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Facts Concerning the NATO Occupation of Afghanistan

- Increase in poppy cultivation in Afghanistan for heroin since beginning of NATO occupation 2001; **1538%**
- Revenues from poppy cultivation Afghanistan 2010; **US \$604 million**
- Afghani civilians killed during NATO military operations; **8,991 to 28,583**
- Total Aid Sent to Afghanistan: ~ **US \$35.2 billion**
- Cost per kilometre of paved road; **US \$0.5 million to \$1.0 million**
- Population of Afghanistan: **28.4 million**
- Afghanistan population supporting NATO occupation; **37%**
- Oil used *daily* by U.S. military in Afghanistan and Iraq; ~ **3.5 million gallons**
- The wars in Afghanistan and Iraq are responsible for at least 141 million metric tons of carbon dioxide since 2003. This equals **25 million more cars on the road.**

The occupation of Afghanistan is about strategic positioning in central Asia and resource appropriation; oil, gas and minerals.



For more information, please visit the following websites;

www.policyalternatives.ca/search/node/afghanistan

www.canadians.org

www.acp-cpa.ca

www.ceasefire.ca



Canada In Afghanistan War Is Not The Answer





Canada's Military Involvement In Afghanistan



Choose The Canada You Want

***A Few Facts You Might Want To Know....**

- Canadian military personnel killed (to December 2010); **154**
- Canadian military personnel in Afghanistan (to 2011); ~ **2500**
- Canadian military personnel suicides (2003 to 2008); **119**
- Canadian military personnel wounded (to December 2009); **1,442**
- Cost of medical treatment for Veterans Affairs and DND for long-term care of Afghanistan veterans and related benefits; **\$11 billion**
- Yearly expenditures Canadian military in Afghanistan; **\$1 billion to \$1.5 billion**
- Estimated total expenditures by Canadian military in Afghanistan to 2011; **\$18.1 billion or \$1,500 per Canadian household**
- Projected additional cost of Canada's extended mission in Afghanistan to 2014; **\$1.5 billion**
- Canadians opposing Canada's military operations in Afghanistan; **56%**
Only 37% support the mission.

Energy Check

- Days required for all military operations in Afghanistan and Iraq to use one day's-worth of Alberta tar sands oil production; ~ **11 days**
- Daily oil production Alberta tar sands; **1.126 million barrels**

Be informed. Attend seminars and information sessions that reveal the whole picture concerning Canada's involvement in Afghanistan.

Withdraw your political support for parties and MPs who support Canadian military presence in Afghanistan.

Write letters to your MP and Prime Minister expressing your opposition to Canada's military involvement, or mail in the post cards provided here (no postage required). *Please ensure that you include your signature or your post cards may be discarded.*

Phone your local MP. If you do not get through directly to your elected representative, ask office staff to forward your position and specific request for action to the politician.

Check your investments including your pension plan.

Are you unwittingly contributing to the death and suffering of an occupied people in an unjust war?

- Check for weapons manufacturers, petroleum companies and service providers involved in Afghanistan.
- Adjust your portfolio to delete these involvements.
- Make your reasons known.

Share information with friends, family and neighbours.

Speak out against war, especially those waged for reasons of resource appropriation or other strategic purposes.

This Is Our Canada; Let's Take It Back.

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**Prime Minister Stephen Harper
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Stop spending my tax dollars on Canadian military presence in Afghanistan....

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**Michael Ignatieff
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End Liberal party support for Canadian military presence in Afghanistan....

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