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US SOLDIERS KILLED: 1,886

IRAQ WAR

US SOLDIERS INJURED: 12,000 to 31,000+

The true costs of war and militarism Is this how you want your tax dollars spent?

The misery caused by the US war on Iraq is almost impossible to imagine. Veterans Affairs Secretary Jim Nicholson testified before congress that the Veterans Administration will treat 103,000 "veterans of the global war on terrorism" in 2005. This "pre-emptive" war, illegal under international law, has cost the US the respect of the majority of people and many governments around the world. It has inflamed hatred of the US in the Islamic world and has increased, not decreased terrorism. The raid on Fallujah alone left 300,000 homeless.

Imagine ... if instead of US taxpayers spending \$330 billion to invade and occupy Iraq – and hundreds of billions more on the military each year – we changed our government's priorities and spent our hard-earned tax money on social needs. The average household pays \$6,548 in federal income taxes. While \$3,143 of that amount is spent on the military, veterans' benefits, and past war debt, just \$1,287 goes to health care, \$249 to education, and \$149 to federal housing programs.

For \$150 billion, we could provide over 27 million people with health care. And we could keep the Social Security system solvent – with increased benefits – for many more decades.

US taxpayers will pay \$17.2 billion for nuclear weapons in FY 2005. This amount could provide 2,583,646 housing vouchers to people in need.

What is the "noble cause" that Bush keeps sending our young people to die for?



See www.unitedforpeace.org

Cost of Iraq War to Cape Cod

based on allocations

| Community | U.S. Dollars |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Barnstable | 65,830,568 |
| Bourne | 25,311,324 |
| Brewster | 14,906,747 |
| Chatham | 9,037,800 |
| Dennis | 19,913,292 |
| Eastham | 6,964,865 |
| Falmouth | 47,170,041 |
| Harwich | 15,424,360 |
| Mashpee | 19,737,403 |
| Orleans | 8,094,505 |
| Provincetown | 3,364,070 |
| Sandwich | 36,962,678 |
| Truro | 2,688,332 |
| Wellfleet | 3,588,614 |
| Yarmouth | 29,595,708 |
| Barnstable County | 311,770,108 |
| Massachusetts | 9,609,586,008 |

www.costofwar.com & US budget

Military spending

In 1999, we outspent our possible enemies by five times. - *US Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.*

There was a 40% increase in military spending over the 7 years ending in 2003; now at approximately \$500 billion with much of it not included in the budget ("supplemental" spending). In 2003, with 3% of the world's population, the U.S. accounted for 44% of world military spending. In 2002, US arms spending exceeded the next 20 nations combined. - *Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.*

"Calling this bill an Emergency Supplemental implies that the Bush Administration and Congress were somehow not aware of these costs.... The only unforeseen cost contained in this \$81 billion dollar boondoggle is the \$656 million for tsunami relief.... The Administration once claimed the war in Iraq would cost \$1.7 billion.... Why is this bill being dubbed a tsunami relief effort when the entire Supplemental is over 120 times the amount allocated for the tsunami?" - *Rep. Hastings of Florida, criticizing the war spending bill that unanimously passed the senate in March, 2005.*

Admiring Bush appointee, Stuart Bowen, special inspector general for the \$40 billion Iraq reconstruction, concluded that the American occupation authority failed to keep track of nearly \$9 billion transferred to Iraqi government ministries. This loss has not been investigated. Bowen also found: a U.S. official was allowed to handle millions of dollars in cash weeks after he was fired for incompetence; \$89 million was disbursed without contracts or other documentation and an additional \$7.2 million couldn't be found at all.

Why fund the Pentagon through supplemental spending? Bush's entire Iraq war has been funded without congressional hearings or oversight - "emergency" funding which does not even count towards the President's incredible budget deficit. And according to Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, there is \$22 billion of waste in the Pentagon budget each year.

The Bush administration has spent \$250 M of our tax money on fake news reports issued by 20 federal agencies to the domestic news market and presented as real journalism, in violation of the 1948 Smith-Mundt Act prohibition on domestic dissemination of government propaganda.

- *New York Times; March 13, 2005*

It's our money, it's our decision. Here's what we can buy with our tax dollars:

Barnstable's \$66 million contribution could have vaccinated 12 million children.

Provincetown's \$3.4 million contribution could have paid annual salaries and benefits for 38 teachers instead of buying 83 Hellfire missiles.

Eastham's \$7 million contribution could have paid 344 home health aids for the elderly instead of buying 48 bunker-buster guided bombs.

Barnstable County's \$312 million contribution could provide 2,500 jobs at \$50,000-per-yr... or health care coverage to 136,000 children.

The Constitution and the United Nations

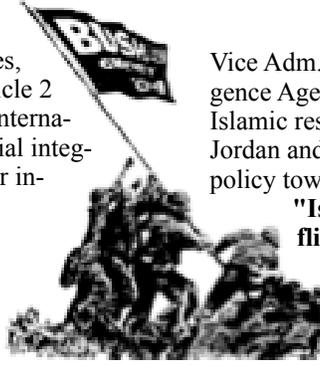
Article VI of the U.S. Constitution establishes that ratified treaties, such as the U.N. Charter, are the "supreme law of the land." Article 2 states that all member states "All members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations..."

