



US Battalions in Iraq  
June 2009

# Because it's **STILL** not over

Peace Demonstration **^**

**Why: Seven year anniversary of the US invasion of Iraq ...  
...and it is still not over.**

**What: Peace Demonstration and Rally**

**When: 18 March 2010 (Thursday) 5pm**

**Where: The corner of Green and Wright Streets, Champaign-Urbana**

- 2003 March 20, the United States invaded Iraq.  
2010 March: we still have 115,000 troops in Iraq.
- Congress supported the invasion in 2002 knowing that it was illegal but feeling that it was justified. They now say they were misled: the Bush Administration made over 935 false statements about Iraq's alleged threat to the United States in a 2-year period.
- 1,366,350 Iraqis have died due to the U.S. invasion and occupation (2010).  
4.2 million Iraqis have lost their homes and become refugees (June 2007).
- The Bush Administration estimated the war would cost \$50 billion.  
The total financial costs of the war in Iraq is now more than \$700 billion (February 2010).
- Cost of deploying one U.S. soldier for one year in Iraq : \$390,000
- 4,377 US soldiers killed (as of January 2010). 31,639 seriously wounded.  
54% of US casualties were under 25 years old.  
30% of US troops develop serious mental health problems within 3 to 4 months of returning home .
- In October 2007, Obama supported removing all combat troops within 16 months. "I will remove one or two brigades a month, and get all of our combat troops out of Iraq within 16 months. The only troops I will keep in Iraq will perform the limited missions of protecting our diplomats and carrying out targeted strikes on al Qaeda. And I will launch the diplomatic and humanitarian initiatives that are so badly needed. Let there be no doubt: I will end this war."
- September 2007: "I believe that we should have all our troops out by 2013, but I don't want to make promises, not knowing what the situation's going to be three or four years out. "
- Congress has the power to limit the deployment of troops and funding of the wars.  
\$80 billion was approved in June 2009, for the ongoing war efforts in Afghanistan and Iraq.
- Troops still in Iraq - Total 115,000 U.S. troops as of November 30, 2009. All other nations have withdrawn their troops. Private contractors in Iraq are harder to count.
- Because it is still not over. Because it is not just Iraq.

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Trivia questions: Which level of Dante's Inferno is for the politicians?  
Which level is for those who did nothing, neither for good nor evil — those who take no side.



