

# STALIN WOULD BE PROUD

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## WHO DECIDES IF WE GO TO WAR?

In my post on Fred Fleitz' Iran propaganda the other day, merciless asked how we can stop the Iran War. Which got me thinking of a different question—who decides if we go to war? There are a couple of factors playing into this that I think we'd all do well to suss out—because if we're going to prevent this, we need to start working.

Chief among the factors is one I've been

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## HOW MANY TERRORISTS DOES ONE F-16 GET YOU?

Fred Kaplan tries to teach BushCo a lesson about cooperating with unsavory regimes by pointing out the central role Pakistan played in yesterday's big terrorist bust.

There's a broader lesson here, and it speaks to the Bushadministration's present jam throughout the Middle East and in other danger zones. If the British had adopted the same policy toward dealing with Pakistan that Bush has adopted toward dealing with, say, Syria or Iran (namely, it's an evil

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## **MORE FOG ABOUT THE FOG OF WAR**

I feel like I'm watching a ping pong game being played over this giant monster, about to raise its head and knock over the entire ping pong table.

On Wednesday, the WaPo broke the news (a mere two years old now) that the 9/11 Commission strongly suspected that Pentagon officials lied about their actions on 9/11.

Some staff members and commissioners of the Sept.

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## **PRESSURE POLITICS**

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## **HAGEL CALLS FOR ENGAGEMENT**

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## **FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF COLOSSALLY BAD**

# **IDEAS**

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**PICK YOUR  
INCOMPETENT CABINET  
MEMBER**

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**LYING ABOUT NUKES**

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**CONDI'S LOOPHOLE**