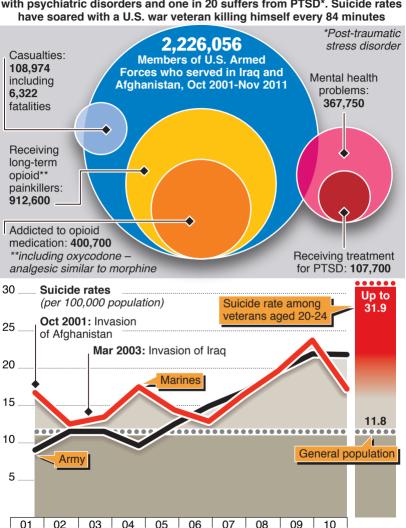# America's psychological war casualties

One in six veterans from the Iraq and Afghan wars has been diagnosed with psychiatric disorders and one in 20 suffers from PTSD*. Suicide rates have soared with a U.S. war veteran killing himself every 84 minutes

*Post-traumatic stress disorder

2,226,056
Members of U.S. Armed Forces who served in Iraq and Afghanistan, Oct 2001-Nov 2011

Casualties: **108,974** including **6,322** fatalities

Receiving long-term opioid** painkillers: **912,600**

Addicted to opioid medication: **400,700**
**including oxycodone – analgesic similar to morphine

Mental health problems: **367,750**

Receiving treatment for PTSD: **107,700**

Suicide rates
(per 100,000 population)

Oct 2001: Invasion of Afghanistan

Mar 2003: Invasion of Iraq

Suicide rate among veterans aged 20-24

Up to **31.9**

Marines

Army

11.8

General population

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