

The Costs of War: Oregon

Facts and Figures on the Mounting Costs of the Iraq War

“We’re not leaving [Iraq] so long as I’m the president. That would be a huge mistake.”

—President Bush, August 21, 2006

The Casualties

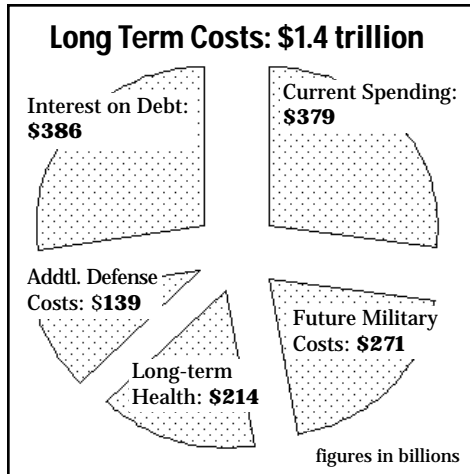
U.S. military killed in Iraq: **2,737**

U.S. military from Oregon killed in Iraq: **45**

Iraqi civilians killed: **estimates range from 43,937 - 655,000**

Number of U.S. troops wounded in combat: **20,687**

Number of U.S. troops from Oregon wounded in combat: **357**



The Bill So Far

The cost so far: **\$379 billion**

The estimated long-term cost: **\$1.4 trillion**

The bill for the **State of Oregon: \$2.7 billion**

The bill for the **City of Portland: \$407 million**

The bill for **every U.S. citizen: \$1,264**

\$2.7 billion could have funded needed security improvements for the *entire nation* for:

Chemical Plant Security (50 million) *and*

Container Security (2.5 billion)

Value of Halliburton’s contracts so far: **\$18.5 billion**

The Effects

Number of resistance fighters in Iraq:

November 2003 estimate: **5,000 fighters**

August 2006 estimate: **20,000+ fighters**

What the Iraq War has created, according to the U.S. National Intelligence Council:

“a training and recruitment ground (for terrorists)”

Effect on al Qaeda from the Iraq War, according to the International Institute for Strategic Studies:

“Accelerated recruitment”

Hours of electricity per day: **10.7**

Unemployment rate in Iraq: **25-40%**

Unemployment rate in U.S. during the Great Depression: **25%**

