

## Glossary of Terms

**Costs of War:** Refers to congressional and Pentagon war appropriations as well as the additional economic, human, social, environmental, and political impacts of post-9/11 wars.

**Post-9/11 Wars:** U.S.-led military operations in Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, and Pakistan occurring after the September 11, 2001 attacks on U.S. soil.

**U.S. Counter-Terror Wars:** U.S. led military actions which were initiated post-9/11, including direct military actions, training operations for U.S. troops and U.S.-led foreign troops, and air and drone strikes.

**Direct Death and Injuries:** Refers specifically to military and civilian casualties due to direct interaction with military weaponry such as gunfire, bombs, improvised-explosive devices (IEDs), and more.

**Indirect Death and Injuries:** Refers to casualties caused by the destruction of infrastructure, lack of access to basic services, and displacement.

**Appropriations Bill:** An annual government process which authorizes the spending of Federal Treasury funds for specific government activities.

**Fiscal Year:** The federal government's schedule for federal spending. The fiscal year runs from October 1 to September 30.

**Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder:** According to the American Psychiatric Association, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) can occur “in people who have experienced or witnessed a traumatic event.” Symptoms may include disturbing thoughts and feelings related to the traumatic event, nightmares, flashbacks, and increased negative emotions such as anger, sadness, or fear.