

The Longest War in U.S. History

Another way is possible!

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



End the War in Afghanistan!
Bring home the troops!
Fully fund veteran services!
Fund the reconstruction of Afghanistan!

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THE COST OF WAR

9/11/01 to 10/17/11

**WAR IS NOT
THE ANSWER!**

**STAND FOR
PEACE**



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Financial Cost of the Wars in Afghanistan & Iraq

- More than \$1.2 trillion with billions to follow;
- The cost could reach over \$2 trillion;
- Ohioans have paid over \$42 billion thus far.

*Unless otherwise noted, the statistics in this pamphlet are as of **October 17, 2011** and have been taken from: nationalpriorities.org, defense.gov, apa.org, fas.org & costofwar.com. Photos courtesy ThinkStock.com and Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati.*

Human Cost of the Wars for U.S. Military Personnel



Operation Iraqi Freedom
(3/19/03-8/31/11):
4,408 dead/31,921 wounded

Operation New Dawn
(Iraq 9/1/10-Now):
60 dead/288 wounded

Operation Enduring Freedom
(Afghanistan, 9/11/01-Now):
1,797 dead/14,455 wounded

TOTAL:
6,265 dead/46,664 wounded

Suicides by active duty military are on the rise from 381 in 2009, to 434 in 2010. One in five returning soldiers suffers from Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) or depression.

Human Cost of the Wars for Civilians

Civilian Deaths:

864,531 Iraq
8,813 Afgh.

873,344 TOTAL



Civilian Wounded:

1,556,156 Iraq
15,863 Afgh.

1,572,019 TOTAL

The Effects of War on Women

Women and children are often the ones most affected by war. Before the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, many women were illiterate, had little access to education and faced physical, psychological and sexual abuse. The following are positive indicators for the future. Slow change is coming:

In Afghanistan...

- The government has enacted the Law on Elimination of Violence Against Women (EVAW).
- Afghan women have steadily occupied an increasing number of public leadership positions.



In Iraq...

- The University of Baghdad graduates women engineers, scientists and doctors.
- Assistance centers and outreach services have been developed to reach women to enable them to deal with pressing health, legal and social issues.

Source: UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs-Women for Women International

The Cost of Reconstruction

The Provincial Reconstruction Team (PRT) and the Afghanistan Investment and Reconstruction Task Force (AIRTF) are hard at work rebuilding that country while the Army Corp of Engineers is hard at work rebuilding Iraq.



The U.S. has invested over \$53 billion to rebuild **Iraq** and over \$32 billion to reconstruct **Afghanistan**. Unfortunately, corruption has influenced the impact the money could have had. But coalition forces have still managed to build roads, schools, hospitals, clinics, bridges, farms, prisons, government buildings, water treatment systems, police stations and airfields.

Source: USA Today