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Title: "The New Iraqi Kleptocracy"

Abstract:

I will describe the way a new, Post-Saddam kleptocracy has emerged in
Iraq: the ways in which it has developed and gained control over mechanisms for accumulating wealth during the course of the occupation, the ways in which members of the new kleptocracy (which is by no means united) deal with attempts to curtain their impunity, and the role of the occupying authorities in fostering the new kleptocracy. We will describe in some detail the activities of leading Iraqi political figures, and explore what this says about the scope and limits of American involvement in Iraq.