

William Eldridge Odom

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To say that you now trust the Russian military command and control system because some Russian general told you from the bottom of his heart that's the case, strikes me as most unrealistic.

~William Eldridge Odom

I have never belonged to a party. I don't have party affiliation.

~William Eldridge Odom

I remember serving in Vietnam in that war, and many of us at the major Lieutenant Colonel, colonel level were frustrated that no one in the U.S. wanted to debate it that way.

~William Eldridge Odom

So the idea that you could put Kurds, Shiite Arabs, and Sunni Arabs in a nice, liberal, federal system in Iraq in a short amount of time, six months or a year, boggles the mind.

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In World War II in Germany, we had a ration for one U.S. soldier, or one allied soldier for every twenty inhabitants. The ratio in Iraq is about one for a hundred and sixty.

~William Eldridge Odom

Acts of terror have never brought down liberal democracies. Acts of parliament have closed a few.

~William Eldridge Odom

Firing off 1,000 or 500 or 2,000 nuclear warheads on a few minutes' consideration has always struck me as an absurd way to go to war.

~William Eldridge Odom

Military officers from different countries, when they meet each other, tend to sort of fall in love, become mutual admiration societies, at the expense of realities.

~William Eldridge Odom

The whole notion of land property rights in the Arab world is different from that in Europe.

~William Eldridge Odom

Second, recent polls over there show that the majority of Iraqis want us to leave precipitously.

~William Eldridge Odom

I will make a general statement that we have not had anything like the policy of holding people in high office responsible for their acts that I think we should.

~William Eldridge Odom

Once we destroyed the Saddam regime, we knew there was going to be a civil war.

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In reality, I don't think that many of the policies we've attempted to apply to deal with it are going to have any serious effect.

~William Eldridge Odom

The presidents I served under don't have anything to do with my politics.

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