



## THE ECONOMIC COST OF WAR TO VIRGINIA

The wars in Afghanistan and Iraq have cost U.S. taxpayers well over \$1 trillion, with costs increasing as U.S. led occupations continue in the region.

### **Budget Trade-offs**

Virginia taxpayers' portion of the cost of these wars amounts to tens of billions of dollars. For the money spent on war, Virginia could have instead directed those funds for human needs in our communities:

- Healthcare for millions of low-income children,
- Solar energy conversion for millions of our homes,
- Scholarships & grants for college students,
- VA medical care for millions of military veterans,
- Thousands of elementary school teacher positions,
- Millions of one-year Head Start slots, or
- Thousands of jobs that protect our communities.



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