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**David Boaz**, Executive VP, Cato Institute:

I would ask two questions:

In the thick of the primaries, you declared, "I opposed this war in 2002. I will bring this war to an end in 2009. It is time to bring our troops home." Now you say you will take 18 months to withdraw some troops, and you will leave 50,000 troops in Iraq after that. What didn't you know when you promised voters that you would bring this war to an end and bring the troops home?

In the third presidential debate, when the whole world was watching, you declared, "We've been living beyond our means and we're going to have to make some adjustments. Now, what I've done throughout this campaign is to propose a net spending cut." What ever happened to that net spending cut?

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