

## The 5,000th casualty

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Among the six U.S. soldiers reported killed so far in June, one is the 5,000th casualty of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. [Grim Milestone: 5,000 GIs Dead in Iraq, Afghanistan Wars](#) [1]

And the spinning counters at [costofwar.com](#) [2] reminds us that the Obama administration has done little to stop this squandering of our national resources -- personnel and financial.

In fact, last month Obama asked Congress for [another \\$83.4 billion](#) [3] to fund the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan through the end of September. House and Senate members passed versions of the bill that out did Obama. The final version is in committee now and looks likely to [top \\$100 billion](#) [4]. Of course, some of that is political padding and not direct war-funding, but still that many zeros are mind boggling.

Is this the change Americans voted for?

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[1] <http://www.antiwar.com/blog/2009/06/02/grim-milestone-5000-gis-dead-in-iraq-afghanistan-wars/>

[2] <http://costofwar.com/>

[3] <http://www.cnn.com/2009/POLITICS/04/09/obama.war.funding/index.html>

[4] <http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2009/06/03/ap6500917.html>