

Iraqi Deaths 1,695,331
U.S. Deaths 4,486 Coalition 4,804
Afghan & Pakistani Deaths 2 million plus
U.S. Deaths in Afghanistan 2,200
Coalition Deaths in Afghanistan 3,281

Cut Social Security and veterans' benefits? No! Cut the Pentagon instead.

The Congressional Budget Office says cutting Social Security and veterans' benefits in this way would save the government \$163 billion over ten years. **There are much better ways for the government to save \$163 billion.**

- 1. End the war in Afghanistan.** A rough estimate is that the war is costing \$1 billion per thousand troops deployed per year. If we withdraw 16,300 troops from Afghanistan and keep them out, that will save \$163 billion over ten years.
- 2. Cut the F-35 Joint Strike Fighter.** A recent estimate of the long-term cost of purchasing, operating and maintaining 2,457 F-35s is \$1.5 trillion. That's \$610 million per plane. If we cut 267 planes - a little over 10% - that would save \$163 billion.
- 3. Cut Pentagon contracting.** A crude estimate suggests that cutting Pentagon contracting by 7% and bringing the work in-house would save \$163 billion over ten years. According to the Project on Government Oversight "service contractors can cost, on average, 2.94 times more than an average Pentagon civilian employee performing the same job. "

All these numbers are documented here in Robert Naiman's Huffington Post article, April 9, 2013.

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/robert-naiman/cut-social-securityveter_b_3040226.html

*Call President Obama at the White House 202-456-1111
Ask him to end all wars of occupation, end drone strikes,
to bring our troops home, leave behind no bases, and
to use the international legal system in all future conflicts.*

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—>> End drone warfare —>> Don't Attack Iran!
—>>> Tell them —>>> Bring all our troops home now!

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