

**War without end?
Another way is possible!**



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WHAT HAS BEEN THE COST OF THE IRAQ WAR?

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The Cost of the Iraq War

Statistics in this pamphlet have been taken from the National Priorities Project, www.nationalpriorities.org

- More than **\$747.3 billion** U.S. tax dollars have been spent with billions more to follow.
- Assuming Congressional Budget Office troop projections through 2016, the cost of the Wars could reach more than **\$2 trillion combined**.
- Over \$24 billion is the cost to the taxpayers of Ohio thus far.
- \$1.2 billion is the cost of the taxpayers of the 1st (Driehaus) Congressional District.
- \$1.5 billion is the cost of the taxpayers of the 2nd (Schmidt) Congressional Districts.

If total money of Iraq and Afghanistan Wars were spent locally, the following could have been provided:

District 1 (Driehaus)

~ 656,111 people with health care or 1,113,177 children with health care
 ~ 29,500 elementary school teachers or 213,582 university scholarships

District 2 (Schmidt)

~ 821,390 people with health care or 1,113,177 children with health
 ~ 24,500 elementary school teachers or 267,384 university scholarships

Human Costs of the War
• 5378 U.S. soldiers dead
• More than 31,693 U.S. soldiers wounded
• Over 1 million Iraqis dead
• 1.8 million Iraqis displaced within Iraq
• 2.2 million Iraqi refugees in other countries

Population	
Cincinnati	333,336
Dayton	166,179
Covington	45,000
Total	544,515

Every day the war continues, more lives are lost, more dollars wasted

Effects of War on Women:

Decades of conflict in Iraq have left an estimated 1 to 3 Million women-headed households. Thousands of families have been torn apart because a husband and father has been killed, is still missing or detained. For women left alone to care for their families, the trauma of the loss is manifold. There is the harrowing memory of the circumstance of the death of their husband. There is the loss of a home that they had to leave because of threats or lack of money. There is the daily struggle to put food on the table and pay for the doctor or schooling, because the breadwinner of the family is gone.

Source: Internat'l Committee of the Red Cross, March, 2009

More dollars:

Congress has appropriated another \$84.8 billion for wars in Iraq and Afghanistan for 2010. The military budget is already higher than at any point since World War II.

Permanent scars:

More than one million U.S. troops have now served in Iraq. Nearly one in four (25%) of returning veterans suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). The human and financial costs of this unnecessary war will haunt future generations to come.

Join with other U.S. citizens to demand that Congress and the President

**END THE IRAQ WAR! BRING THE TROOPS HOME!
 FULLY FUND VETERAN SERVICES!
 FUND THE RECONSTRUCTION OF IRAQ!**

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