

Iraq – cost by the numbers

The cost of the Iraq war to U.S. taxpayers could reach \$1.9 trillion – up to 30 times more than pre-war projections. A new study includes such costs as lifetime disability and healthcare for troops injured in the conflict as well as the impact on the economy if the U.S. stays in Iraq until 2010



2002 – THE BUSH ADMINISTRATION PLAN

White House rejects advice that war in Iraq could cost as much as \$200 billion. **Bush team predicts war will cost closer to \$60 billion, and that cost will be paid from revenue generated by Iraq's plentiful oil resources**

2005 – CASH APPROVED BY CONGRESS

Military operations in Iraq to December 2005	\$251bn
Military operations in Afghanistan	\$82bn
Related costs including reconstruction, embassy safety, base security	\$24bn
Spent to date	\$357bn
2006-2010 (<i>Congressional Budget Office est.</i>)	\$266bn
TOTAL	\$623bn

OIL PRICE RISES

Increase since invasion	\$25 a barrel
Portion attributed directly to war	20%
Increased cost to U.S. to date	\$25bn

DEFENCE SPENDING

Total increase in defence budget since 2002	\$325bn
Cost of replacing worn out military hardware	\$25bn

2002-2010 – LONG TERM COSTS

Direct cost of war: Defence spending as a result of war, fatalities, veterans' health and disability payments, and demobilization costs **\$839bn-\$1,104bn**

Macro-economic costs: Includes higher oil prices, budget deficit, and Homeland Security costs; plus switching expenditure from growth to war **\$187bn-\$750bn**

CASUALTIES TO DATE

U.S. deaths **2,200-plus**

Wounded **16,000**

Suffering serious brain, spinal injuries or amputation **7,000**

U.S. civilian contractors killed **100**

Value of U.S. soldiers killed to date ("Value Statistical Life" of \$6.1m/person calculated by Environmental Protection Agency) **\$13.4bn**

Cost of lifetime care for each injured person **Up to \$5m**

Cost of injuries to date **\$18.2bn**

Cost of serious injuries over next 20 years (*based on VSL*) **\$70-\$110bn**

Disability pay for veterans for 20-year period **\$46bn**

COST OF RESERVES

Many National Guard and Reserve members normally work in critical "**first responder**" jobs – fire-fighters, police, emergency medical personnel – in their local communities

Reserve forces in Iraq and Afghanistan **210,000**

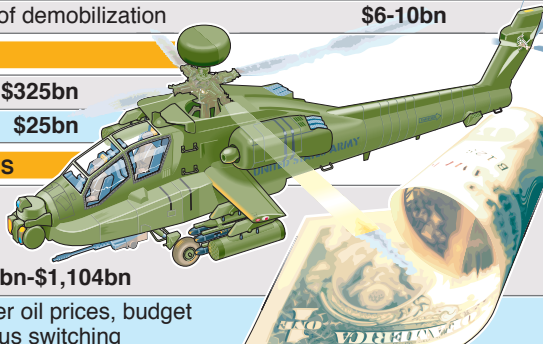
Cost to date of replacing first responders **\$3.9bn**

COST OF DEMOBILIZATION

U.S. troops in Iraq **153,000**

U.S. troops in Afghanistan **19,000**

Cost of demobilization **\$6-10bn**



TOTAL **\$1,026bn-\$1,854bn**