

REALITY v. WILSON'S RECORD ON IRAQ

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<p>Wilson: “You and I both want our troops to come home from Iraq.”</p>	<p><i>Heather Wilson chose to raise money with George Bush than vote to establish a timetable to send our troops home. She cares more about lining her campaign coffers than looking out for the wellbeing of our soldiers. In Congress Attorney General Patricia Madrid will force the Bush administration to establish a responsible timeline to withdraw our troops. She will fight to protect both America and our troops.</i></p> <p>2006: Wilson Went To A Bush Fundraiser Instead Of Voting For A Plan To Bring Our Troops Home. Clearly Heather Wilson thinks it’s more important to line her own campaign coffers than to bring our soldiers home safely. Wilson abandoned her congressional duties to raise money with the President. She missed a vital vote on the Iraq war which would have established a timetable for troop withdrawal; instead she attended a \$1,000 fundraiser with George Bush. [HRS 861, Vote #288, 6/16/2006, <i>New York Times</i>, 6/17/2006, <i>Albuquerque Tribune</i>, 6/17/2006]</p>
<p>Wilson: “I advocated for a withdrawal that is driven by commanders in the field not politicians in Washington.”</p>	<p><i>Heather Wilson is a rubberstamp for the Bush administration. She refuses to question the President’s policy on the war in Iraq despite the mounting American death toll and the growing sectarian violence. She refuses to heed the warnings of the many Generals who have already called for withdrawal. Wilson doesn’t even care about the growing costs of the war and the billions of dollars wasted. That’s not a moderate position.</i></p> <p>Heather Wilson Has Never Questioned The Bush Administration’s Spending In Iraq. The Bush-Cheney-Wilson administration has spent over \$300 billion in Iraq so far and the Iraqi government is asking for more. Heather Wilson has never questioned Bush’s spending in the Middle East even as there are numerous scandals concerning the misuse of funds. US officials and private contractors have bilked the Iraqi government of millions of dollars. [<i>The Boston Globe</i>, 7/27/2006, <i>The Associated Press</i>, 3/24/2006, <i>The New York Times</i>, 1/25/2006, <i>The Boston Globe</i>,</p>

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2005: Wilson Voted Against Accounting For Billions Of Taxpayer Dollars Spent On Iraq. Wilson voted against an amendment to provide \$5 million to establish a select committee to investigate reconstruction efforts in Iraq and Afghanistan, including contracting procedures, protection against money laundering, and the allocation of contracts to foreign companies and small businesses. In October 2004, the International Advisory and Monitoring Board released an audit of the Bush Administration's management of Iraqi oil proceeds and other funds in the Development Fund for Iraq. Problems found involved hundreds of millions of dollars, numerous sole source contracts and missing and nonexistent contract files. [HR 1268, Vote #72, 3/15/05; Committee on Government Reform Minority Staff, www.democrats.reform.house.gov]

2006: Heather Wilson Spoke On House Floor In Favor Of Blindly Following Bush's Plan In Iraq. Wilson urged her colleagues to blindly follow George Bush's plan in Iraq, a seemingly open-ended conflict. Wilson, a member of the Intelligence Committee, refused to question the Bush administration or even consider a planned troop withdrawal, instead saying the only two choices were "between resolve and retreat." [*Los Angeles Times*, 6/16/2006, <http://wilson.house.gov/Bio.asp>]