

# **“Coleman Stands”**

*Ad Back-Up*

**Americans United For Change**

TV (:30)

<i>SCRIPT</i>	<i>FACTS</i>
<b>BUSH SYNC:</b> Major combat operations in Iraq have ended. (applause)	<p><b>President Bush Announces Major Combat Operations in Iraq Have Ended 5/1/03</b> "...My fellow Americans: Major combat operations in Iraq have ended. In the battle of Iraq, the United States and our allies have prevailed." President Bush, 5/1/03  <a href="http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2003/05/20030501-15.html">http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2003/05/20030501-15.html</a></p>
<b>ANNCR:</b> After four years with no end in sight.	<p><b>President Bush announced the start of the military campaign against Iraq, March 20, 2003</b>  [CNN 3/20/03]  <a href="http://www.cnn.com/2003/WORLD/meast/03/19/sprj.irq.main/">http://www.cnn.com/2003/WORLD/meast/03/19/sprj.irq.main/</a></p> <p><b>Bush warns he will veto any Iraq war deadline</b>  [ International Herald Tribune, 3/28/07]  <a href="http://www.ihf.com/articles/2007/03/28/news/congress.php">http://www.ihf.com/articles/2007/03/28/news/congress.php</a></p> <p>The open-ended deployments in Iraq are lowering morale among some ground troops, who say constantly shifting time tables are reducing confidence in their leadership. "The way we have been treated and the continuous lies told to our families back home has devastated us all," a soldier in Iraq wrote in a letter to Congress. [CS Monitor,3/7/03]  <a href="http://www.csmonitor.com/2003/0707/p02s01-woiq.html">http://www.csmonitor.com/2003/0707/p02s01-woiq.html</a></p>
<b>ANNCR:</b> thousands of Americans wounded	<p>Department of Defense Operation Iraq Freedom (OIF) Total Medical Air Transports March 19, 2003 through May 19, 2007 listed as 34,650.  <a href="http://icasualties.org/oif/">http://icasualties.org/oif/</a></p>
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<p><b>ANNCR:</b> And over thirty five hundred Americans dead</p>	<p>Department of Defense Operation Iraq Freedom (OIF) U.S. Casualty Status through April 3, 2007 at 10am EDT lists total deaths as 3,571.  <a href="http://www.defenselink.mil/news/casualty.pdf">http://www.defenselink.mil/news/casualty.pdf</a></p>
<p><b>ANNCR:</b> Norm Coleman is still standing with President Bush on Iraq.</p> <p><b>ANNCR:</b> Voting time and again against bringing our troops home.</p>	<p><b>Coleman Stood With The President And Voted Against Bringing The Troops In Iraq Home.</b> Senator Coleman voted to strike language that would impose a timetable for the withdrawal of U.S. forces from Iraq. Coleman voted yea. [S.Amdt. 643 to H.R. 1591, <a href="#">Vote # 116</a>, 3/27/07, failed 48-50]</p> <p><b>Coleman Voted Against Brining Our Troops Home.</b> Senator Coleman voted against the passage of the joint resolution that would establish a more limited mission for U.S. forces in Iraq and set a non-binding goal of withdrawing most combat troops by March 2008. Coleman voted nay. [S.J.Res. 9, <a href="#">Vote # 75</a>, 3/15/07, failed 48-50]</p> <p><b>Coleman voted to allow the President to get around benchmark requirements.</b> Coleman voted to require the president to withhold funding for military operations in Iraq if the Iraqi government fails to meet certain benchmarks. The president could waive the requirement if he submits in writing to Congress a justification for the waiver. [HR 1495, <a href="#">Vote #168</a>, 5/16/07]</p>

