

The Financial Fallout: Unraveling Iraq's Turmoil in the Wake of the U.S. Invasion

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Abstract: This report examines the financial losses and worsening conditions in Iraq caused by the U.S. war. The study will examine the immediate and long-term economic repercussions of the invasion. The introduction covers the U.S. invasion of Iraq. The event's significance and Iraq's post-invasion struggles are highlighted. The issue's impacts on Iraq's financial stability include infrastructural destruction, economic stagnation, and government financial constraints. This research will reveal how the U.S. invasion of Iraq has hurt the country's economy and finances. Economic statistics and topic-related case studies are used. Iraq's GDP has fallen, its unemployment rate has risen, its currency has depreciated, and its poverty rate has risen. Debt and a full public sector restrict the government from addressing basic needs. The third component of the research addresses the nation's economic issues and makes solutions to speed up economic recovery. The ideas include reducing debt, reinvesting in infrastructure, seeking outside support, and establishing excellent governance and accountability. After the U.S. invasion of Iraq, the country's economy has only worsened. Immediate action and international cooperation are needed to overcome these obstacles and give Iraqis a better future.

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Introduction

The invasion of Iraq by the United States in 2003 was a defining moment in the history of the country and marked a turning point in its progression (Noll et al., 2022). The economic situation in Iraq was left in shambles as a direct result of the invasion of the nation, which was justified on the grounds that it was necessary to safeguard democracies and maintain political stability (Brands, 2023). Within the scope of this research, we investigate the myriad of ways in which the invasion of Iraq by the United States has contributed to a deterioration of the country's economic conditions and undermined its financial security. Previous research has demonstrated that the significant damage to Iraq's infrastructure, the halting of economic activity, and the imposition of severe financial limits on the Iraqi government have resulted in enormous financial expenditures for the Iraqi government (Al Karawi & Almashhadani, 2022). This has been the

case despite the Iraqi government being subjected to severe financial restraints. These figures contribute to a better grasp of the short-term monetary repercussions of the invasion; nonetheless, a more comprehensive comprehension of the aftermath is required. The data indicate that the initial costs associated with the invasion are the only ones that are very high.

There has been a significant rise in the number of people living in poverty in Iraq during the last several years, according to empirical research, which may be attributed to the declining GDP of the nation (Polcyn et al., 2023). Because of the invasion, oil production and other critical economic sectors were severely hampered, which made an already precarious condition for the country's economy much worse. As a direct result of the precipitous increase in the number of people who are now jobless, the unemployment rate shot through the roof. As a result of the invasion of Iraq, the value of the Iraqi dinar was diminished, which resulted in a decrease in the average Iraqi's purchasing power and contributed to the country's already precarious economic situation. In light of the ever-increasing debt that the nation is facing, the Iraqi government is having difficulty achieving the significant social and economic objectives it has set for the country (Rivie, 2023). The exorbitant cost of rebuilding after a conflict makes a challenging situation much more onerous. This investigation, which will examine the economic repercussions of the invasion of Iraq by the United States in 2003, will go deeper into these conclusions and analyse them further. In order to provide a more accurate picture of Iraq's current economic condition, it is necessary to gather and examine data using a variety of analytical approaches, including qualitative and quantitative approaches (Mahmood & Ahmed, 2022). This study will investigate how various key economic indicators, including GDP growth, inflation, foreign direct investment, and government debt, have evolved over time. The primary purpose of the research is to provide an all-encompassing analysis of the economy.

The primary objective of this study is to analyse the far-reaching impacts that the United States invasion of Iraq in 2003 had on the economy of Iraq and to shed light on the various consequences that came from that conflict. This research intends to enlighten policymakers, foreign organisations, and other stakeholders on the need for fast action in resolving Iraq's economic crisis and placing the country on the road to a sustainable recovery by providing information based on the findings of this study. This article will begin by providing an overview of the research methodologies that were used, then proceed to present the results, then evaluate the impact of the financial crisis, and then finish with some ideas for how the pain that the Iraqi people have undergone as a result of the American invasion might be alleviated. In order to effectively reconstruct Iraq's economy and improve the lives of the people living there, we need to understand the financial repercussions of our actions fully.

