



Press Release

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Subject: Resolution (on Impact of Iraq War on the Historical Profession)
Ratified by AHA Members

For Immediate Release:

Members of the American Historical Association have ratified the [“Resolution on United States Government Practices Inimical to the Values of the Historical Profession.”](#) The vote was 1,550 (75.61%) in favor and 498 (24.29%) opposed. Two persons submitted incomplete ballots. The number of voting members represented 14.67% of the AHA membership.

The resolution, which had been adopted at the AHA's business meeting (held on January 6, 2007, during the Association's 121st annual meeting in Atlanta), was accepted by the AHA's Council at its January 7, 2007, meeting. Because the resolution was received too late to be published in the December 2006 issue of *Perspectives*, and because of its intrinsic importance, the Council took the additional step of asking the membership to ratify the resolution.

AHA members were informed about the voting process in the February 2007 issue of *Perspectives*. On February 15, 2007, members who had opted to receive e-mail messages from the AHA and for whom the Association had valid e-mail addresses were sent an e-mail message inviting them to participate in a special discussion forum blog from February 15 to 28. The comments offered have been archived and will be available to members who login to the members' section of the AHA web site. The electronic balloting of the members was conducted from March 1 to 9, 2007.

The American Historical Association is the oldest and largest professional historical organization in the United States, bringing together nearly 5,000 institutions and more than 14,000 individuals, including college and university faculty, public historians, independent scholars, archivists, librarians, and secondary school teachers. The Association was organized in 1884 and chartered by the United States Congress in 1889; its establishment coincided with the professionalization of history as a discipline in the United States. Over the years, the Association has changed as

the discipline and profession have changed, but its central mission has remained unaltered: the advancement of historical knowledge.

To meet and address the varied needs of its members, the Association publishes the American Historical Review, the major journal of record for the historical profession in the United States, and Perspectives, the major national news monthly of the profession. The Association's annual meeting, which is held during the first week of January, is the largest annual gathering of historians in the United States.

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