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Dear Editor,

Michael Moore's new film Fahrenheit 9/11 didn't tell me a whole lot that I didn't know already about the Bush administration. But it did finally explain one puzzling fact about the invasion that had never made much sense to me. I knew that it has been shown, by several respected economists, that invading Iraq merely to gain control of the oil profits is not sensible economic policy for the US. That is, the costs of invading and occupying a country far out weigh the value of the natural resources gained. Therefore the invasion of Iraq can not be explained as economically rational for the United States.

However, as Moore showed from the interconnection of multi-national oil, defense and energy interests and their revolving CEOs and politicians in making US foreign policy, the fact that the U.S. taxpayer is footing the cost (in dollars and in lives), while a few well connected corporations obtain almost all the economic benefit, means that the invasion makes perfect economic sense- if (and only if) you are one of Bush's "have-mores". Taxpayers pay and soldiers die, for Bermuda based multi-national corporate profits. And these "have-mores" have the nerve to call themselves patriots? They are simply greedy, selfish, robber barons.

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