

The Iraq Quagmire

Key facts from the study by the Institute for Policy Studies and Foreign Policy In Focus

U.S. military killed in Iraq: **3,978**

Number of U.S. troops wounded in combat since the war began: **29,203**

Iraqi Security Force deaths: **7,924**

Iraqi civilians killed: **Estimates range from 81,632-1,120,000**

Internally displaced refugees in Iraq: **3.4 million**

Iraqi refugees living abroad: **2.2-2.4 million**

Iraqi refugees admitted to the U.S.: **3,222**

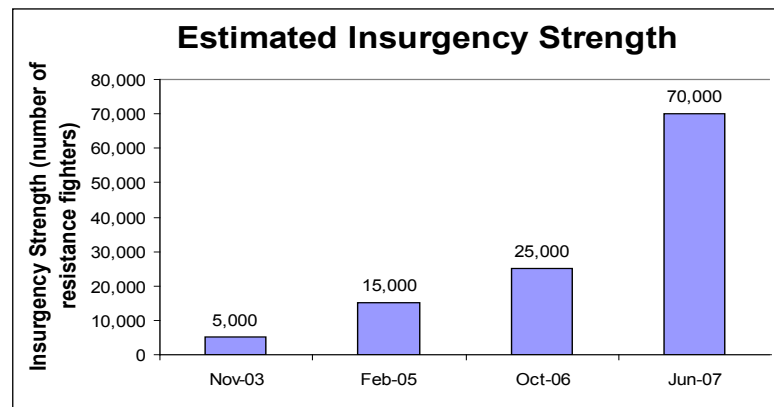
Number of U.S. soldiers in Iraq: **155,000**

Number of "Coalition of the Willing" soldiers in Iraq:

February 2008: **9,895**

September 2006: **18,000**

November 2004: **25,595**



Army soldiers in Iraq who have served two or more tours: **74%**

Number of Private Military Contractors in Iraq: **180,000**

Number of Private Military Contractors criminally prosecuted by the U.S. government for violence or abuse in Iraq: **1**

Number of contract workers killed: **917**

What the Iraq war has created, according to the U.S. National Intelligence Council: **“a training and recruitment ground (for terrorists), and an opportunity for terrorists to enhance their technical skills.”**

Effect on al Qaeda of the Iraq War, according to International Institute for Strategic Studies: **“Accelerated recruitment”**

Sources: Casualty Figures: ORB Poll; Iraqi Death Toll: Department of Defense, National Priorities Project, Iraq Body Count; Spending Figures: CRS Report, Costofwar.com, Foreign Policy in Focus, “Unified Security Budget,” Bilmes and Stiglitz, “The Three Trillion Dollar War,” Effects Figures: Brookings Iraq Index, State Department Iraq Weekly Status Report, Institute for Policy Studies, “The Iraq Quagmire,” ABC, CBS, CNN, USA Today, Washington Post.

The Iraq Quagmire: The Mounting Costs of the Iraq War

The bill so far: **\$526 billion**

Cost per day: **\$275 million**

Cost per household: **\$4,100**

The estimated long-term bill: **\$3 trillion**

What **\$526 billion** could have paid for in the U.S. in one year:

Children with health care: **223 million** or

Scholarships for university students: **86 million** or

Head Start places for children: **72 million**

Cost of **22** days in Iraq could safeguard our nation's ports from attack for **ten years**.

Cost of **18** hours in Iraq could secure U.S. chemical plants for **five years**.

Unemployment level: **25-40%**

*U.S. unemployment during the Great Depression: **25%**

70% of the Iraqi population is without access to clean water.

80% is without sanitation.

90% of Iraq's 180 hospitals lack basic medical and surgical supplies.

79% of Iraqis oppose the presence of Coalition Forces.

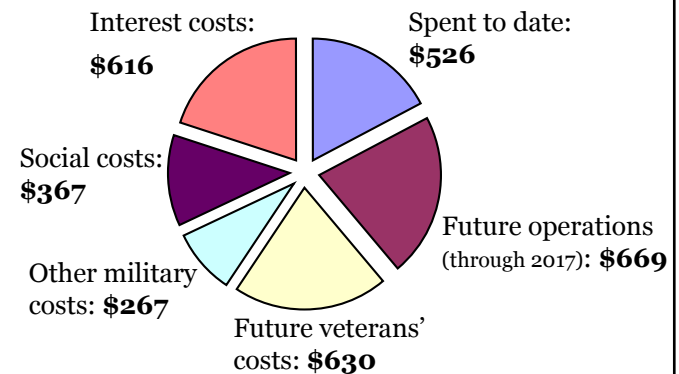
78% of Iraqis believe things are going badly in Iraq overall.

64% of Americans oppose the war in Iraq.

What the "Declaration of Principles" has set according to Defense Secretary Robert Gates:

"a mutually agreed arrangement whereby we have a long and enduring presence."

Estimated Long Term Cost of War: **\$3 trillion**



Future operations: through 2017
 Future veterans' costs: medical disability, Social Security
 Other military costs: equipment replacement, demobilization
 Social costs: statistical value of death, injury, medical costs
 Interest costs: interest paid to date, future interest on current debt, interest on future borrowing

Figures in billions. Source: Stiglitz and Bilmes

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