

“I strongly encourage all of my supporters to make Barack Obama their second choice (in the Iowa Caucus). Senator Obama and I have one thing in common: change.”

Rep. Dennis Kucinich, in a statement on January 1, 2008.



But, what kind of “change” might Barack Obama bring?

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In January 2007, Senator Obama introduced a Senate bill, “The Iraq War De-Escalation Act of 2007.” The bill provides that U.S. troops would remain in Iraq for the following purposes: “(a) to protect United States personnel and facilities in Iraq; (b) to conduct targeted counter-terrorism operations; (c) to provide training for Iraqi security forces; (d) to conduct the routine functions of the Office of Defense Attaché.” Obama does not define how many U.S. troops would potentially remain in Iraq under the exceptions that he carves out. Since his language is similar to that passed by the House of Representatives in March 2007 (as part of an Iraq war supplemental spending bill), his plan could potentially leave as many as 40,000 to 60,000 troops in Iraq, even after the phased redeployment is completed.

Bombing Iran is “on the table” for Barack Obama

Barack Obama says that the Iranian government is “a threat to all of us” and “we should take no option, including military action, off the table.” March 2, 2007

Obama would increase the military budget, recruit more troops

Obama has not talked about cutting the bloated military budget. In fact, when asked recently in Cedar Rapids if he would cut the military budget, he responded: “Actually, you’ll probably see an initial bump in military spending in an Obama administration.” He went on to explain that those resources would be used to “reset” forces worn out by war in Iraq and to cover adding as many as 80,000 soldiers and Marines to the U.S. military. *Time*, May 31, 2007. Obama said he backs current plans to increase the Army and Marine Corps by 92,000 troops. *The Hill*, May 2, 2007

We implore Senator Barack Obama to commit to vote against all funding bills for the war in Iraq before the Senate and, if elected president, to withdraw all U.S. troops from Iraq within 100 days of assuming office and to publicly oppose the use of military force against Iran and other countries.