

Discussion 6: Resource Nationalism and Market Power (II)

Iraq!

Possible Future Outlook for the Country

- Three ethnic groups
 - Sunni
 - Located in Center of country
 - Oil isn't being produced
 - Want centralized oil regime that will divide up revenues by population, not location
 - Out-bidding
 - Under certain circumstances, more radical leaders have more clout than moderates and can de-legitimize the moderate position
 - Shi'a
 - Located in the south
 - Have lots of oil
 - Want decentralized oil system
 - SCIRI – Supreme Council for Iraqi Revolution in Iraq
 - Internal division
 - M. Sadr
 - Kurds
 - Located in north
 - Have lots of oil
 - Wants decentralized oil system
- Iraq Oil Law
 - Pros
 - Investment
 - Gives a shared stake
 - Tries to give every group a little of what they want
 - Cons
 - Census
 - Hard to do and politically touchy
 - Autonomy

See section 2 for Iran