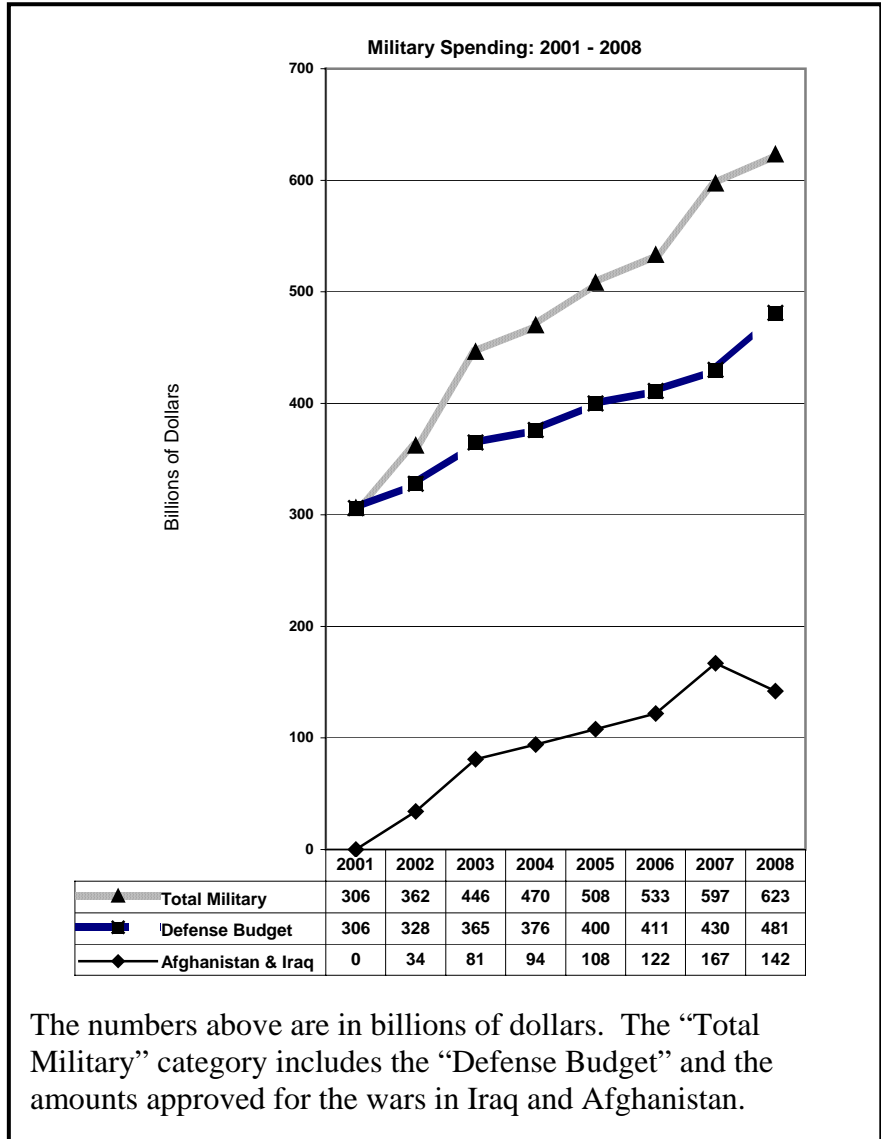


FOR THE LOVE OF PEACE: A Fast to End Economic & Military War Against Iraq

April 9 to April 30, 2007

HOW MUCH MONEY FOR WAR?

