

Iraqi Freedom Confronts Iranian Domination

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Americans long ago lost interest in the democratic experiment they set in motion more than 15 years ago in Iraq—abandoning the “freedom agenda” that was once the heart of U.S. Middle East policy in favor of a realpolitik focused on threats like Iran. Yet while Washington has largely disengaged from domestic politics in Baghdad, the exercise of Iraqi freedom suddenly confronts the Iranian regime with a serious strategic challenge—both to its ambitions for regional hegemony and its own internal legitimacy....

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