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Americans are greatly concerned about the number of our troops killed

33,000 in the Korean War; 58,000 in Vietnam; 4,500 in Irag; over 1,000

in battle--100,000 dead in World War I; 300,000 in World War II;

in Afghanistan--and rightly so. But why are we so indifferent, often oblivious, to the far greater number of casualties suffered by those we fight and those we fight for? This is the compelling, largely unasked question John Tirman answers in The Deaths of Others. Between six and seven million people died in Korea, Vietnam, and Iraq alone, the majority of them civilians. And yet Americans de