

Secretary Powell, Why the Double Standard?

If America can fight terrorists in Afghanistan for seven months, why are you telling Israel to stop after seven days? Let Israel defend itself.

Colin Powell's advice on how Israel should defend itself:

"Israel should withdraw its soldiers without delay, meaning now."

--Powell, quoted in the New York Times, April 8, 2002



Colin Powell's advice on how America should defend itself:

"'The biggest s.o.b. on the block' rule. America should enter fights with every bit of force available or not at all."

--Powell, quoted in Time, April 19, 2001

"Go in full force from the beginning rather than escalate yourself into a quagmire. Or don't go in at all."

--Powell, quoted in Slate Magazine, March 27, 1999

"Overwhelming U.S. force assures success at minimum risk to Americans in uniform."

--Powell, quoted in the Boston Globe, Jan. 19, 2001

In the Gulf War of 1991, Powell led a force of 540,000 U.S. troops -including 4,000 tanks, 1800 planes, and 1700 helicopters- against Iraq. Powell brought in nearly 100,000 additional troops from America's allies to join the fighting.

Regarding the U.S. invasion of Panama, Powell said in his autobiography "Use all the force necessary and do not apologize for going in big if that's what it takes."

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