

Read the article “Iraqi Death Estimates Called Too High: Methods Faulted” in *Science*, Oct. 20, 2006, vol. 314, pp. 396-7.

1. Who are the authors of the *Lancet* study and what are their affiliations? Who is the author of the article?
2. List the names of all those mentioned in the article who support the *Lancet* study. For each person, give their name, affiliation, field of expertise, what they said about the study, and where they said it (if just a direct quote, this probably means they said it when being interviewed for the article).
3. List the names of all those mentioned in the article who were critics of the *Lancet* study. For each person, give their name, affiliation, field of expertise, what they said about the study, and where they said it (if just a direct quote, this probably means they said it when being interviewed for the article).
4. How does the Iraqi Ministry of Health measure Iraqi deaths?
5. How does the organization Iraqi Body Count measure Iraqi deaths?
6. Are death certificates a valid measure of violent deaths in Iraq? Explain why or why not. Are they a reliable measure? Explain why or why not.
7. Are media reports a valid measure of violent deaths in Iraq? Explain why or why not. Are they a reliable measure? Explain why or why not.
8. Explain the sampling method that was used in of the *Lancet* study and how it was carried out.
9. What are the criticisms of the way the method was carried out?

Read the letter and response “A Debate Over Iraqi Death Estimates” in *Science*, Nov. 24, 2006, vol. 314, p. 1241.

10. Write a brief paragraph explaining what you think the actual death estimate is, based on your critical reading of all the arguments you’ve read.