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Activists at Purdue will protest George W. Bush's role in the war on Iraq during his December 6 campus visit.

On December 6, Purdue University President Mitch Daniels and former U.S. President George W. Bush will appear together on a Purdue stage at an event billed by the university as a conversation on “ [leadership and citizenship](#) .” Daniels is completing a nearly 10-year term as Purdue president. Previously, Daniels served from 2001-2003 as director of the Office of Management and Budget in the Bush White House. The event is meant to celebrate both of their legacies.

Plans are underway for Daniels and Bush to be greeted that night by Purdue students, faculty and community members there for a different reason: to protest Bush and Daniels's roles in the murderous U.S. war against the people of Iraq in the name of the “war on terror.”

As president, Bush ordered the invasion of Iraq, supposedly in retaliation for 9/11. As his budget director, Daniels priced the war for him [at \\$50-60 billion](#) . The subsequent U.S. onslaught produced devastation for the Iraqi people. More than 200,000

[civilians died](#)

and more than 9.2 million Iraqis were displaced by the

[U.S. war](#)

Kali Rubaii, a Purdue professor of anthropology, has documented high rates of birth defects in Iraq that may be the result of uranium and heavy metal exposure from U.S. weapons and burn pits meant to destroy the

[detritus of war.](#)

At least 800,000 Iraqi children were made

[orphans by the war](#)

And despite Daniels's original low projections, the U.S. has now spent approximately \$2 trillion

to date on the Iraq war, while more than 4,500 U.S. soldiers have lost their lives [fighting it](#)

. All of this carnage against a country that had nothing to do with 9/11. Even U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell's notorious allegations of Iraqi "weapons of mass destruction" were later admitted by Powell himself to have been the result of deceitful intelligence.

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