

# CLAIM VS. FACT: PRE-WAR ASSERTIONS COMPARED TO DAVID KAY'S REPORT

NUCLEAR WEAPONS	
<p><b>CLAIM:</b> "Evidence indicates that Iraq is reconstituting its nuclear weapons program...Iraq could have a nuclear weapon in less than a year." - President Bush, <a href="#">10/7/02</a></p> <p><b>CLAIM:</b> "[Saddam] is actively pursuing nuclear weapons at this time."- VP Cheney, <a href="#">3/24/02</a></p> <p><b>CLAIM:</b> "We believe Saddam has, in fact, reconstituted nuclear weapons." - VP Cheney, <a href="#">3/16/03</a></p> <p><b>CLAIM:</b> "We do know that [Saddam] is actively pursuing a nuclear weapon."- National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, <a href="#">9/10/02</a></p> <p><b>CLAIM:</b> "Iraqis were actively trying to pursue a nuclear weapons program." - National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, <a href="#">7/11/03</a></p>	<p>"We have not uncovered evidence that Iraq undertook significant post-1998 steps to actually build nuclear weapons or produce fissile material." - Bush Administration Weapons Inspector David Kay, <a href="#">10/2/03</a></p>
MOBILE BIOLOGICAL WEAPONS LAB	
<p><b>CLAIM:</b> "We found the weapons of mass destruction. We found biological laboratories." -President Bush, on locating the mobile biological weapons labs, <a href="#">5/29/03</a></p> <p><b>CLAIM:</b> "We know where the [WMD] are." - Don Rumsfeld, <a href="#">3/30/03</a></p> <p><b>CLAIM:</b> "Iraq has at least seven mobile factories for the production of biological agents - equipment mounted on trucks and rails to evade discovery." -President Bush, <a href="#">2/8/03</a></p> <p><b>CLAIM:</b> "I'm absolutely sure that there are weapons of mass destruction there and the evidence will be forthcoming. We're just getting it now." - Colin Powell, <a href="#">5/4/03</a></p>	<p>"We have not yet been able to corroborate the existence of a mobile biological weapons production effort. Technical limitations would prevent any of these processes from being ideally suited to these trailers." - Bush Administration Weapons Inspector David Kay, <a href="#">10/2/03</a></p>
CHEMICAL AND BIOLOGICAL CAPABILITY	
<p><b>CLAIM:</b> "There can be no doubt that Saddam Hussein has biological weapons and the capability to rapidly produce more, many more...Our conservative estimate is that Iraq today has a stockpile of between 100 and 500 tons of chemical weapons agent. That is enough agent to fill 16,000 battlefield rockets." - Colin Powell, <a href="#">2/5/03</a></p> <p><b>CLAIM:</b> "[Saddam has] amassed large, clandestine stockpiles of biological weapons, including Anthrax, botulism, toxins and possibly smallpox. He's amassed large, clandestine stockpiles of chemical weapons, including VX, Sarin and mustard gas." --Don Rumsfeld, <a href="#">9/19/02</a></p> <p><b>CLAIM:</b> "Simply stated, there is no doubt that Saddam Hussein now has weapons of mass destruction. There is no doubt that he is amassing them to use against our friends, against our allies, and against us." -Vice President Cheney, <a href="#">8/26/02</a></p> <p><b>CLAIM:</b> "The Iraqi regime possesses biological and chemical weapons...And according to the British government, the Iraqi regime could launch a biological or chemical attack in as little as 45 minutes." -President Bush, <a href="#">9/26/02</a></p> <p><b>CLAIM:</b> "Our intelligence officials estimate that Saddam Hussein had the materials to produce as much as 500 tons of sarin, mustard and VX nerve agent." -President Bush, <a href="#">1/28/03</a></p> <p><b>CLAIM:</b> "His regime has large, unaccounted-for stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons -- including VX, sarin, cyclosarin and mustard gas; anthrax, botulism, and possibly smallpox -- and he has an active program to acquire and develop nuclear weapons." - Don Rumsfeld, <a href="#">1/20/03</a></p>	<p>"Iraq did not have a large, ongoing, centrally controlled chemical weapons program after 1991... Iraq's large-scale capability to develop, produce, and fill new CW munitions was reduced - if not entirely destroyed - during Operations Desert Storm and Desert Fox, 13 years of UN sanctions and UN inspections." - Bush Administration Weapons Inspector David Kay, <a href="#">10/2/03</a></p>