

# Is this “Mission Accomplished”?

## The Cost of War on Iraq

Over 2500 U.S. soldiers have died as of June 2006 in this illegal invasion and immoral occupation. In 2004, Johns Hopkins University reported the deaths of over 100,000 Iraqi citizens. 100,000 dead in a country of 27 million, as in Iraq, is the equivalent of killing the total populations of Baltimore and Buffalo.

In terms of the human toll this war on Iraq has taken, this is just the tip of the iceberg. The Bush administration says it supports our soldiers, but **Did You Know:**

- Many families have had to buy body armor for their children deployed to Iraq.
- VA hospitals are rapidly closing; VA benefits are being slashed by nearly 25 billion dollars over the next ten years.
- Under the No Child Left Behind bill, funding is denied to administrators who refuse to admit recruiters into the schools. The military seduces our youth with promises of high tech job training. Yet Dick Cheney stated “The reason to have a military is to be prepared to fight and win wars. **It is not a jobs program.**”
- The official number of casualties reported do not include those who die in hospitals after combat, from suicides and other non-combat causes.
- According to official government sources, the number of U.S. soldiers wounded is estimated to be at least 20,000.
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), according to the U.S. Dept. of Veteran Affairs, has doubled since the year 2000, numbering 260,000 reported cases.
- Economically, the cost of war per household per year is \$2819. Every day the occupation of Iraq is costing us \$244 million or \$10.18 million per hour.
- Department of Defense has been using its peacetime funds to support the destruction and occupation of Iraq.
- The abandonment by this administration of social service programs such as Medicare, housing and Social Security has left the people of the U.S. unprotected and at risk. Companies including Halliburton and Kellogg Brown and Root have been awarded massive no-bid government contracts to both demolish and “rebuild” Iraq and Katrina-devastated New Orleans. Rep. Richard Baker, a 10-term Republican from Louisiana said, “We finally cleaned up public housing in New Orleans. We couldn’t, but God did.”

### Did you know?

Every day for the last four years people have been arbitrarily arrested, detained without charges or legal representation, and tortured in violation of all human rights conventions.

**Is this the United States you want for your children and grandchildren? DO NOT REMAIN SILENT!**

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