional support, and remains incoherent.
- The proliferation of WMD nation states and technology remains the principal threat to the American people and our allies.



EIGHT OBSERVATIONS ON IRAQ

- 1st – The appointment of General Dave Petraeus as Joint Commander in Iraq and Ryan Crocker as Ambassador holds out promise of a successful new strategy to deal with the Iraq Civil War.
- 2nd – Secretary Gates and Secretary Rice are now a new and hugely positive team dealing with the challenges in the Middle East.
- 3rd - The morale, fighting effectiveness, and confidence of U.S. combat forces continue to be simply awe-inspiring. Political reconciliation talks with the Sunnis show initial positive response.
- 4th – The Iraqi Army is real, growing, and much more willing to fight. However, they are still not adequately equipped. The Iraqi Police are a disaster and now the focus of enormous new efforts.
- 5th – The Maliki Administration is dysfunctional. Governance is broken. The nation is gripped with fear and distrust. However, the government is now beginning to respond to US pressure to reach out to the Sunnis and Kurds.
- 6th – US Special Operations Forces have largely succeeded in neutralizing the foreign jihadist threat at a strategic and operational level. The Mahdi Army in Baghdad has – for now – decided not to fight US or ISF Forces.
- 7th – U.S. combat forces need to reduce their footprint to get down to ten combat brigades by December 2007. We are going to break the US Army.
- 8th - Iraq cannot sustain economic recovery without enhanced, long-term U.S. budgetary support. Congressional support is lacking.



SEVEN OBSERVATIONS ON AFGHANISTAN

- 1st - Afghanistan has in five years moved from a situation of: mindless violence, cruelty, poverty, massive production of drugs, the absence of government, and isolation -- to a nation with a struggling democratic government; an exploding economy; a rapidly growing, disciplined Army; a vibrant free press, and active diplomatic and economic ties with its neighbors and the world.
- 2nd - There is little question that the level of fighting has intensified rapidly in the past year. Fortunately – we have significantly increased US combat forces in Afghanistan. (Two infantry brigades). NATO now has lead for the entire effort. (37 nations and 36,000 troops – 15,000 US)
- 3rd - The assumption by NATO of a lead role in supporting the Afghan government is a triumph. However, NATO is seriously under-resourced for the task at hand. The assumption of ISAF command by US General Dan McNeill will dramatically increase our command flexibility.
- 4th - Afghanistan is a Narco-state which produces more than 90% of the world's opium poppy (4,475 metric tons 2005) -- and is also the world's largest heroin producing and trafficking country. \$3 Billion in criminal money. 900,000 drug users.
- 5th - The creation of 40,000 troops for ANA Forces in 48 months is an enormous success story. They are the most disciplined, and effective military force in Afghanistan's history. In general, these troops are very courageous, and aggressive in field operations. The Afghan Army is miserably under-resourced. Fortunately – new resources have been requested.
- 6th - The Afghan National Police are vital to establishing order in the urban and rural areas. (60,000 Afghan National Police ANP nominally exist). They are in a disastrous condition: badly equipped, corrupt, incompetent, poorly led and trained, and lacking adequate national police infrastructure. Fortunately – help is on the way in terms of US military (2500) and civilian mentors (1000), greatly increased equipment (12,000 vehicles), and huge new levels of funding. (\$2 Billion)
- 7th - We must eradicate the opium crops each growing season -- and massively resource alternative economic development. Fortunately, the Administration has significantly increased their funding for this effort -- with State Dept. INL as the lead.