Beyond the realms of politics and the protection of the country, the invasion of Iraq by the United States had repercussions that were felt all around the world. As a direct consequence of this action, Iraq's economic stability and general well-being have suffered significant setbacks. The purpose of this study is to investigate how the invasion of Iraq by the United States impacted that nation's economy, as well as to emphasise the scope of the damage that was caused and the complexity of the problems that have surfaced as a direct consequence of the fight. It has been shown that the economic situation in Iraq suffered tremendously as a consequence of the damage of infrastructure, the suspension of economic activity, and the social and economic repercussions that followed the invasion of Iraq by the United States. The findings of these investigations have cast some light on the issue; nevertheless, further study is still required to comprehend it fully. This is true on a broad variety of theoretical and philosophical levels, in addition to the more straightforwardly practical and procedural ones. The need to learn more about the economic impacts of the U.S. invasion of Iraq in 2003 and to fill in the gaps left by prior studies was the driving force behind the completion of this investigation. The aftereffects of the invasion were the primary focus of the investigation, which was the primary objective of the research. By doing a literature review, examining a range of economic indicators, and looking into case studies pertinent to the topic at hand, this investigation hopes to throw some light on the specific

economic challenges Iraq has been facing as a direct result of the conflict. The following is a selection of examples of the kinds of research questions that might be asked:

1. What kind of immediate and long-term impacts have the United States invasion of Iraq had on the economy of Iraq?
2. Second, what kind of effects have the war and occupation had on the economy, the rate of unemployment, the value of the currency, and the number of people living in poverty in Iraq?
3. Thirdly, how would the invasion of Iraq impact the ability of Iraqi authorities to provide the fundamental needs of the country's population?

The fundamental objective of this study is to get an understanding of the financial and economic repercussions that were caused by the invasion of Iraq by the United States in 2003. This research wants to contribute to the existing body of knowledge by providing answers to these questions and attaining these purposes. The study hopes to assist policymakers and foreign stakeholders by providing information and proposals for alleviating the financial crisis and supporting Iraq's economic recovery. These research topics and objectives may be read about in further depth on this page. The remainder of this essay will investigate the tactics that were utilised, describe the results, evaluate the aftermath, and recommend ideas for tackling the challenges that Iraq has encountered since the American invasion.

Literature Review

Extensive research has been conducted on the economic and financial repercussions that resulted from the United States invasion of Iraq. These assessments offer insight into how the invasion has affected significant facets of the Iraqi economy. The following is a summary of some of the most significant research conducted in this field: Comprehensive Analysis of the Economic Effects of the United States Invasion of Iraq. In this seminal book, Seyfi et al. (2022) conducted an in-depth investigation into the impacts of the American invasion of Iraq on the country's economy. The research utilised various methods, including macroeconomic statistics, case studies, and interviews with relevant parties. The study shed light on the precipitous decline in Iraq's GDP, the skyrocketing rates of unemployment, and the challenges the government faced in attempting to maintain essential services. Almashhadani (2023) What the U.S. invasion did to Iraq's oil industry and how it affected its economy. This investigation of the aftereffects of the invasion mainly concentrated on the oil industry because of its central role in the Iraqi economy (Hussein et al., 2015). The study aimed to investigate the long-term implications for Iraq's economy of the precipitous reduction in oil production and revenue (Hasan et al., 2015). According to the findings of the research, economic revitalisation and the revitalisation of the oil industry both require careful strategic planning and investment.

Al Mahdi and Faisal (2023) Baghdad serves as a case study for the socioeconomic effects that the United States' invasion of Iraq had on Iraq. The purpose of this study was to investigate the social and economic repercussions that the invasion had on Baghdad as a whole (Al-Hashimy, 2022a; Al-Hashimy, Alabdullah, et al., 2022; AL-Hashmy et al., 2022; Hussein et al., 2023). This study utilised both quantitative surveys and in-depth interviews with residents of the area to compile its findings. According to the study's findings, the rate of poverty increased, the quality of living conditions deteriorated, and important infrastructure such as hospitals and schools was destroyed. Almashhadani (2023) The price tag the Iraqi government must pay to repair war damage. The paper included an analysis of the costs that will be incurred by the government of Iraq in order to rebuild the country after the battle (Al-Hashimy, 2022d). By analysing government budgets, levels of public debt, and international financial assistance, the study came to the conclusion that it is difficult to satisfy the requirements of rebuilding while also meeting the needs of social and economic growth Asaad and Marane (2020) After the United States Invasion of Iraq, There Will Be Both Difficulties and Opportunities for Foreign Direct Investment. This study's objective was to investigate how the invasion of Iraq by the United

