

## "Fake News": "Hundreds" of Iraqis Want US Troops to Leave their Country

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Who is telling the truth. Compare the images.

The Mainstream Media is lying.

"Fake News"?

See the official tweet of the Associated Press.

Hundreds, Thousands? Millions?

It's what you call "investigative reporting"...

You show them what you want them to see.

Public opinion in the US is misled.

The Iraqi people including Sunni, Shiite, Christians are demanding that US Troops Leave their Country.

The entire Iraqi population want the US to Withdraw from their Country.

Here is the mainstream version of what happened in the Miami Herald, AP report. focussing on factional social, political and religious divisions.

The mass movement of several million Iraqis against US military occupation is casually presented as a protest against the Iraqi government:

Officials and experts said the rally was the cleric's attempt to capitalize on brewing anti-American feeling and show he had the upper hand among Iraqis as political elites wrangle over who should be the next prime minister.

Large crowds gathered on the Muslim day of prayer as loudspeakers blasted, "No, no America!" at a central square. Some of al-Sadr's followers were shrouded in white capes to symbolize the fact that they were ready to die for the cause.

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"Hey Trump! We will not allow you to turn Iraq into a battlefield," read one banner. A child held up a poster reading, "Death to America. Death to Israel."

Apparently seeking to show control, his supporters did not clash with the heavy security presence or target the separate, anti-government protests in neighboring Tahrir Square, a possibility feared by activists.

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Followers of Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr gather in Baghdad, Iraq, Friday, Jan. 24, 2020. Thousands of supporters of an influential, radical Shiite cleric gathered Friday in central Baghdad for a rally to demand that American troops leave the country amid heightened anti-US sentiment after a drone strike ordered by Washington earlier this month killed a top Iranian general in the Iraqi capital. (AP Photo) (emphasis added)

### Iraqis rally against US troops, demanding they leave

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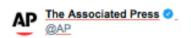
Protesters stage a sit-in at Tahrir Square during anti-government demonstrations in Baghdad, Iraq, Thursday, Jan. 23, 2020. KHALID MOHAMMED *AP PHOTO* 

#### BAGHDAD

Waving national flags and banners denouncing U.S. President Donald Trump, tens of thousands of Iraqis marched peacefully through Baghdad on Friday to demand the ouster of U.S. troops from their country in a protest organized by a populist Shiite cleric.

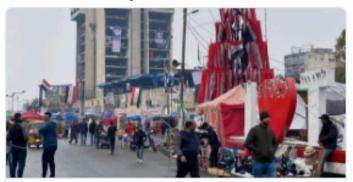
The Associated Press (AP) authoritative news report. "Hundreds of supporters". Where was that picture taken?

Fake News at its best.



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And this is what really happened.

Several million Iragis called for the FULL withdrawal of US forces



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presence.

Banners showed slogans such as "No, No to the U.S. and Yes to Iraqi sovereignty," "The willingness of free nations is stronger than the U.S. aggression," and "Global terrorism is made in the U.S."

people who paraded to express their repudiation of the U.S. military

While some protesters burned images of Donald Trump, others marched raising photos of the U.S. president's face crossed out with a red "X".

"We have not obtained anything from the U.S. except problems, wars, and sieges," Ziyad Qasim Abdullah, a 39-year-old chauffeur, said.

The U.S. has "created sectarian conflicts in Iraq and divided people to plunder the wealth of our country," he added and explained that he wants to "expel the occupation forces" from his country.

Our message to US Forces. This is an Illegal War.

"Abandon the Battlefield"

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