

insisting that those who killed and mutilated four American contract workers be handed over for trial and punishment.

In addition, members of the governing council are seeking to resolve the situation in the south. Al-Sadr must answer the charges against him and disband his illegal militia.

Our coalition is standing with responsible Iraqi leaders as they establish growing authority in their country. The transition to sovereignty requires that we demonstrate confidence in Iraqis. And we have that confidence. Many Iraqi leaders are showing great personal courage. And their example will bring out the same quality in others.

The transition to sovereignty also requires an atmosphere of security. And our coalition is working to provide that security. We will continue taking the greatest care to prevent harm to innocent civilians. Yet we will not permit the spread of chaos and violence. I have directed our military commanders to make every preparation to use decisive force if necessary to maintain order and to protect our troops.

The nation of Iraq is moving toward self-rule. And Iraqis and Americans will see evidence in the months to come. On June 30 when the flag of free Iraq is raised, Iraqi officials will assume responsibility for the ministries of government. On that day the transitional administrative law, including a bill of rights that is unprecedented in the Arab world, will take full effect. The United States and all the nations of our coalition will establish normal diplomatic relations with the Iraqi government. An American embassy will open, and an American ambassador will be posted.

According to the schedule already approved by the governing council, Iraq will hold elections for a national assembly no later than next January. That assembly will draft a new permanent constitution, which will be presented to the Iraqi people in a national referendum held in October of next year. Iraqis will then elect a permanent government by December, 15, 2005. An event that will mark the completion of Iraq's transition from dictatorship to freedom.

Other nations and international institutions are stepping up to their responsibilities

44 DIRTY TRICKS TO WIN AN ARGUMENT

Accuse your opponent of doing what he/she is accusing you of (or worse)

Accuse him/her of sliding down a slippery slope (that leads to disaster)

Appeal to authority

Appeal to experience

Appeal to fear

Appeal to pity (or sympathy)

Appeal to popular passions

Appeal to tradition or faith ("the tried and true")

Assume a posture of righteousness

Attack the person (and not the argument)

Beg the question

Call for perfection (demand impossible conditions)

Create a false dilemma (the great either/or)

Devise analogies (and metaphors) **that support your view** (even if they are misleading or "false")

Question your opponent's conclusions

Create misgivings: Where there's smoke, there's fire

Create a straw man

Deny or defend inconsistencies

Demonize their side, sanitize yours

Evade questions, gracefully

Flatter your audience

Hedge what you say

Ignore the evidence

Ignore the main point

Attack evidence (that undermines your case)

Insist loudly on a minor point

Use the hard-cruel-world argument (to justify doing what is usually considered unethical)

Make sweeping, glittering generalizations

Make much of any inconsistencies in your opponent's position

Make your opponent look ridiculous ("lost in the laugh")

Oversimplify the issue

Raise nothing but objections

Rewrite history (have it your way)

Seek your vested interests

Shift the ground

Shift the burden of proof

Spin, spin, spin

Talk in vague generalities

Talk double-talk

Tell big lies

Treat abstract words and symbols as if they were real things

Throw in a red herring (or two)

Throw in some statistics

Use double standards (whenever you can)