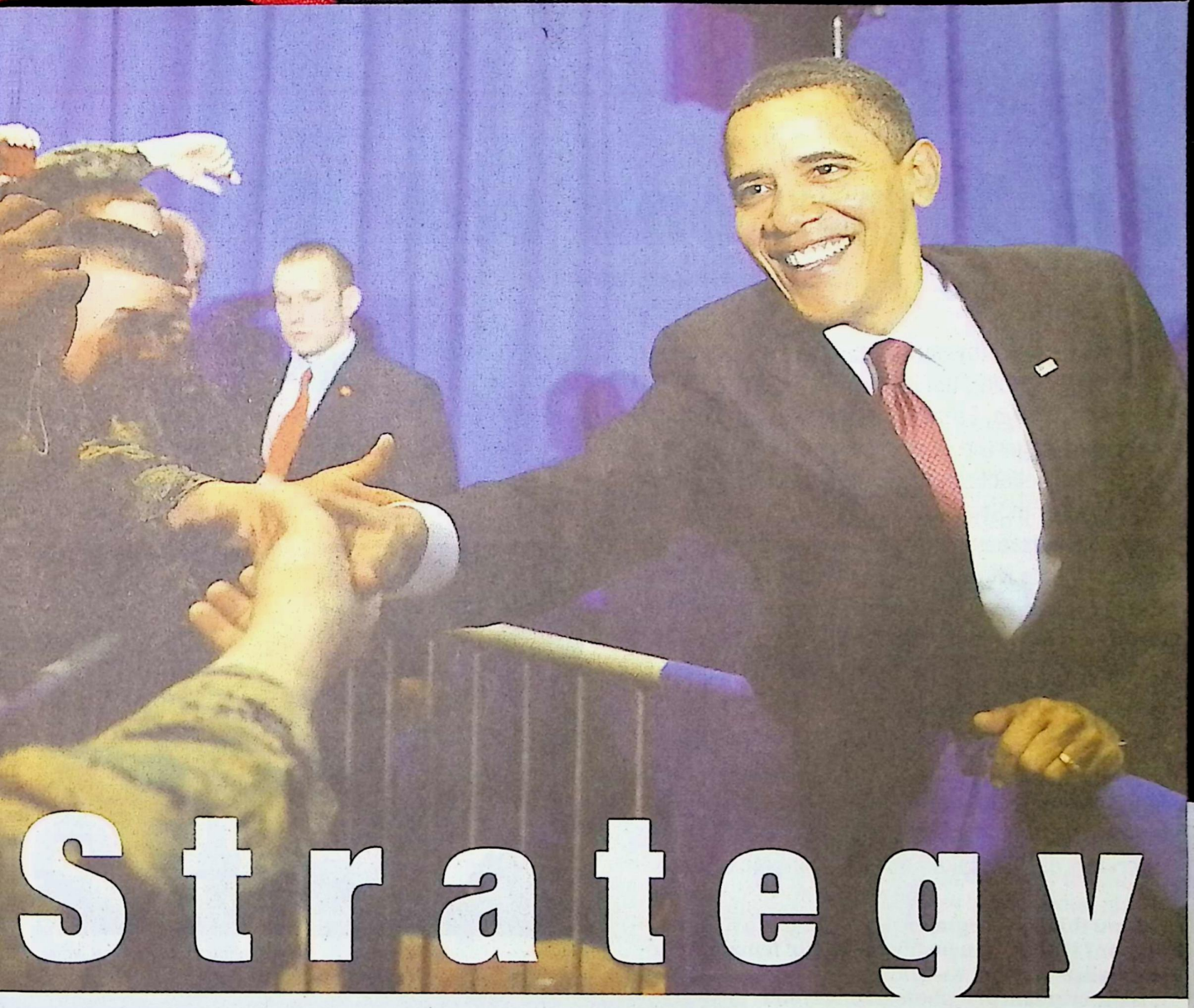


Strategy

new strategy also involves taking soldiers out of Iraq and sending them into the volatile region between the two nations. This could prove to be disastrous, after the surge essentially worked in Iraq there is no real reason to believe such a surge would work in Afghanistan. The situation and terrain are entirely different and by bringing more forces into the region, there is also the very real possibility of American troops conducting ground missions within the borders of Pakistan. That could potentially destabilise the entire region and would greatly question Pakistan's sovereignty.

But for Obama, the increase of troops in Afghanistan and battling the war on terror in South Asia is America's moral prerogative. He feels it must be done, much like Bust felt they 'must' go into Iraq. After claiming a new direction for America's foreign policy, he seems to be mired in the Bush way of waging wars. Bush felt the war in Iraq was moral and necessary, the reasons altered from weapons of mass destruction to regime change but at the end of the day he felt America was living up to its moral stance of freeing those under oppression. Obama has not gone so far, but seemingly he speaks from a moral high ground that allows his to say what ideals America, its foreign policy and its Army should follow. If he is the man of reason that many view him to be, then he should re-evaluate the situation in Afghanistan and Pakistan and think long and hard over the possible repercussions such a war would have on the region. America's sense of morality has crippled Iraq and sent the region into a tail-spin; they have created more enemies than friends and six years later only the most optimistic person would say that they actually 'won' the war. Obama's new morality, which seeks to end the war on terror by chasing down militants right into Pakistan, could have the same results.

The exit from Iraq could well herald the entrance into another bloody war, the added casualty being Pakistan. But who truly cares in America, as long as they are out of Iraq they can justify Afghanistan as the real war, the one to catch those terrorists who committed 9/11. Not even Barack Obama can argue with that.