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- Percentage of Americans who say they support air strikes against Iran "if diplomacy fails" : 51
- Percentage of Iraqis who say they approve of insurgent attacks on U.S.-led forces : 47
 - Percentage who approve of attacks on Iraqi security forces : 7
- Minimum number of times that U.S. forces have kidnapped the wives of suspected Iraqi insurgents : 2
- Number of U.S. veterans who have been denied Veterans Administration health care since 2003 : 263,257
- Estimated ratio this year of the U.S. defense budget to that of the rest of the world combined : 1:1 (see page 45)
- Percentage of Americans who say they trust the military, the presidency, and Congress, respectively : 74, 44, 22
 - Rank of the National Security Agency among top U.S. employers of mathematicians : 1
- Chance that an American believes his or her phone has been tapped by the federal government : 1 in 5
- Cost of a U.S. pilot project in a New Jersey school to use an eye scanner to identify all adults who enter : \$369,000
 - Number of adults each student can have approved in the system : 4
- Price for which companies can purchase the personal data of all Minnesota drivers'-license holders from the state : \$1,500
 - Estimated number that have bought the data so far : 800
 - Rank of Wal-Mart and Target, respectively, among the top online retailers of 2005 : 3, 4
 - Amount by which Americans' total spending last year exceeded their earnings : \$41,600,000,000
 - Last year in which spending outstripped earnings : 1933
- Estimated labor cost of complying with the U.S. tax code each year, expressed as a percentage of U.S. tax receipts : 22
 - Percentage of Estonians who file their tax returns online : 75
- Pounds of radioactive produce grown near Chernobyl that were confiscated in Moscow markets last year : 1,820
 - Number of consecutive decades that the amount of sunlight in China has declined : 5
- Estimated number of North Korean-produced counterfeit \$100 "supernotes" discovered worldwide since 1989 : 500,000
 - Number of tunnels that have been discovered under the U.S.-Mexico border since 2001 : 34
 - Number under the U.S.-Canada border : 1
 - Percentage of Canadians who say that immigrants are a "good influence" on their nation : 77
 - Percentage of Americans and Germans, respectively, who say this : 49, 35
 - Chance that a Western European believes 2006 will be better than 2005 : 1 in 3
 - Chance that an African believes this : 1 in 2
- Portion of the grants in President Bush's \$415 billion AIDS initiative that has gone to religious groups : 1/4
 - Ratio, in the United States, of antiabortion "pregnancy centers" to abortion clinics : 6:1
- Number of glasses of wine or sherry that seventeen homeless alcoholics were allowed daily, in a Canadian study : 15
 - Number of the participants who reduced their alcohol intake, quit the study, or died, respectively : 11, 3, 3
 - Number of dogs that a California clinic trained to diagnose cancer by sniffing patients' breath : 5
 - Percentage of lung- and breast-cancer cases that they accurately detect, respectively : 99, 88
 - Percentage of breast-cancer cases that are detectable by mammogram : 85
- Chance that a passenger on a flight of two and a half hours or longer will have a cold within a week : 1 in 5
 - Percentage of U.S. couples who regularly sleep in separate beds : 23
- Percentage of U.S. adults in 1985 who said they found overweight people less attractive than others : 55
 - Percentage who said this last year : 24
- Estimated number of Marshmallow Peeps that will be consumed around Easter this month : 800,000,000
 - Estimated number of pigs who died to make them : 125,000

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