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CHRONOLOGY: THE EVOLUTION OF THE BUSH DOCTRINE

A war with Iraq to oust Saddam Hussein would be the first test case in the Bush administration's larger strategy for projecting U.S. power and influence in the post-Cold War world. Here's an overview of the people, the events, the major statements, and the policy battles behind what's become known as the Bush Doctrine.



Feb. 28, 1991

The Gulf War's Ragged Ending; U.S. Decides on Containment Policy for Iraq



General Norman Schwarzkopf (l) and Paul Wolfowitz (r)

With a Gulf War cease fire declared, President Bush, Defense Dick Cheney and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Colin believe Saddam's hold on Iraq is tenuous. Bush urges Iraqis to They do, and within days Saddam has lost control of southern the rebellion is soon overwhelmed by Saddam's forces, which helicopter gunships, and Bush orders U.S. troops not to interv estimated that thousands of Shiites were killed.

The failed uprising is a defining moment for neo-conservative [Richard Perle](#), [William Kristol](#), and Paul Wolfowitz. Wolfowi complains that the U.S. inaction is comparable to "idly watching a mugging."