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More Republicans Distance Themselves From Iraq

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Sen. John Warner of Virginia admits the obvious: voters are very unhappy with Iraq. Warner's going to **demand Rumsfeld come testify to the Armed Services Committee.**

"The level of concern is, I think, gradually rising," Mr. Warner said in an interview on Friday. "Our nation has given so much to the Iraqi people, and what are they giving us in return?"

He also made a vague promise to hold hearings in the next several weeks on whether the Pentagon has failed to hold senior officials responsible for the prison abuse scandals. (Warner, we can save you some time. The answer is "yes.") Maybe Dems could get us out of this mess if they weren't so mealy-mouthed. Steny Hoyer of Maryland -- the number two Dem in the House -- said this:

"I think the public is losing patience with the effort because they don't see it succeeding. **In fact, from their perspective, they see the attacks increasing.** We haven't done what we need to do for the infrastructure in Iraq. We haven't got the economy going."

They don't see it succeeding? Who does? From THEIR perspective the attacks are increasing? Is there a "perspective" where the attacks AREN'T increasing? The non-reality based perspective of Bush, perhaps? Attacks ARE increasing. Deaths are increasing. The insurgency is increasing. If the Dems are afraid of stating obvious facts, how are they going to earn the trust of voters?



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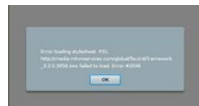
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