

# Paying the Price: Death Toll Climbs and Costs Skyrocket



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## Iraq Death Toll

**931** U.S. soldiers dead

**1,055** Coalition troops dead (including U.S.)

**5,976** U.S. troops wounded

**11,487–13,458** Iraqi civilians dead

**40,000** Iraqis wounded

**4,895–6,370** Iraqi soldiers dead during major combat



These numbers are as of Aug. 9, 2004.

Sources: icasualties.org, iraqbodycount.org, MedAct report of Nov. 11, 2003, Carl Conetta, "The Wages of War."

## Health and Morale of U.S. Troops

**52%** Percentage of U.S. soldiers in Iraq reporting low morale

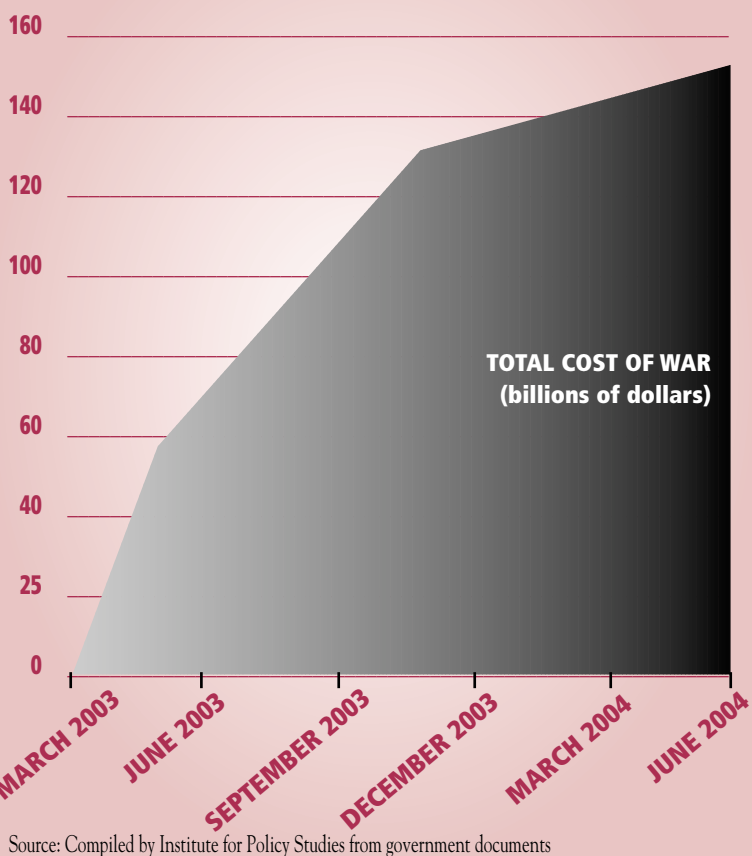
**28%** Percentage of army soldiers who suffer from depression, anxiety, or post-traumatic stress disorder

**64%** Percentage of wounded unable to return to duty

**50%** Percentage of soldiers who said they would not re-enlist

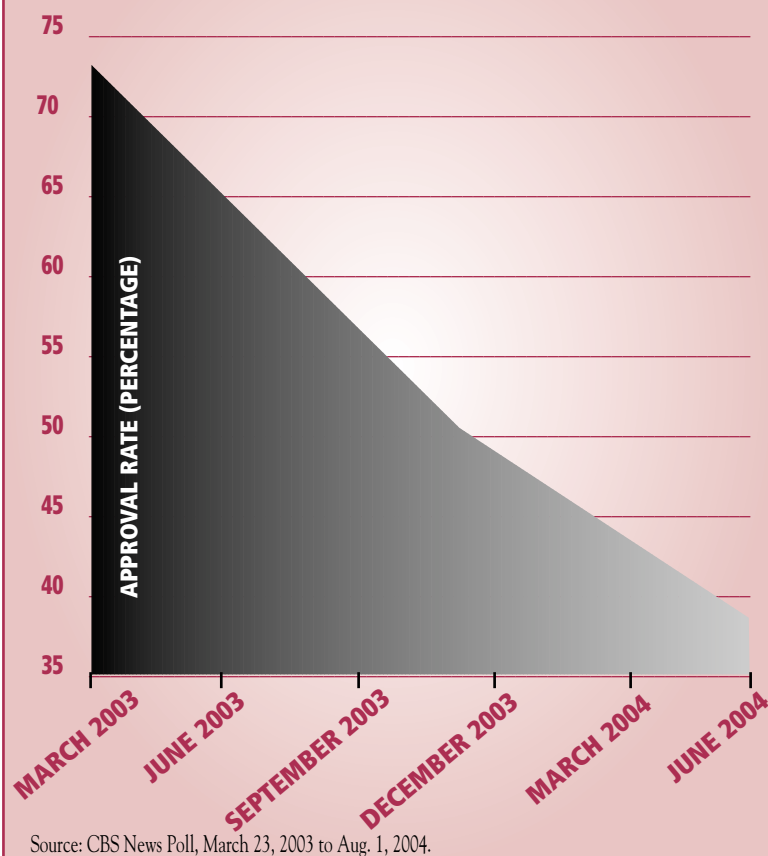
Sources: Washington Post, U.S. Army survey, Dept. of Defense, Los Angeles Times, New England Journal of Medicine

## Cost of War



Source: Compiled by Institute for Policy Studies from government documents

## Bush Approval Rating



Source: CBS News Poll, March 23, 2003 to Aug. 1, 2004.

## Alternatives to War Spending

Estimated cost of war thus far: **\$151 billion**

Estimated cost of war to every U.S. household by 2005: **\$3,415**

**WHAT \$151 BILLION COULD HAVE PAID FOR IN THE U.S.:**

- Housing vouchers: **23 million**
- Health care for uninsured Americans for one year: **27 million**
- Years of salary for elementary school teachers: **3 million**
- Head Start slots for a year: **20 million**

**\$151 BILLION COULD ALSO PAY FOR 2 YEARS WORTH OF:**

- Food for half the hungry people in the world **AND**
- A comprehensive global AIDS treatment and prevention program **AND**
- Clean water and sanitation throughout the developing world **AND**
- Childhood immunizations for all children in the developing world

Sources: See [www.war-times.org](http://www.war-times.org) for documentation.

\* For full documentation of all of these charts, see "Paying the Price" at [www.war-times.org](http://www.war-times.org). This page is based on the new study, "Paying the Price: The Mounting Costs of War," by Phyllis Bennis and the Institute for Policy Studies Task Force, [www.ips-dc.org/iraq/costsofwar](http://www.ips-dc.org/iraq/costsofwar).