This powerful and fascinating lecture includes poignant and touching visuals from the speaker’s experience in war-torn Iraq as a citizen of the country and a war journalist. His various capacities as a journalist, a civilian, an activist and a family man have given him a unique perspective about the war, as he examines the losses of both nations involved. His presentation takes the audience into a journey through every-day-life in a war zone while highlighting the suffering, challenges, bonds, ironies and human behavior of both the Iraqi civilians and US soldiers caught in the conflict.

**Humanizing War: The Experiences of Soldiers and Civilians During Conflict**

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Haider was born under the rule of Saddam Hussein. As a journalist, he witnessed several conflicts throughout the Middle East & North Africa region. In 2003, he joined the mainstream media as a war journalist. During his coverage of the US “War on Terror,” Haider spent two years embedded with U.S. military units covering combat operations. As a freelance journalist, he also spent time covering the perspective of armed resistance in the Middle East to learn more about their mindsets, goals and the reality of who they are. As a result, Haider has witnessed the war from the perspectives of soldiers, civilians, rebel fighters, and journalists.