

THE COST OF WAR: Are the Trade-Offs Worth It?

The taxpayers (THAT'S US) will pay \$907 billion for total Iraq and Afghanistan war. *For that same amount of money, we could have provided:*

267 million people with Health Care for one year **or...**

19 million Public Safety Officers for one year **or...**

140 million Scholarships for university students for one year **or...**

399 million children with Health Care for one year **or...**

7 million Affordable Housing Units **or...**

14 million Elementary Teachers for one year.

YES, that's MILLIONS of people! Hard to imagine... but it's true.

Source: National Priorities Project, Northhampton, MA 10160

Breakdown of President Obama's Federal Discretionary* Budget

*Spending the President and Congress decide and act to spend each year.

The Department of Defense will receive 50% of the total. The remaining 50% will be split between 22 other Departments.

THE PENTAGON WINS, AMERICA LOOSES!

\$671 B

DEPT. OF DEFENSE

\$121 B

DEPT. OF EDUCATION

\$120 B

DEPT. OF ENERGY

\$99 B

DEPT. OF HEALTH/HUMAN SERVICES

\$18 B

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Note: Includes allocations from the Recovery Act of 2009

Where Did Your Tax Dollars Go?

The median income family paid **\$4,451** in Federal Income Taxes for 2008. How the money was spent:

Military	\$1,309
Military Interest on Debt	\$ 352
Non-Military Interest on Debt	\$ 530
Health	\$ 948
Veterans Benefits	\$ 169
Food	\$ 160
Education	\$ 134
Environment, Energy and Science	\$ 125
Transportation	\$ 45

Source: www.nationalpriorities.org/TaxDay2009

OUT OF AFGHANISTAN: A Case for Withdrawal!

- Let Iraq be an example... Six years, \$700 billion and counting.
- Our economy cannot stand another costly war: War is not the Answer!
- 522 civilian deaths by U.S. airstrikes has fueled hostility toward U.S.
- Military power is no solution to terrorism. It breeds terrorists.
- Many of our troops have already had 2-4 tours of dangerous combat.
- Our military build-up will unite belligerent Afghan warlords.
- Efforts to stabilize Afghanistan will de-stabilize Pakistan.
- Progress impeded by forbidding terrain and enemy “sanctuary” in Pakistan.
- British empire and Russia committed 100,000 troops and withdrew after humiliating losses. We have “committed” 68,000 to date.
- Obama appeal at NATO for European troop support rejected.
- Corruption by Afghan government and thriving drug lords is rampant.

FROM THE FRYING PAN INTO THE FIRE!

“I hate war as only a soldier who has faced it can, only as one who has seen its brutality, its futility, its stupidity.”

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER