

IRAQ FACTS

Who dies, who pays, and who profits from the war?

Who Dies?

- Over 1,000 US soldiers have died in Iraq, most of them since President Bush declared, "mission accomplished."
- Of this number a recent estimate is that 32% are people of color.
- Latinos died at a higher rate than their numbers in the military during the invasion.¹
- The Department of Defense reports over 7,532 American troops have been injured.²
- Iraqi civilian deaths haven't been counted but estimates run from 14,000 to 30,000.³

Who Pays?

- "The \$151.1 billion spent by the U.S. government on the war could have cut world hunger in half and covered HIV/AIDS medicine, childhood immunization and clean water and sanitation needs of the developing world for more than two years."⁴
- Washington State taxpayers have paid \$4.1 Billion for the Iraq war, which could provide Health Care to 2,478,517 people, almost half of Washington's population, or 443.611 Head Start places.⁵

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1 Brian Gifford, "Combat Casualties and Race: What Can we learn from the 2003-2004 Iraq Conflict?" Armed Forces and Society, to be published winter, 2005.

2 9/4/04 <http://icasualties.org/oif/>

3 www.iraqbodycount.net

4 <http://www.ips-dc.org/iraq/failedtransition/index.htm>, The Institute for Policy Studies report by Phyllis Bennis

5 www.nationalpriorities.org

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6 www.nationalpriorities.org
7 <http://www.theoator.com/bills108/hr4825.html> Congressional findings on excess war profits
8 <http://www.ips-dc.org/iraq/failedtransition/index.htm>

The War Also Kills Here at Home!

The Iraq War robs us of education, healthcare, housing and much more! These tax dollars are being thrown at corporations close to Bush with no bid, no audit contracts.

\$160 million for meals that they never served to troops and \$61 million in cost overruns on fuel deliveries. Halliburton employees also took \$6 million in kickbacks from subcontractors, while other employees have reported extensive waste, including the abandonment of \$85,000 trucks because they had flat tires.⁸

- Congress has found that the five largest companies involved in contracting in Iraq, Halliburton, Bechtel Group, Fluor Corp., Parsons Group, and Louis Berger Group are taking excess profits. For example: Halliburton, the company Dick Cheney headed before he became Vice-president, has received more than \$2 billion in no-bid contracts, but as of July 2004, has spent only 10% to rebuild Iraqi infrastructure.⁷
- Congress is investigating Halliburton for charging

Who Profits?

- The Seattle portion is \$389 million!⁶ Seattle is now considering painful cuts of a few million dollars to needed services.

Who Pays? - continued

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