

A Failed "Transition"

Hot facts from the study by the Institute for Policy Studies and Foreign Policy In Focus

U.S. military casualties (wounded and killed):

Monthly average since June 28, 2004: **747**

Monthly average before the "transition": **449**

Number of U.S. troops wounded in combat since the war began: **7,413** (94% occurred after May 1, 2003)

Percentage of U.S. wounded unable to return to duty: **64%**

Iraqi soldiers and insurgents killed since May 1, 2003: **24,000**

Iraqi civilians killed since March 20, 2003: **12,800-14,843**

Contractor death rate:

Monthly average since June 28, 2004: **17.5**

Monthly average during the previous 14 months of occupation: **7.6**

Number of civilian contractors killed: **154**

Number of international journalists and media workers killed: **44**

Number of insurgents in Iraq:

November 2003: **5,000**

August 2004: **20,000**

Percentage of the world's population represented by countries (including the U.S.)

On original "Coalition of the Willing" list (March 2003): **19.1%**

With forces in Iraq as of September 2004: **13.6%**

Percentage of Americans who believe that the Iraq War has worsened the U.S. image in the world: **69%**

Number of months the Army National Guard failed to meet recruitment goals October 2002 through May 2004: **14**

Number of soldiers whose tours of duty have been extended by the Army: **20,000**

Percentage of reserve troops who earn lower salaries while on deployment: **30-40%**

Fraction of National Guard troops among U.S. force now in Iraq: **1/3**

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A Failed "Transition": The Mounting Costs of the Iraq War

A Study by the Institute for Policy Studies and Foreign Policy In Focus. By Phyllis Bennis and the IPS Iraq Task Force; a comprehensive accounting of the costs of the Iraq War on the United States, Iraq, and the world. Report released September 30, 2004. Data as of September 22, 2004.

Percentage of U.S. police departments missing officers due to Iraq deployments: **44%**

The bill so far: **\$151.1 billion**

What \$151 billion could have paid for in the U.S.:

Housing vouchers: **23 million** or

Health care for uninsured Americans for one year: **27 million** or

Years of salary for elementary school teachers: **3 million** or

New fire engines: **678,200** or

Head Start slots for a year: **20 million**

\$151 billion could also pay for 2 years worth of:

Food for half the hungry people in the world **and**

A comprehensive global AIDS treatment and prevention program **and**

Clean water and sanitation throughout the developing world **and**

Childhood immunizations for all children in the developing world

Estimated long-term cost of war to every U.S. household: **\$3,415**

Average monthly cost of the Vietnam War, adjusted for inflation: **\$5.2 billion**

Average monthly cost of the Iraq War: **\$5 billion**

Amount contractor Halliburton is alleged to have charged for meals never served to troops and for cost overruns on fuel deliveries: **\$221 million**

Kickbacks received by Halliburton employees from subcontractors: **\$6 million**

Effect on al Qaeda of the Iraq War, according to International Institute for Strategic Studies: **"Accelerated recruitment"**

Estimated number of al Qaeda terrorists as of May 2004: **18,000 with 1,000 active in Iraq**

Percentage of Iraqis expressing "no confidence" in U.S. civilian authorities or coalition forces: **80%**

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