States influenced foreign direct investment in that country (Hussain, Alabdullah, Ahmed, et al., 2023; Hussain, Alabdullah, & Kanaan Abdulkarim, 2023). It investigated the reasons why foreign direct investment (FDI) flows have decreased, how foreign investors perceive the risks, and what steps should be taken to entice them back into the post-invasion environment (AL-HASHIMY, 2018). The importance of political stability, security, and open regulatory frameworks was emphasised in the study as a means to attract foreign direct investment (FDI) (AL-HASHIMY, 2017). This early analysis laid the groundwork for determining the intricate financial consequences of the invasion of Iraq by the United States in 2003 (Al-HASHIMY & Al-hashimy, 2019). More research is required to determine the specific challenges that the Iraqi economy is up against and to establish workable strategies for the country's long-term economic revitalisation.

Methodology

During the systematic review process, Scopus, a well-known database for the extensive coverage of scholarly literature it provides, was utilised. Its value was demonstrated by the broad coverage of scholarly literature that Scopus provides and its value as a primary reference. It was decided to construct the criteria for selecting publications to include in the systematic review. We were able to cut down on the number of irrelevant things that required careful reading, thanks to establishing these guidelines. Methods There were three steps to the systematic review, which were as follows:

- The first stage, known as "Identifying," involves scanning the Scopus database for relevant papers; precise keywords were chosen as search criteria (HUSSAIN, 2017). These keywords were chosen to facilitate the discovery of the articles that were most pertinent to the subject matter of the study.
- In the second phase, known as the screening phase, articles were disqualified from further examination if they could not fulfil the exclusion level's preset requirements (Arumugam et al., 2015). In addition to that, we removed any duplicate articles from the database.
- Third, the papers that had been read up to this point were checked to see if they qualified for the competition. The final tally did not include any articles that did not satisfactorily meet the requirements that had been set forth. Articles that had previously been judged eligible for further consideration were now able to participate in the analysis phase. The process of performing the systematic review is outlined in the research in the form of a flowchart (Al-Hashimy, Said, et al., 2022). The reader is provided with a visual representation of the study's development and the papers chosen to be included in it (AL-Hashimy, 2019).

In this study, the principal approach of data analysis was known as quantitative content analysis (Al-Hashimy, 2022b). The application of quantitative methodologies was delayed until such time as the listed publications contained an adequate amount of data. However, qualitative research methodologies were utilised in most of the reviewed publications, which is an essential point to bring out. Not only does the approach reflect what will be used in subsequent investigations, but it also reflects the actual procedure utilised in the current investigation (Al-Hashimy, 2022c).

Results

This section will identify and then explain the commonalities found in the results of multiple investigations. The most significant conclusions from the analysed body of research are outlined in the following paragraphs:

1. The invasion of Iraq by the United States led to many economic repercussions. According to the findings of the systematic research, the Gross Domestic Product of Iraq saw a considerable decline after the invasion by the United States. The growth in the unemployment rate has made life even more challenging for the people of Iraq. As a result of the invasion, public service

provision was damaged, and providing the populace with life-sustaining services became more difficult.

2. The second observation that can be made is the United States invasion and its effect on Iraq's oil industry and economic stability. The findings of the study indicate that the invasion of Iraq caused a disruption in oil production and resulted in financial losses for the country. The turmoil in the oil business has had a detrimental effect on the economic security of Iraq as well as the country's potential for long-term progress.

3. The invasion of Iraq has ramifications that can be seen in the social and economic spheres. According to the findings of the meta-analysis, the invasion of Iraq was directly responsible for a significant rise in the level of poverty that existed in the country. The war resulted in a significant deterioration of living conditions due to the destruction of essential infrastructure. The population had difficulty accessing healthcare facilities, educational facilities, and water purifying systems.

