

Note from AFA President – Op-Eds

AFA Members, Congressional Staffers, Civic leaders, DOCA Members, we have just put up lots of very good op-eds on the Education and Opinion part of our homepage [see: <http://www.afa.org/EdOp/>]. Notable among them are:

Missile Defense

- A piece by Sec Gates on the changes the Administration has made to missile defense plans in Europe <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/20/opinion/20gates.html?em>.
- A piece from the Wall Street Journal critical of the Administration's missile defense plans in Europe http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970204518504574418563346840666.html?mod=googlenews_wsj

Afghanistan

- A piece by GEN David Petraeus that posits that Afghanistan is hard ... but do-able http://www.timesonline.co.uk/tol/comment/columnists/guest_contributors/article6839220.ece
- One by Senators Lindsey Graham, Joseph Lieberman, and John McCain urging the Administration to not "muddle through." <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970203440104574404753110979442.html>
- And one by Frederick Kagan, Kimberly Kagan, and James Dubik that argues that Afghan forces aren't yet a substitute for our own. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/09/11/AR2009091103625.html>

Iraq

- A piece by Omar Fadhil Al-Nidawi and Austin Bay which argues that the while US forces may depart Iraq by Dec 2011, the Iraqi Air Force will not be ready to do the job until 2016 at best, or more probably 2018 or 2020. <http://online.wsj.com/article/SB10001424052970203440104574404643254697058.html>
- One by Thomas Friedman which talks about Iraq's nescient institutions. <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/13/opinion/13friedman.html>

Venezuela

- A piece by Andres Oppenheimer that questions Venezuela's ties to Iran. <http://www.miamiherald.com/421/story/1242157.html>

Engagement

- A piece by Amb Chester Crocker that posits that we confuse engagement as a strategy ... when it is really a process. <http://www.nytimes.com/2009/09/14/opinion/14crocker.html>

For your consideration.

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