Military 'Intelligence'

Top CIA weapons hunter Charles A. Duelfer's report to Congress confirmed that nearly every prewar assertion about Iraq made by top Bush administration officials was wrong. - *Washington Post, Jan 11, 2005*

The war on Iraq was planned years ago... much of the "intelligence" (Sadaam's ties to Al Qaeda, WMDs) used to justify it was simply fabricated, largely from a known swindler (Ahmed Chalabi) and his 'crazy drunk liar' nephew. - *Edward Helmore, April 3, 2005, The Observer.*

While ousting Sadaam Hussein was a plus, the Iraqi people are more likely to die of violence now than before the war; the men we've picked to replace him - Ahmed Chalabi and Iyad Allawi - are of the same ilk. - *"A Man of the Shadows" by Jon Lee Anderson, The New Yorker, Jan. 24, 2005*



Has the 'war on terror' made us safer?

Vice Adm. Lowell Jacoby, director of the Defense Intelligence Agency, said: "Our policies in the Middle East fuel Islamic resentment. Overwhelming majorities in Morocco, Jordan and Saudi Arabia believe the U.S. has a negative policy toward the Arab world."

"Islamic extremists are exploiting the Iraqi conflict to recruit new anti-U.S. jihadists. ... These jihadists who survive will leave Iraq experienced and focus on acts of urban terrorism." - CIA Director Porter Goss to a congressional committee.

Although no WMDs were found in Iraq, a top nuclear weapons scientist reported to US authorities and handed over critical prototype uranium-enrichment parts which had been secretly buried in his garden for 12 years. The CIA put photos of the parts on the internet for all to see. Just 3 of the top 200 such scientists are accounted for. No evidence has been found that Iraq had plans or incentive to proliferate; now we've attracted jihadists to a place where WMD expertise is unprotected.

PRESENT US MILITARY SPENDING: \$1.05 MILLION PER MINUTE

They changed its name, but we still have a War Department;

isn't it time for a Department of Peace?

We call on Rep. Delahunt to co-sponsor legislation introduced in 2001, to establish a cabinet level Department of Peace. The DOP would promote nonviolence as an organizing principle in our society and help create conditions for a more peaceful world. Why wait any longer to move in a life affirming direction and counter the military-corporate-media domination of our country?

See: www.thepeacealliance.org

Investigate 'Memogate'

Bush decided to invade Iraq at least a month before stating he was willing to "look at all options", there was "no timetable" for war, and Rumsfeld's statement "[Bush] has made no such determination that we should go to war with Iraq." The head of British intelligence stated that U.S. "intelligence and facts were being fixed around the policy."

42% of Americans favor impeachment if the President misled us to go to war.

Is Torture an American value?

Attorney General Alberto Gonzalez provided Bush with a legal opinion that we're above the Geneva Conventions, leading to torture and killing at Abu Ghraib, Guantanamo and elsewhere: 20-year-olds go to jail for following orders, while the authorities are free to eat caviar.

Does the Democratic Party have any obligation to act on the demands of the "other superpower"?

ABC polls show that over half the country believes the Iraq war "was not worth fighting", but few in Congress work for peace.

* *New York Times* reference to the peace movement before the invasion of Iraq.

POWER TO THE PEACEFUL

The announced **closure of the Otis Air National Guard Base (ANG)** is an opportunity to begin Cape-wide discussions on reusing the land to meet human needs. Military activities there have contaminated over 70 billion gallons of drinking water, creating New England's largest Superfund site. It is short-sighted to think that its continuing operation, even with increased environmental safeguards, will not cause further damage to our sole-source aquifer. A small gas station can't be built near the Quabbin Reservoir, and massive military activities - jet flights, artillery practice, troop maneuvers, and a proposed homeland security training center - shouldn't take place here. We propose combining existing Coast Guard Air Rescue with low-income housing, daycare, playgrounds, job & alternative energy training facilities and other activities that protect water supplies and address pressing social/economic needs.

CCPJ's mission is to actively promote and encourage democratic, multi-racial and non-violent decisions in all aspects of our nation's domestic and foreign policy.

We join progressive individuals and organizations across the Cape, and seek to extend this cooperative alliance. By connecting, we learn from each other, help each other, and increase our effectiveness. Awareness, education and non-violent action are the tools we use to better understand and confront our nation's dominant institutions and powers.

We challenge global corporate capital in the promulgation of war, environmental destruction and impoverishment, and seek peace, freedom, justice, democracy, and respect for the rights and security of all people, as well as the earth's living environment.

We affirm that the government derives its power from the consent of the governed.

We call on Congress and this administration to stop killing in our name.

End the occupation and bring the troops home now.

Additional sources:

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QUOTE CANDIDATES:

"paramount among the responsibilities of a free press is the duty to prevent any part of the government from deceiving the people and sending them off to distant lands to die of foreign fevers and foreign shot and shell." Justice Black. NYT v. US.

"I can never forget that one of the most gifted, best educated nations in the world, of its own free will, surrendered its fate into the hands of a maniac." Eric Hoffer, Speaking on Germany

The accumulation of all powers, legislative, executive, and judiciary, in the same hands, whether of one, a few or many, and whether hereditary, self-appointed, or elective, may justly be pronounced the very definition of tyranny." James Madison

"The war in Iraq has been a victory of moral fervor over moral clarity. The first without the second is a curse on itself and others." - Garry Wills