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## **Petraeus Confirmation Hearings**

**SUMMARY** 



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Now that General Petraeus has been nominated to oversee operations in the entire Centcom region, it is vital that Senators press General Petraeus to answer the broader policy questions that he refused to answer last time around.

Senators should not let this hearing become dominated by questions about Iraq. Rather, they should widen the frame by focusing on two broader questions: Is America safer as a result of President Bush's policies in the Centcom region? And have those policies so depleted the war fighting capability of the military that it is at risk of losing its effectiveness, either now or in the future?

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