

## Actual and Imputed Future US Total Costs of Iraq War<sup>1</sup>

More detail on the costs of the Iraq War, as well as the wars in Afghanistan and Pakistan is available [here](#).

<b>US Costs of Iraq through FY2013</b>	<b>\$ billions</b>
DOD War Appropriations	769.9
State/ USAID	52.38
Increase in DOD Base Spending (attributing 54% of total increase to Iraq)	401.27
VA Medical (attributing 65% of total costs to Iraq war)	15.31
VA Disability (attributing 65% of total costs to Iraq war)	21.84
SS Disability (attributing 65% of total costs to Iraq war)	2.91
Growth in other VA Spending (attributing 65% of total costs to Iraq)	46.48
Homeland Security (attributing 54% of increase to Iraq)	245.81
Interest Costs (54% of cumulative costs, not counting interest cost in 2002 and 2003)	138.8
<b>Subtotal Cost of Iraq War and War-Related Expenses through 2013</b>	<b>1,694.70</b>
<b>Future Iraq Related Costs FY2014-2053</b>	
Future Obligated Spending for Veterans Care and Disability, Net Present Value (attributing 65% of total costs to Iraq war)	490.59
<b>Total, not including interest on borrowing</b>	<b>2,186.10</b>

Because the Iraq war appropriations for FY2003-FY2013 were not funded with new taxes, but by borrowing, it is important to keep in mind the interest costs already paid, and future interest costs. Iraq War appropriations for DOD and State were 54 percent of the interest costs. If one were to include Iraq's share of cumulative interest through 2053, those costs could be more than \$3.9 trillion.

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<sup>1</sup> Based on current dollars reported in Federal Budgets.