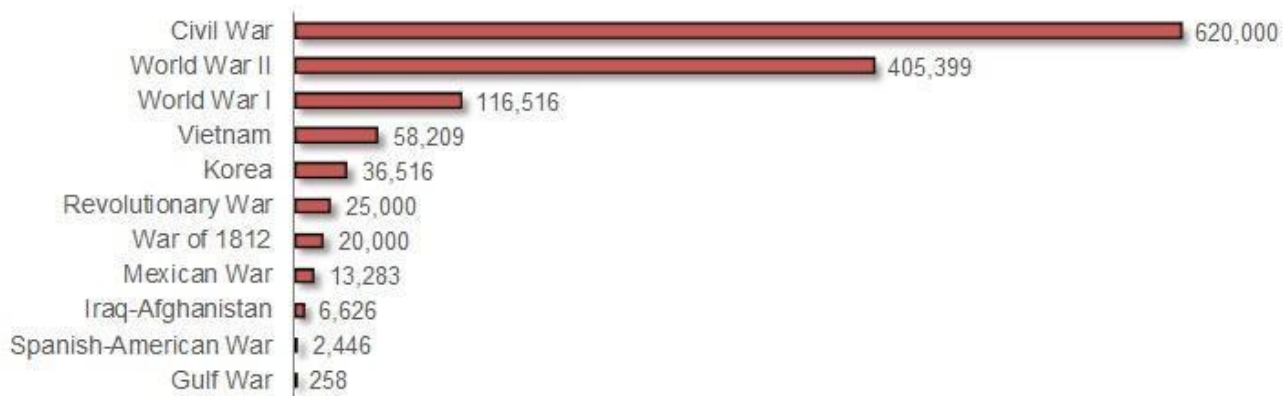


# POGIL: Loss of Life in the American Civil War

**Figure 1: Military Deaths in American Wars**

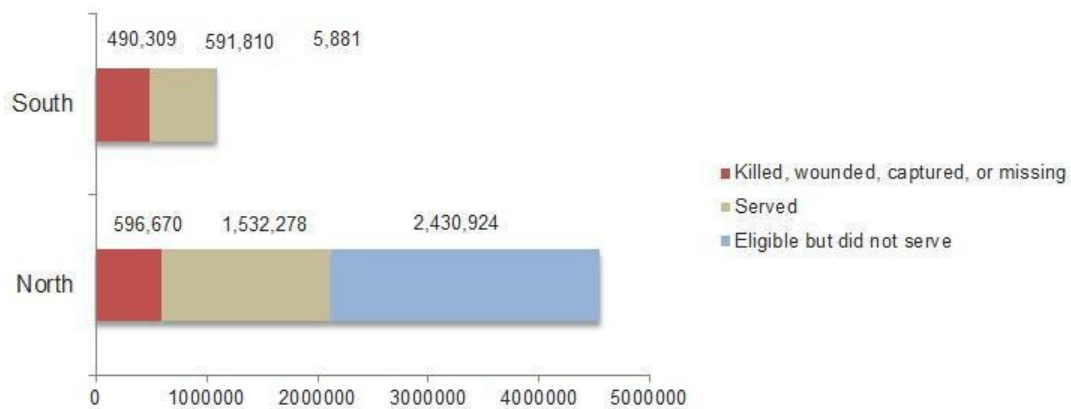


The numbers of Civil War dead were not equaled by the combined toll of other American conflicts until the War in Vietnam. Some believe the number is as high as 850,000. The Civil War Trust does not agree with this claim.

1. What are some possible reasons why the casualty rate is so much higher for Americans during the Civil War than any other war?

2. Predict: Which side (Union or Confederacy) would have the greatest number of losses in this war? Explain your prediction.

