

Henry Kissinger, on Why He Had Supported the Iraq War

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"Henry Kissinger, a confidant of the president, when asked by Bush's speechwriter why he had supported the Iraq war, responded: "Because Afghanistan was not enough." The radical Islamists, he said, want to humiliate us. "And we need to humiliate them." In other words, the presiding image of the "war on terror" - the burning towers collapsing on the television screen - had to be supplanted by another, the image of American tanks rumbling proudly through a vanquished Arab capital"

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