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The Afghanistan War



[US soldier with the body of 15-year-old Gul Mudin](#)

On October 7, 2001, Washington and its NATO allies launched an illegal full-scale military assault against the Islamist Taliban regime in Afghanistan and Al Qaeda bases in the country. From the outset of the invasion, the WSWS exposed the lies of the Bush administration that its invasion was an act of self-defense in response to the terrorist attacks of September 11. The war, which has spanned more than 18 years and is the longest-running war in US history, has killed over 175,000 people in Afghanistan, by conservative estimates, with hundreds of thousands more wounded, and millions driven from their homes. The cost of this “endless war” has reached roughly \$1 trillion. At its height, the Pentagon was squandering some \$110

billion a year, roughly 50 percent more than the total annual US federal budget for public education.

[More on the war in Afghanistan](#)