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With Iraq in the throes of sweeping political change, this book examines and analyzes the political system of Iraq that has emerged following the American led invasion and occupation of Iraq in 2003. For that study the authors used the power sharing “consociational” model of democracy which emphasizes the role of the Iraqi political elites. The study identifies the factors that are conducive to cooperative behaviors of Iraqi elites, it also highlights the fact that the behavior of Iraqi elites has been confrontational leading to the type of political instability Iraq is currently experiencing. However, during this period the country has achieved some kind of power sharing arrangement and moderate economic development. This has been possible due to external factors, such as the presence of US and UK forces which has made unilateral decisions and passed laws that domestic political elites have not been able to agree upon. This has enabled the country to function rather smoothly in the post-Saddam Iraq.

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