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The War in Iraq

(statistics as of 3/17/2007, unless otherwise noted)

4 YEARS: duration of the war in Iraq.

\$536 BILLION: minimum cost in taxpayer dollars of ongoing healthcare that injured U.S. service men and women would require after returning from Iraq, as estimated by Linda Blime of Harvard and noble laureate economist Joseph Stiglitz of Columbia University (The New Statesman).

\$2 TRILLION: conclusion of the same study that the Iraq war could top this amount, only slightly less than the Gross Domestic Product of France in 2005, which is the sixth largest economy in the world (World Bank).

\$410 BILLION: cost of the war so far, not including costs of the surge and the upcoming supplemental, and climbing daily (National Priorities Project).

\$2 BILLION: cost per week of the war as stated by a September 2006 congressional analysis.

2 WEEKS: number of weeks needed for the cost of the war to exceed the entire yearly operating budget of the United Nations.

3219: total US troop deaths (DOD).

3079: total US deaths since Bush's "Mission Accomplished" speech on the deck of the USS Abraham Lincoln on 3/1/03 (antiwar.com).

152,000: number of US troops in Iraq, pre-surge (boston.com).

146: number of soldiers from New York killed in Iraq (Iraq Coalition Casualty Count).

\$37 BILLION: cost of the war so far on the state of New York (National Priorities Project).

24,042: official number of US wounded (Iraq Coalition Casualty Count).

654,965: estimated war-related Iraqi civilian deaths (Lancet Survey 10/2006).

\$727: cost per US citizen of the Iraq war so far, making it the most expensive war in the past 60 years (Institute for Policy Studies).

51: percent of Iraqis who feel that violence against US forces is acceptable, up from 17% who felt that way in 2004 (MSNBC).

18: percent of Iraqis who have confidence in US and coalition troops (MSNBC).

4 MILLION: number of total Iraqi refugees in Syria, Jordan and within Iraq (UN).

35: percent of returning troops who sought out mental health care in 2006 in the first year alone (CBS News 3/1/07).

90: percent of US National Guard units rated as "not ready" due to equipment shortfalls (washingtonpost.com).

98: percentage of troops seeking help for emotional distress sent back to their units (USA Today 1/16/2007)