The Iraq Quagmire

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

U.S. military killed in Iraq: **2,238**
Number of U.S. troops wounded in combat since the war began: **16,548**
Iraqi police and military deaths: **4,056**
Iraqi civilians killed: **Estimates range from 28,224 - 100,000**

Number of resistance fighters in Iraq:
- November 2003 estimate: **5,000 fighters**
- October 2005 estimate: **15,000 - 20,000 fighters**

Number of attacks by Iraqi resistance:
- 2004: **27,000**
- 2005: **34,100**

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”

Number of U.S. soldiers in Iraq: **138,000**
Number of “Coalition of the Willing” soldiers in Iraq: **23,000**
Number of Private Military Contractors in Iraq: **50,000 - 100,000**

Number of troops who have served two or more tours in Iraq: **341,000** (1/3rd of total)

Number of U.S. soldiers in Iraq who are Guard members or Reservists: **4 out of 10**
Average time of mobilization for National Guard: **460 days**
Status of Army National Guard Recruitment: **20 percent short of yearly goal**
Percentage of reserve troops who earn lower salaries while on deployment: **30-40%**

Defense CEO & Private Contractor Pay

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The Iraq Quagmire: The Mounting Costs of the Iraq War


The bill so far: $251 billion
The estimated long-term bill: $1.3 trillion

What $251 billion could have paid for in the U.S. for one year:
  Affordable housing units: 2.3 million or
  Scholarships for university students: 48.7 million or
  Head Start slots for a year: 33 million

What $251 billion could have paid for around the globe for three years:
  Full funding for global anti-hunger efforts for and
  Full funding of world-wide AIDS programs for and
  Full funding for every child in the world for basic immunizations

Estimated cost of war to date to every U.S. citizen: $894
  Average monthly cost of the Vietnam War, adjusted for inflation: $5.1 billion
  Average monthly cost of the Iraq War: $5.6 billion
Amount that military contractor Halliburton has been awarded in contracts: $10.8 billion
Amount of “questionable” and “unsupported” Halliburton expenditures found by Senate investigators: $1.4 billion
Increase in Halliburton stock value since March 2003: 375%

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