

# TABOO OPINIONS #30

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**2-2-05** Today in the newspaper our Iraqi leaders say that thousands of Iraqi voters were turned away from some of the polls because of lack of ballots and other supplies.

But no totals of votes yet. Don't hold your breath. The leadership here and in Iraq have preliminary totals, of course, and the lack of public preliminary totals means the real totals were lower than bragged about, and/or that a lot of 'revision' is going on.

And already some of the Iraqi politicians and religious leaders are talking about getting a 'fair' share of power for their factions... Soon each major faction will be forced to create a 'proportional' armed force to enforce its demands and rights and to protect their populations from other armed forces.

I'm looking forward to at least a four-sided civil war in Iraq, with the U.S. forces trying desperately and absurdly to 'keep the peace.'

Did you smile at the stories of Iraqi candidates for office keeping themselves anonymous until a few days before the elections for fear of insurgency assassination? My question is: what do they do now that they are known? Aren't they now enhanced targets---especially if their slate won a spot in the constitutional assembly? Duh! Will each politician now demand a sizeable number of 24/7 body guards?

By the way, do you realize that our invasion and occupation of Iraq has caused about 500,000 Iraqi casualties? A reliable estimate is that 100,000 deaths and 400,000 injuries resulted from our record-breaking tonnage, massive 'Shock and Awe' bombing campaign and subsequent military operations, such as the destruction of Fallujah (which our Marines had to destroy in order to save)? To me the phrase should be Shock and Revulsion.

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