

## **Reviewing U.S- Iraq war via Defensive Realism and Marxism**

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### **Abstract**

*If we analyze the current anarchic, confusing and chaotic situation in present day Iraq we can easily trace its roots in the well-known U.S- Iraq war started on 20 March 2003 also known as second Gulf war. This war or intervention not only dethroned Saddam Hussein but also created a big leadership vacuum in the country due to non-availability of leadership parallel to him. Furthermore this lack of popular leadership who could not keep the country integrated which is already divided on ethnic and sectarian lines, ignorance of foreign occupiers, their only need, greed and interest in Iraqi oil, false allegation of WMD's, economic collapse and other solid reasons also supplemented the entire country descent in to chaos. So in this regard in this research paper I will try to trace out and enquire the causes of this war by applying two theories of international*

*relation which are Marxism and Defensive realism. Via Marxism I will try to analyze the internal political dynamics and social constructs, behaviors and specially the role of media for propagating in favor of the war widely based on class interest and the close relation between political elites and Military Industrial Complex (MIC) in American foreign policy whereas via defensive realism I will try to analyze the international system as a determinant in the foreign policy of U.S.A which claims about anarchy, power, survival, security and national interests in international relations which determines and strains the foreign policy process. The reason behind applying two international relations theories in this research paper is the complex and interconnected events in the whole course of events at different levels with different social, political and economic dynamics which makes it very difficult to explain the whole event via one theory because one theory leave space for the explanation of many sub events of the whole process that's way both the theories supplement and fill the weak areas of each other while analyzing the event as we will see that the class interests and international system both had defining role in the U.S- Iraq war of 2003.*

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