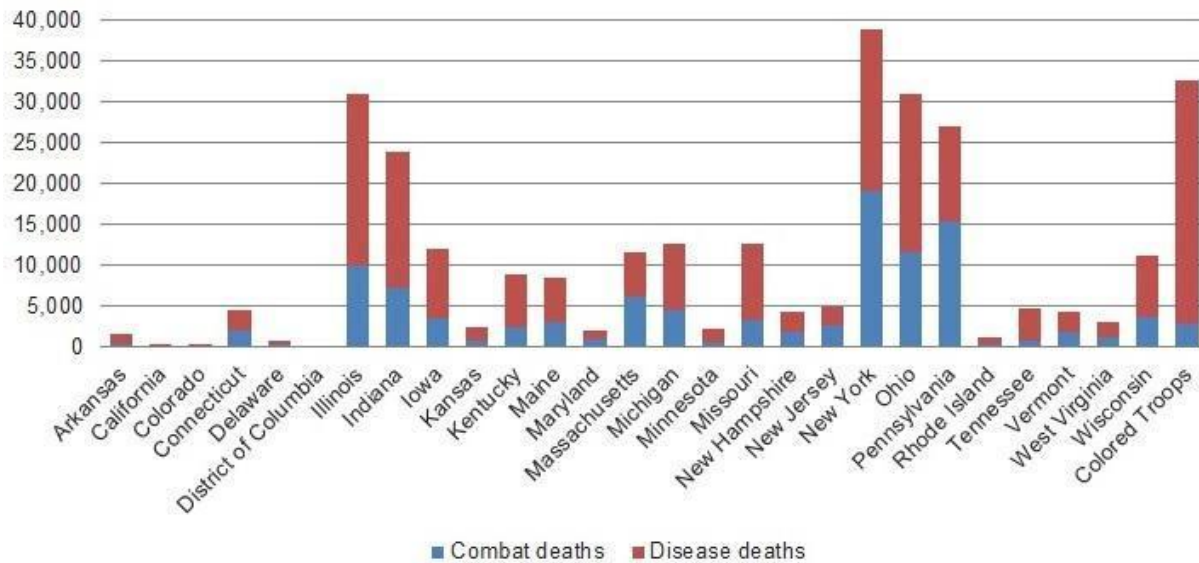
**Figure 2: Service by Population**



3. Which side had the greatest number of people not participating in the war?

4. Why would the South have such a small number of eligible men not chose to fight?

**Figure 3: Union Military Deaths by State**



5. Which three Union states had the highest number of deaths overall? Why do you think that is the case?

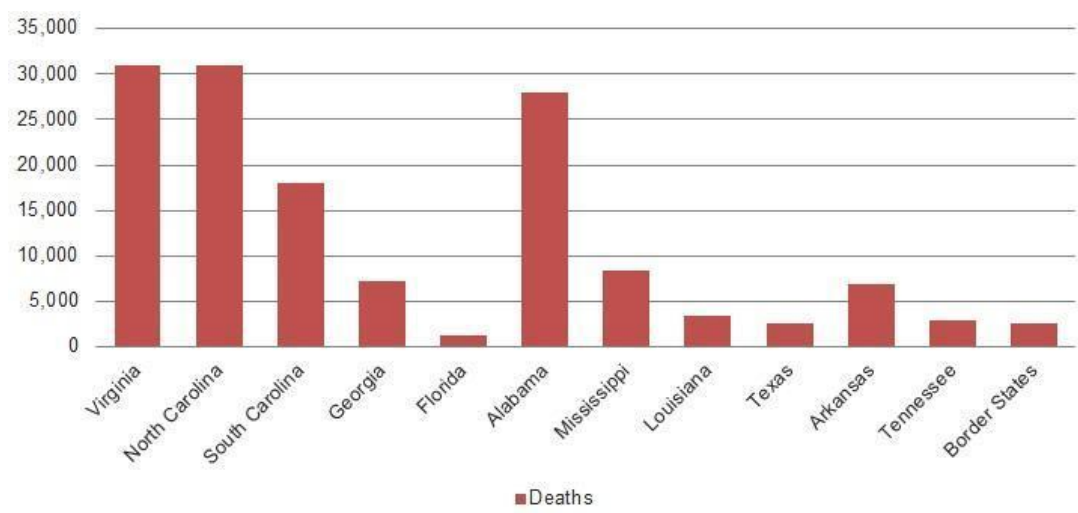
6. What two states had the lowest number of deaths? Why do you think that is the case?

7. Why do you think the death total from disease would be so high?

8. Why would the death rate among “Colored Troops” from disease be so disproportionately high? (search – civil war disease colored troops) Use NPS.gov site.



Figure 4: Confederate Military Deaths by State



9. Which states have the highest death total?

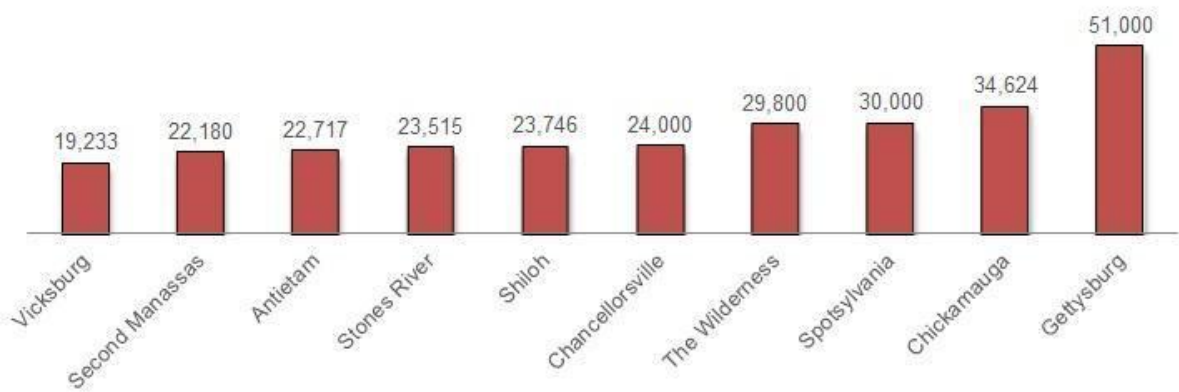
10. Why are Arkansas and Tennessee listed on both the Union and Confederate Dead charts?

11. Define



“Casualty.”

Figure 5: Civil War Battle Casualties



12. What are three potential reasons that Gettysburg had so many more deaths than all the other battles?

Give 2 costs and 2 benefits of the Civil War based on this handout and the presentation given in class.

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