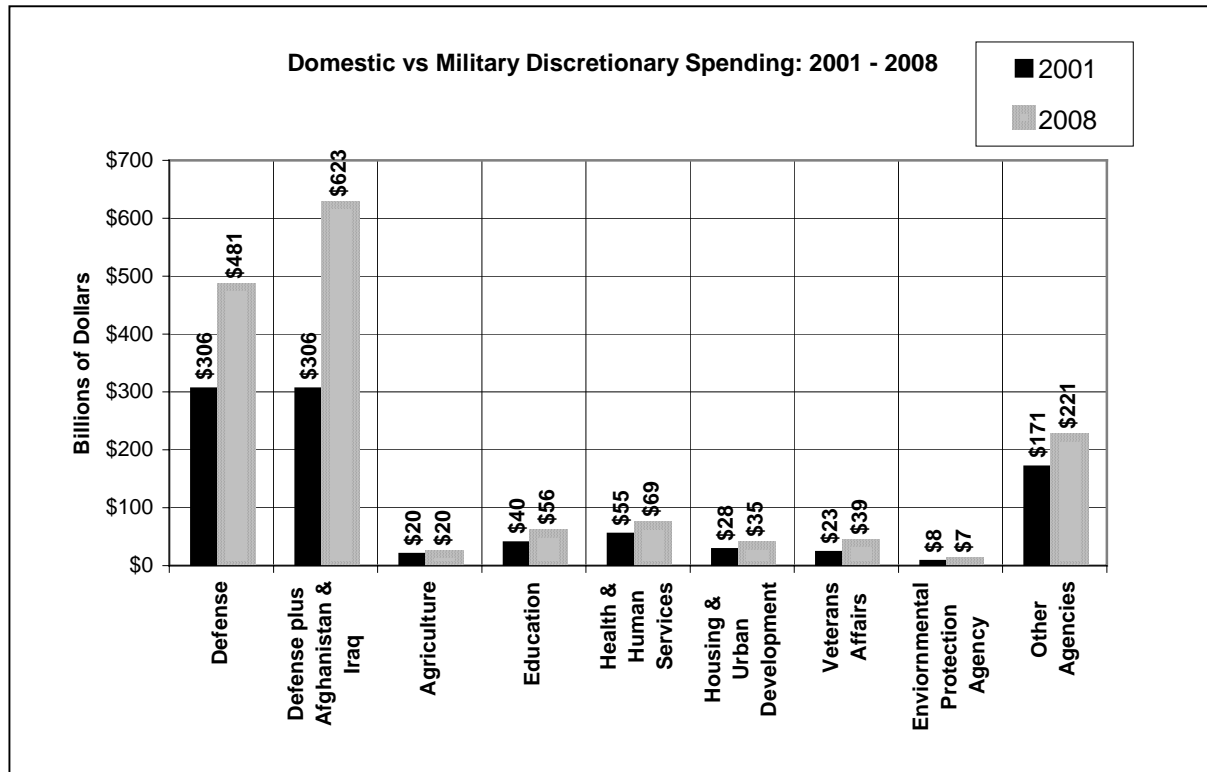
- In 2001, the U.S. spent \$306 billion on the military. President Bush is asking for \$481 billion for FY 2008 (fiscal years begin on October 1).
- That's a 58% increase in military spending—and does NOT include spending on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.
- That's also a \$52 billion increase over what Congress approved for military spending for this year—or a 12% increase in just one year.
- \$170 billion will be authorized for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan for this year alone. That includes the \$70 billion authorized last fall as well as the approximately \$100 billion in the pending supplemental spending bill.



- President Bush has requested \$142 billion in military spending for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan for next year.
- 51% of the federal government’s discretionary spending goes towards the military (discretionary spending does not include such items as Social Security and Medicare which are financed through payroll taxes and other non-income tax sources of revenue).
- With spending on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, military spending will consume 58% of federal discretionary spending next year.

Note: Data for this flyer is taken from Table S-3 on p. 135 of “The Budget for Fiscal Year 2006” and from Table S-3 on p. 153 of “The Budget for Fiscal Year 2008”, both available on the White House website.

THE COST OF WAR: DOMESTIC VS. MILITARY SPENDING



- Military spending now consumes 51% of discretionary spending in the U.S. budget.
- If Iraq and Afghanistan are added to the mix, military spending consumes 58% of discretionary spending.
- Military spending increased by 58% from 2001 to 2008.
- If spending on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are included, military spending is increasing by over 100% from 2001 to 2008.
- ALL of the money being spent on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan is borrowed money, to be repaid by future generations.

TAKE ACTION TO END IRAQ WAR FUNDING:

Call Senator Durbin at 312-353-4952 and Senator Obama at 312-886-3506 and tell them to vote against any additional funding for the Iraq war. Tell them to work to redirect overall U.S. spending away from war making and towards the Common Good—education, health care, housing, social services, etc.

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