

IRAQ: IN FOCUS

Hurting Our Country
& Our Troops

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This occupation costs over \$720 million in tax dollars per day.

From National Priorities Project

THE COST OF OCCUPATION TO OUR TROOPS

American Deaths

Since war began: **3895**

(3/19/03)

Since "Mission Accomplished": **3755**

(5/1/03)

Since Capture of Saddam: **3434**

(12/13/03)

Since Handover: **3036**

(6/29/04)

Since Iraqi Election: **2457**

(1/31/05)

1 IN 8 U.S. soldiers return home with post traumatic stress disorder.

According to the Pentagon, there were **2,374** reported cases of sexual assault against women in uniform over the past year.

20% of injuries to U.S. troops are serious brain or spinal injuries (total excludes psychological injuries).

VOTERS WANT ACTION TO END THE OCCUPATION

- According to a new New York Times/CBS News poll Americans are more dissatisfied with the country's direction than at any time since.

81% of respondents said they believed that "things have pretty seriously gotten off on the wrong track."

Registered Voters: **1,196**

Democratic Voters: **510** ~ Republican Voters: **323**

- Foreign Policy and the Center for a New American Security surveyed more than **3,400** active and retired officers at the highest levels of command about the state of the U.S. military.

88% believe Iraq has stretched US forces "dangerously thin";

60% believe the military is weaker today than it was before the invasion of Iraq.

- According to a poll by TNS released by the Washington Post and ABC News:

63% of respondents think the war with Iraq was not worth fighting;

51% think the US is not making significant progress toward restoring civil order in Iraq.

VOLUNTEER MILITARY?

The newly instituted 'stop loss' policy of the Bush administration holds U.S. soldiers, long after their contract has expired, in Iraq and Afghanistan combat missions.

A "economic draft" has unfairly burdened many of our nation's most vulnerable youth with fighting this war. The vast majority of recruits come from households with a median income less than \$50,000.

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"There is no military solution to a problem like that in Iraq, to the insurgency of Iraq."

**GENERAL DAVID PETRAEUS,
U.S. COMMANDER IN IRAQ**

SENATE TAKE ACTION:

Support amendments that require Congressional oversight and approval of any long-term agreements regarding troop levels in Iraq.

The Defense Authorization Bill might be the vehicle for such an amendment.

Sign on as a co-sponsor of S.2130, Senator Casey's 'Diplomatic Surge' Bill

"To express the sense of the Senate on the need for a comprehensive diplomatic offensive to help broker national reconciliation efforts in Iraq and lay the foundation for the eventual redeployment of United States combat forces."

Peace Action Education Fund contends continued American occupation is only fueling the insurgency and destabilizing Iraqi society. Ongoing military action in Iraq is causing mounting Iraqi casualties each day, alienating potential allies and spurring stronger resentment of the U.S.

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CONGRESS TAKE ACTION

Co-sponsor HR 5507, Rep. Woolsey's bill

"To require the safe, complete, and fully-funded redeployment of United States Armed Forces and contractor security forces from Iraq and to prohibit the establishment of any enduring or permanent United States military bases in Iraq, and for other purposes."

Co-sponsor HR 1346, Rep. Honda's Student Privacy Protection Act

"To amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to direct local educational agencies to release secondary school student information to military recruiters if the student's parent provides written consent for the release, and for other purposes."

Co-sponsor HR 5128, Rep. Lee's legislation "

Disapproving of any formal agreement emerging from the 'Declaration of Principles for a Long-Term Relationship of Cooperation and Friendship Between the Republic of Iraq and the United States of America' unless the agreement is approved through an Act of Congress."

Co-sponsor House Continuing Resolution 321 by Rep. Gilchrest

"Expressing the need for a more comprehensive diplomatic initiative led by the United States, Iraq, and the international community."

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