

A Time of Our Choosing: America's War in Iraq. 336 pages. 9781466866102. Todd S. Purdum. 2014. Times Books, 2014

A time of our choosing. America's War in Iraq. By Todd S. Purdum. and the staff of The New York Times.Â But the book does more than recreate the war itself. Much of "A Time of Our Choosing" is devoted to describing the decisions and the decision makers behind the invasion. "George Walker Bush had come to the presidency at the age of 54 with strikingly little knowledge of or exposure to the world beyond the United States and Mexico," Purdum writes, and had found "an unlikely soul mate" in the neoconservative policy intellectual Paul Wolfowitz, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld's deputy at the Pentagon. In the current war in Iraq, the US has touched upon all implementation areas from the first stages of diplomatic involvement to issuing final ultimatums threatening the country in conflict with military force and occupation. Since the start of the Iraqi War in 2003, the United States's goal of establishing a democracy has proven more difficult than expected. Case studies of other conflicts including the breakup of Yugoslavia and the First Iraq War offer insights into the use of military force for achieving foreign policy goals. These studies suggest that the US may have substantial difficulty i Iraq has been the focus of the international community and has been featured prominently in the media in recent times, as the radical Islamist group known as the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria (ISIS) has dramatically increased its power and influence in the region in the latter half of 2014. The political turmoil and drastically deteriorated security environment, which characterises modern day Iraq, can be traced back to the United States (US) invasion of that country and ISIS, which has recently emerged in Iraq and Syria, in the insurgency against the resultant US occupation, back then in th