

# LEADING TO WAR

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a film and website that chronicle the path to war in Iraq

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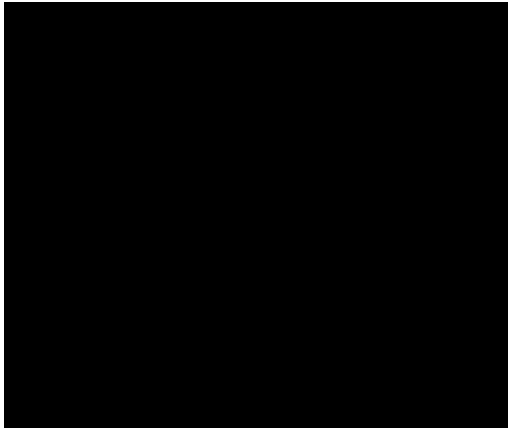
*How did the U.S. government lead its people to war?*

## Rhetoric and Spin

### Caves and Shadows

**I**n the lead-up to war with Iraq, President Bush described the terrorists as living in caves, and Hussein as a leader of a "shadowy" network of terrorists. This language of caves and shadows is a rhetorical device used to dehumanize the enemy, associating Hussein with the beasts and monsters of mythic tales.

#### Video: CAVES & SHADOWS



**BUSH:** This is a war where the leaders hide in a **cave**, or they kind of hide in a **dark corner** of one of the cities around the world, and then they send youngsters to their suicidal deaths.

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**BUSH:** We continue to pursue the terrorists in cities and camps and **caves** across the earth.

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**BUSH:** ...**shadowy** terrorist networks are not easily contained.

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**BUSH:** It's a man who has got connections with al-Qaeda. Imagine a terrorist network with Iraq as an arsenal and as a training ground. So that a Saddam Hussein could use this **shadowy** group of people to attack his enemy and leave no fingerprint behind.

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