

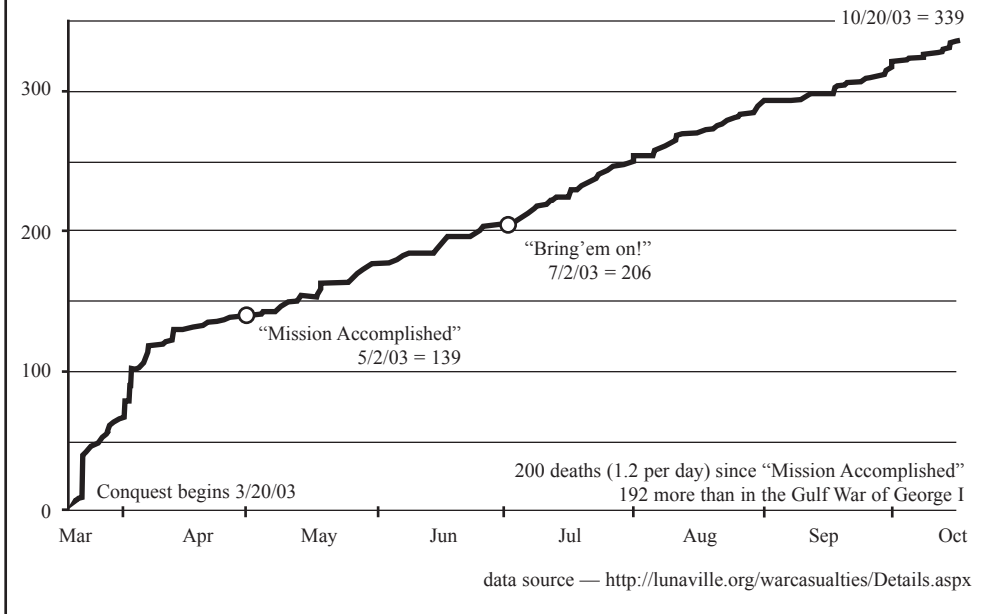
“Why should we hear about body bags and deaths and how many, what day it’s going to happen, and how many this or what do you suppose? Oh, I mean, it’s not relevant. So why should I waste my beautiful mind on something like that?”*

***Barbara Bush** (mother of George W. Bush; Good Morning America interview with Diane Sawyer, March 18, 2003



U.S. Military Deaths in the Conquest of Iraq

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Hard as it is for all of us to confront, the loss of life in Iraq must be looked at in current and historical ways. Comparing our current human loss with past losses is our only measuring stick. During the two-year period of 1963 and 1964 in Vietnam in the United States military loss was 324. The first incursion into Iraq in 1991 saw the loss of 147 servicemen. Since March 20, 2003, the loss of military service men and women as of October 17, 2004 was 336.

Our military losses in the past seven months have surpassed the death toll of two years in Vietnam. It was reported that there were 43 attacks on our military troops on Sunday, October 19, 2003. If May 1, 2003, signified the end of “major battles” in Iraq, Why are the losses not stopping?
Why are the deaths not declining?
Why are we still fighting throughout Iraq?*