

It is difficult for us here in the US to grasp just how enormous a catastrophe the war has been for the people of Iraq.

Here is a formula to make it easier to understand:

Multiply by 12.

Our population is just under 12 times as big as Iraq's.

2,000,000 Iraqis have been forced to flee to neighboring countries like Syria and Jordan. **Times 12?** That's 24,000,000. Imagine everyone from New Mexico and Arizona, plus half of Texas camped out in Mexico. And all of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont as refugees in Canada. Then throw in Idaho and North Dakota.

A UN report on says that in 2005, one in eight Iraqi children died before reaching their fifth birthday. Here, that would be 1,464,000 kids dead in a year, most from malnutrition, pneumonia, diarrhea.

So that's the math. Here's the quiz:

What are we going to do to stop it?

More and more Americans are taking part in the Iraq Moratorium.

On the

Third Friday of every month

break with your daily routine to take some action, by yourself or with others to end the war. Write an elected official, join a vigil, wear a black armband or ribbon. Do something! And encourage others to take action as well.

www.iraqmoratorium.org

