THE COSTS OF IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN

AMERICAN CASUALTIES

- US soldiers' deaths under Bush [2001-2008] in Afghanistan: **630**[I]
- US soldiers' deaths under Obama [2009-Oct. 2010] in Afghanistan: **693**[II]
- Total US soldiers' deaths in Afghanistan: **1,323**[III]
- Total US soldiers killed in Iraq and Afghanistan: **5,748**[IV]
- Total US contractor deaths from 09.01.01 through 09.30.10: **2,400**[V]
- Total US soldiers wounded in Afghanistan: **8,530**[VI]
- Total US soldiers wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan: **40,464**[VII]
- Total US contractors wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan: **44,152**[VIII]
- Total US military suicides during 2001-2009: **1,985**[IX]

AMERICAN TAX DOLLARS SPENT

- Direct costs/month in Iraq: **$12.5 billion**[X]
- Direct costs/month in Afghanistan **$16 billion**[XI]
- Total direct cost, Iraq: **$737.5 billion**[XII]
- Total direct cost, Afghanistan: **$354.4 billion**[XIII]
- Total projected direct and indirect costs, Iraq: **$3 trillion**[XIV]
- Total projected direct and indirect costs, Afghanistan: **$1 trillion+**[XV]

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