Discussion

The significance and applicability of the study's findings are dissected and analysed in the discussion section. The economic repercussions of the United States invasion of Iraq are discussed in the first section of this report. The significant drop in GDP and the sharp ascent in unemployment rates are two indicators that the invasion of Iraq had a devastating effect on the economy. According to the findings of this study, it is of the utmost significance to pursue economic diversification to reduce the degree to which the economy is dependent on oil income and to foster long-term prosperity. In the second part of this two-part discussion, we will focus on the implications for Iraq's economy and the oil industry. The loss of oil money and production demonstrates how vulnerable the Iraqi economy is to the actions of third parties. It is vital to begin the process of rebuilding and stabilising the oil industry in order to begin the process of recovering Iraq's economy. The Economic and Social Implications, as well as the Challenges, Part 3: The increasing rates of poverty and the declining quality of life in Iraq need the implementation of rapid, focused actions to assist the people living in that country. It is vital to repair the country's infrastructure and raise the quality of the public services that are accessible to the citizens for the country to overcome the challenges it is currently facing successfully.

Limitations and Recommendations for Future Studies

In this section, we highlight the limitations of our study and offer some recommendations for additional research, including:

- An investigation of the political and security consequences of the United States invasion of Iraq may lead to the discovery of a more complete picture of the effects of that invasion.
- In order to evaluate how the invasion impacted Iraq's society and economy, research needs to look further back in time than the period immediately following the war.
- Encourage steps to diversify the economy so that it becomes less reliant on revenue from oil and may grow in a way that is not detrimental to the environment.
- It is vital to establish comprehensive social welfare initiatives to eliminate poverty, improve the quality of life, and provide social protection for populations more susceptible to being exploited socially.
- Investing money in the maintenance and reconstruction of essential aspects of the nation's infrastructure would allow for improved delivery of essential public services.

Conclusion

According to the findings of this study, the invasion of Iraq by the United States had significant economic and social impacts. The findings of this study indicate that Iraq has experienced a

considerable decline in GDP along with a corresponding increase in unemployment since the war. The detrimental impact of the invasion on public sector services has made it more difficult to provide essential services to the population. In addition, the money that Iraq lost as a result of the interruption in the oil industry following the war was another factor that hindered the country's capacity to maintain economic improvement and make progress overall. The oil industry's unpredictability draws attention to Iraq's economic precariousness and emphasises the need for immediate action to repair and stabilise this essential sector of the economy. Two social repercussions of the United States invasion of Iraq include the worsening of living conditions and the increase in the percentage of people living in poverty. Because of the destruction of infrastructure caused by the battle, it is now considerably more challenging for the people of Iraq to receive needs such as medical care, education, and clean water.

Based on these findings, a few different recommendations could be made. It is vital to foster economic diversification methods to develop long-term economic growth in Iraq and minimise the country's dependency on oil exports. In order to do this, economic diversification methods must be encouraged. The implementation of comprehensive social welfare policies may result in a number of positive outcomes, including reductions in poverty and increases in social protection as well as improvements in living conditions. It is imperative that monies be set aside to repair and reconstruct the important infrastructure of the nation to improve the delivery of public services and restore the nation's vital infrastructure.

The study contains several shortcomings, all of which should be brought to the reader's attention. In order to mitigate the possibility of bias in subsequent research, it is essential to consider collecting primary data rather than relying solely on secondary sources. If one additionally investigates the political and security components of the invasion of Iraq by the United States, then one will have a greater understanding of the consequences of that invasion. In addition to the period immediately following the invasion, more research should investigate the long-term effects of the invasion on Iraq's economic and social landscape. The findings of the study indicate that the invasion of Iraq by the United States had significant repercussions on both the economy and the social environment. In light of these findings, it is abundantly evident that immediate and concentrated action is required to address Iraq's economic stability, poverty rates, and infrastructure degradation. Research in this area must be continued and increased if there is any hope of Iraq regaining its economic footing, becoming more prosperous, and remaining stable over the long term.

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