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Position: United States should call for a cease-fire

This position addresses the topic 2006 Israel-Lebanon conflict.

For this position

"We in Lebanon call upon the international community and citizens everywhere to support my country's sovereignty and end this folly now. We also insist that Israel be made to respect international humanitarian law, including the provisions of the Geneva Conventions, which it has repeatedly and willfully violated."

From End This Tragedy Now, by Fouad Siniora (*The Washington Post*, August 9, 2006) (view)

Against this position

"Israel is hoping to change the equation, to force Lebanon to take control of its border or accept an outside force that would do so. The tactic of striking Hezbollah has some chance of bringing that about. Stopping the attack and hoping for the best has no chance at all."

From 'Back Off, Israel,' Doesn't Cut It, by Jonathan Chait (*Los Angeles Times*, August 6, 2006) (view)

"If President Bush doesn't succumb to world opinion, Israel will win, soon, a decisive victory. And then world opinion will change."

From Hearts and Minds, by Jack Kelly (*Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*, August 6, 2006) (view)

"Now is the time for Israel to clean Hezbollah out of the Middle East, just as we are trying to clean al Qaeda out of everywhere else they have planted their soldiers. This is a long haul, and a dangerous war, but it will be longer and made more dangerous with appeasement and ceasefires being urged upon Israel and, for that matter, the United States."

From Why Israel Fights..., by William J. Bennett (National Review, August 11, 2006) (view)

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