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Death Toll Among Iraqis -- 100,000 and Mounting

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You may remember that the Iraqis stopped offering up dead and wounded figures because it was proving inconvenient for Bush. And of course the Pentagon doesn't you want to ever remember that while 10000+ soldiers have died, many more have been wounded, losing arms and legs and being otherwise disabled. That figure -- the wounded -- is a dirty little secret as far as the Pentagon is concerned.

But now The Independent is reporting that the first scientific study attempting to detail **how many Iraqis have died** during and since the invasion has come out. The total? 100,000 and rising.

"More than half of those who died were women and children killed in air strikes, researchers say. Previous estimates have put the Iraqi death toll at around 10,000 - ten times the 1,000 members of the British, American and multi-national forces who have died so far. But the study, published in The Lancet, suggested that Iraqi casualties could be as much as 100 times the coalition losses. It was also savagely critical of the failure by coalition forces to count Iraqi casualties."



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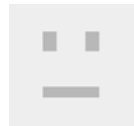
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