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The Long War: Consequences and Cost

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William R. Polk is a veteran foreign policy consultant, author, and former professor of history and politics. He has taught at both Harvard University and the University of Chicago where, in 1965, he established the Center for Middle Eastern Studies. Polk's numerous books on history and foreign policy include *Out of Iraq: A Practical Plan for Withdrawal Now* (coauthored by George McGovern) and *Violent Politics: A History of Insurgency, Terrorism, and Guerrilla War, from the American Revolution to Iraq*.

In this lecture, Polk will examine the assumptions and perceptions underlying the Bush administration's "war on terror" and analyze the United States' military involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan with reference to the record of counterinsurgency warfare in the 20th century.

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