

Cartoon 1

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- 1) What does Iran claim their nuclear program is for?
- 2) What does the U.S./other groups think the nuclear program is for?
- 3) How is the point of view bias?

Station 2 Iraq War

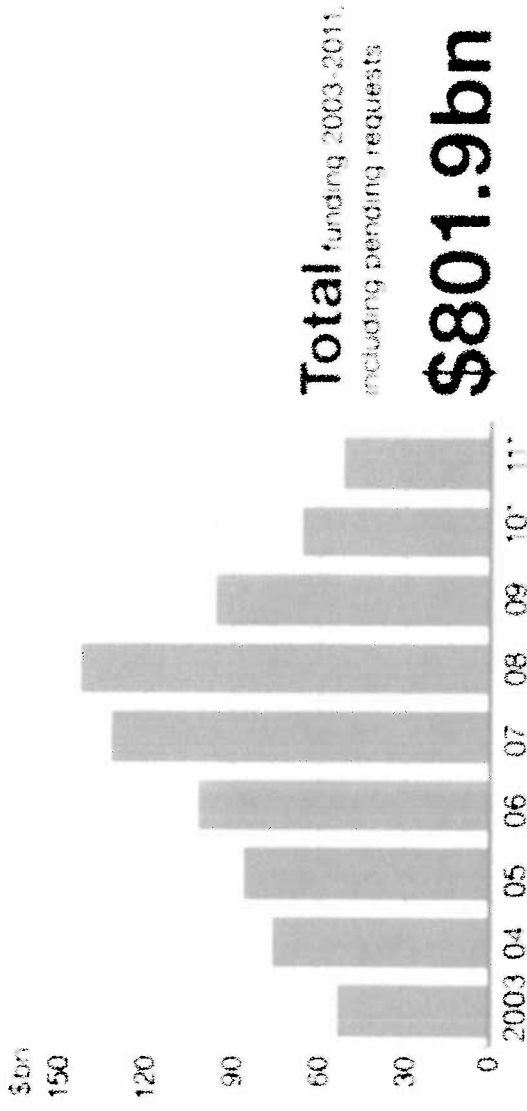
Define the term before the () using context clues. What do you think non-partisan and appropriated mean?

COST

The financial scale of the war is another area in which figures vary widely. The respected and non-partisan

(1.) Congressional Research Service estimates that the US will have spent almost \$802bn on funding the war by the end of fiscal year 2011, with \$747.6 billion already appropriated (2.)

US funding of operation in Iraq



*includes pending requests

Source: Congressional Research Service estimates, July 2010

3. What year was the most money spent on the Iraq War? How much money was spent in that year?

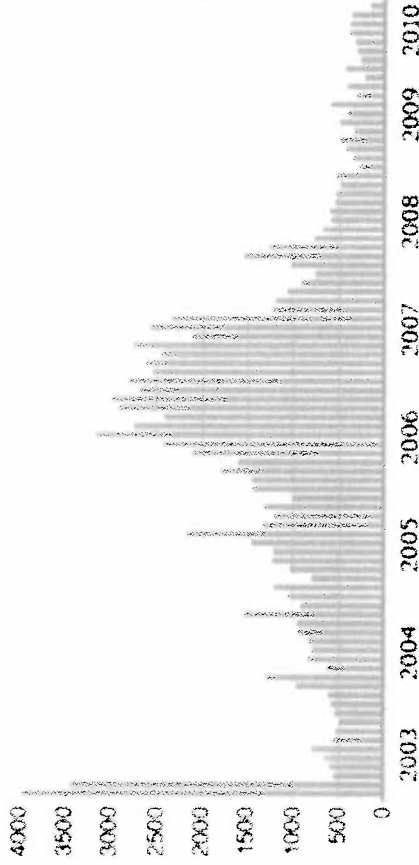
4. What year was the least amount of money spent on the Iraq War? About how much money was spent?

Station 3 Iraq War in Numbers

At August 26, 2010 the latest figure from the US Department of Defense stood at 4,421 of which 3,492 were killed in action. Almost 32,000 have been wounded in action...

While coalition troop fatalities are reasonably well documented, deaths of Iraqi civilians and combatants are more difficult to track because of a lack of reliable official figures. All counts and estimates of Iraqi deaths are highly disputed. The organization Iraq Body Count has been collating civilian deaths using cross-checked media reports and other figures such as morgue records.

Iraqi civilian deaths March 2003 - July 2010



Source: Iraq Body Count

1. According to the graph, what was the worst month and year for Iraqi deaths?

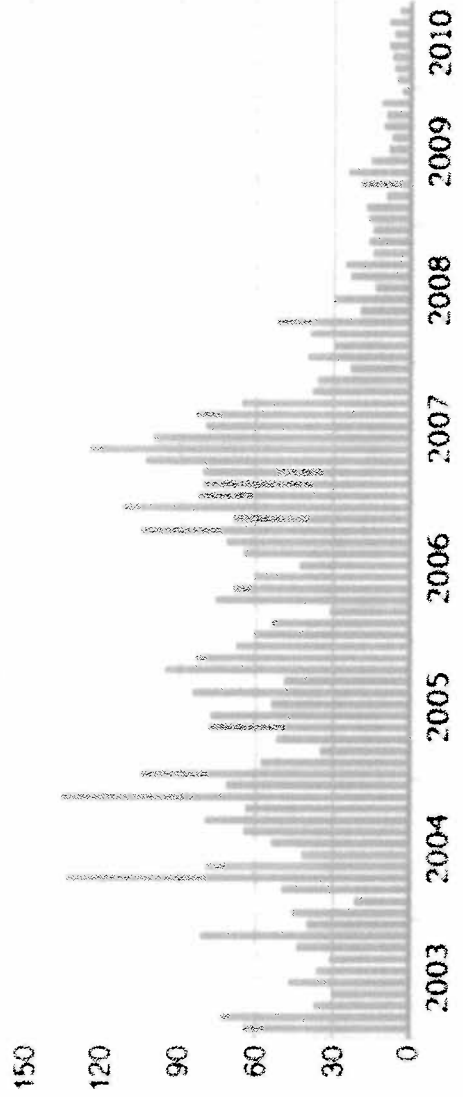
According to IBC there have been between **97,461 and 106,348 civilian deaths** up to July 2010. The group says the difference between its higher and lower total figures is caused by discrepancies (2.) in reports about how many deaths resulted from an incident and whether they were civilians or combatants. Other reports and surveys have resulted in a wide range of estimates of Iraqi deaths: anywhere from 151,000 to 650,000...

3. Which years were the worst for US casualties in Iraq?

4. In each of the 3 years- what were the highest months for US casualties? (HINT the war STARTED in MARCH)

CASUALTIES

Over 4,000 US service personnel have been killed in Operation Iraqi Freedom since the invasion started on 19 March 2003. **US military deaths, Iraq, March 2003 - July 2010**



Source: Defense Manpower Data Center