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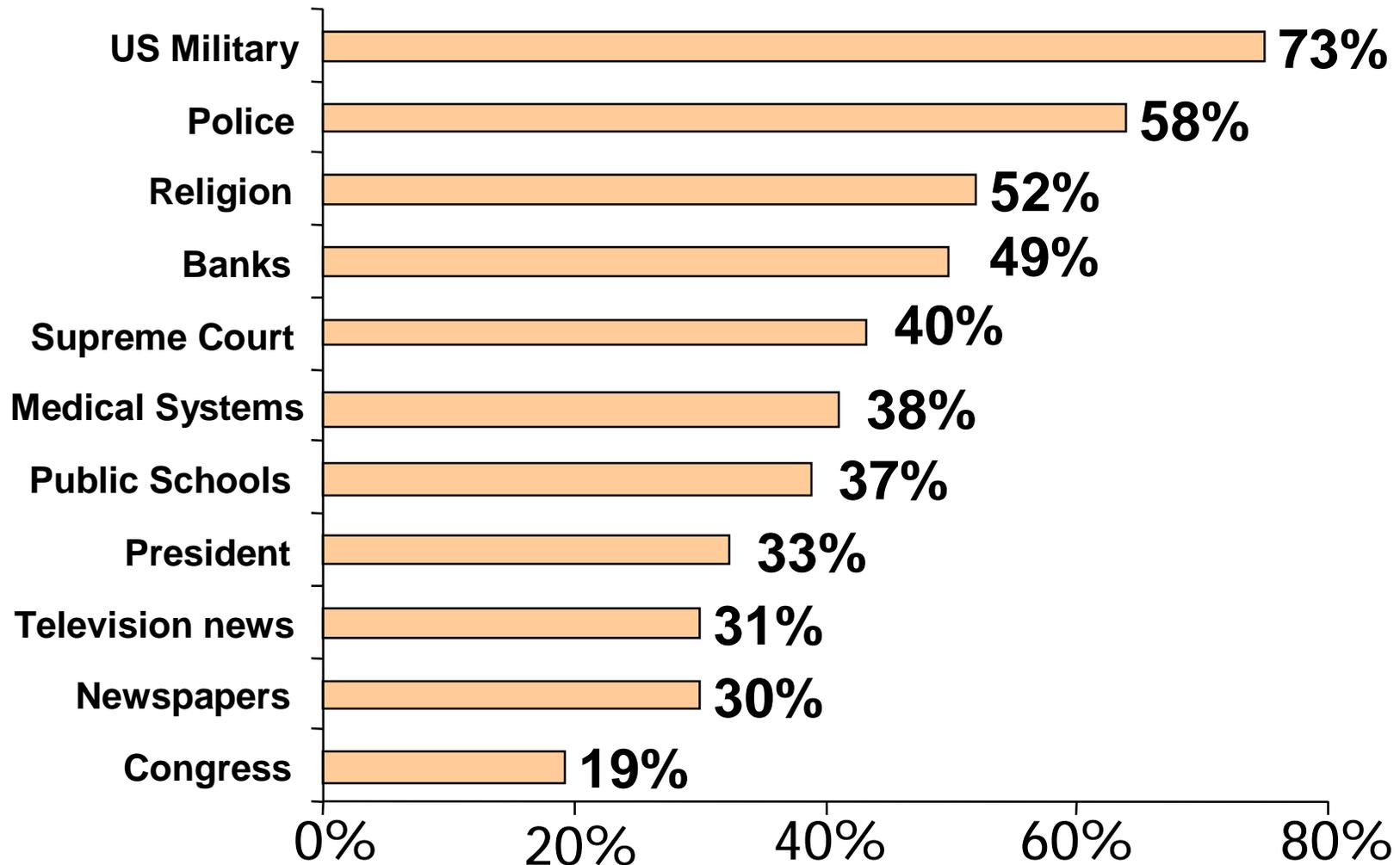
WHAT IS IN OUR FUTURE?

- 1st – The US economy continues to dominate the global marketplace.
- 2nd – US – Japanese economic and political cooperation grows even more intense.
- 3rd – Saudi Arabia continues to modernize, maintains stability, dramatically improves capabilities of Armed Forces and international security.
- 4th – Relations with Europe will dramatically improve with the next Administration.
- 5th – Relations with Russia, China, India, and Pakistan are now immeasurably better than pre-9/11.
- 6th – North Korea will come apart.
- 7th – Terrorists will strike at America.
- 8th – Crisis in Iraq -- uncertain outcome. (28,000 US killed and wounded -- \$9 Billion per month).
- 9th – Showdown in Afghanistan – situation will improve this coming year with the massive new resources. (\$10.6 Billion in economic and military aid).
- 10th – The death of Castro -- meltdown of repression – 500,000 refugees within 18 months.
- 11th – Confrontation with Chavez -- instability and oil.
- 12th – Iran goes nuclear – instability in the Persian Gulf.

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US MILITARY TOPS CONFIDENCE POLL



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