

10 Ways Women Would Pay For A War in Iraq

1. **War breaks up families.** It is our sons and daughters — and women ourselves — who would be sent off to fight in Iraq.
2. **War glorifies militarism and violence.** The drumbeat of war drowns out the voices of women and others calling for nonviolent alternatives to war.
3. **War robs money from programs that benefit women and our children.** The U.S. would spend \$6 to \$9 BILLION dollars A MONTH to go to war in Iraq — and \$50 billion to rebuild Iraq after a war. Each dollar spent on war is a dollar denied to healthcare, welfare, education, and childcare.
4. **Women's unpaid caregiving work increases in wartime.**
5. **Women are considered the "spoils of war."** War places women and girls at greater risk of rape, abuse, and sexually transmitted diseases. Military spouses are twice as likely as civilians to suffer domestic violence.
6. **Women are more vulnerable to land mine injuries.** Even after a war is over, women risk their lives as they search for water, fuel, and food.
7. **Women and girls make up 80% of today's refugees** and are likely to face sexual violence, malnutrition, psychological damage, and homelessness.
8. **Women are under-represented in Congress and, around the world, in councils that decide on war and peace.** In many war zones, women lose basic rights like economic security and the right to organize.
9. **War hurts both "enemy" women and ourselves.** More than 10% of married Iraqi women are widows who are struggling to support their families in a country where most civilians live in poverty.
10. **President Bush says, "You're either with us or against us."** Women's voices must be heard and heeded!

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