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**Playing Politics With The Military**

by Michael in New York on [8/17/2004 10:00:00 AM](#)

Here's a damning NYT editorial about the **reshuffling of our military**. They argue that most of the moves (pulling troops out of Germany and South Korea) weaken our alliances, will cost us money (Germany apparently shoulders much of the cost of those troops), and gives up freely something the North Koreans dearly wanted and might have made concessions to achieve. In short, they argue that the main purpose of the reshuffling was not to realign the military for new realities but to punish allies who disagreed with us on Iraq.



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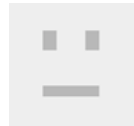


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