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Abstract: This Trends article discusses the political psychological impact of the deaths of Saddam Hussein’s two oldest sons at the hands of United States military forces.

The deaths of Saddam Hussein’s two oldest sons at the hands of United States (US) military forces is largely being promulgated by US Government representatives as a huge victory towards the end-state of a democratic and economically viable Iraq. The rationale for this position is that True Believers in Saddam Hussein and the Baathist Party now can see the handwriting on the wall. There will be no restoration of a Saddam Hussein or a Baathist controlled government.

The main problem with this rationale is that it is based on the assumption that the main resistance against US initiatives in Iraq have been coming, are coming, and will come from fanatic supporters of Saddam Hussein and/or the Baathist Party. In actuality, the resistance is much more associates with many other segments of an internal and also a global population. These segments include but are not limited to religious groups that view US intervention as anathema, groups that are mercenary in that they see their mercenary desires being thwarted, other groups that view US activity as a vile contaminant of culture, groups that are anti-US based on sheer petulance and insouciance, and yet other groups influenced by Messianism, politico-military correlations of forces, and postmodern unfathomableness.