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Congressional appropriation, but they did fund all the PRTs. The congressional democrats went after the president in this cut. The result is the operation is turning more military and less civilian.

JS: When Joint Contracting Command started . . . [now?] it keeps 50% of all its expenditures in country, through the Iraqi First program.

R: Back in the summer of 2007, the NYT did a story on the market's view of the surge. It weighed things in terms of Iraqi bonds. The bonds had lost ground, so they NYT considered the surge a failure. Since then, Iraqi bonds have done extremely well, but the NYT is ignoring the rebound.

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