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### [Republican Congressmen: Most Of Us Now Think Iraq War Was A Mistake](#)

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An interesting exchange between occurred today between Congressman Tom McClintock and Congressman Dana Rohrbacher during the Cato Institute's forum [Escalate or Withdraw? Conservatives and the War in Afghanistan](#):

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Rohrbacher: "I will say that the decision to go in, in retrospect, **almost all of us think that was a horrible mistake**. ...Now that we know that it cost a trillion dollars, and all of these years, and all of these lives, and all of this blood... all I can say is **everyone I know thinks it was a mistake to go in now**."

McClintock: "I think **everyone [in Congress] would agree that Iraq was a mistake**."

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