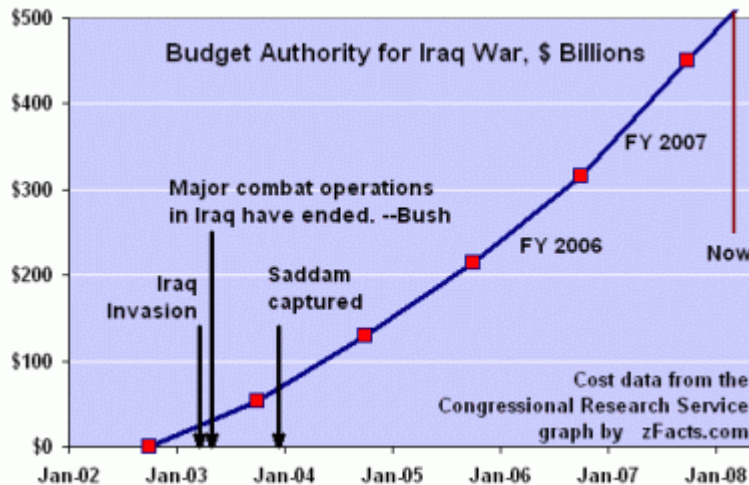


You're invited to an
Annapolis Town Hall Meeting!

Subject: The cost of the War in Iraq and its effects on our local economy and community



Thursday, May 29, 2008, at 7:00 p.m.
City Council Chambers / City Hall
160 Duke of Gloucester Street
Annapolis , Maryland 21401

The City of Annapolis is projected to spend over \$104 million on the Iraq War and military expenses through FY 2009.

This is significantly reducing federal funding for essential programs in our community.

Annapolis Alderman Sam Shropshire is calling for a “town hall” meeting in City Council Chambers to discuss the War in Iraq and its effects on our local economy. This meeting will be held Thursday, May 29, at 7:00 pm at City Hall.

“During the past several years I’ve personally witnessed dwindling federal support for many of our city projects.” Shropshire says he’s not alone in expressing concern. “Municipal leaders across the nation are alarmed about the economy and how this unpopular war is posing financial problems for their cities,” he says.

A complete breakdown on the costs of the war will be examined at the meeting—including a detailed cost for Annapolis, Anne Arundel County and citizen. Greg Speeter, president of the National Priorities Project (NPP), will lead the discussion. The National Priorities Project is an educational foundation that exists to assist community groups and the public in understanding and participating in critical federal budget decisions.

GOALS of THE TOWN HALL MEETING

- Determine the financial impact on local taxpayers;
- Determine which local government agencies and social organizations are impacted, how they are impacted, and what that means to the tax payer;
- Determine the ramifications of cost cuts in education, public safety, housing, transportation, health care and other areas;
- Provide information and a call to action to our elected officials as to the importance of many programs and services that have cuts in federal funding
- Serve to assist our elected officials in better understanding our local economy and “how it is affected by national decision making.”

According to Shropshire, there will be no judgment passed on the rights or wrongs of the War in Iraq. “This will solely be a discussion of the financial impact of cost cutting in various programs and services.

DATE: Thurs., May 29th at 7:00 PM

LOCATION: City Council Chambers, 160 Duke of Gloucester Street, Annapolis.

ABOUT GREG SPEETER, NATIONAL PRIORITIES PROJECT:

Greg Speeter founded the National Priorities Project in 1982 as a way for community groups and the public to understand and participate in critical federal budget decisions. He has been a featured speaker at both policy conferences and training sessions for community organizers, has held a number of budget briefings on Capitol Hill, and is frequently sought out by the media for analysis of budget policies.

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CONTACTS:

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Jan Chapman, Coordinator of Anne Arundel Peace Action 443-994-8150

PLEASE ATTEND. A packed room will show the Mayor and City Council how concerned we, as citizens, are about the costs of the Iraq War and the financial drain to our community.

Support Peace

Anne Arundel Peace Action is a grass roots organization and solely depends upon the donations of our members. Your contribution to help keep peace alive is needed and very much appreciated.

Please send your donations to:

Anne Arundel Peace Action, 310 Riverview Avenue, Annapolis, MD 21403.

In peace,

Jan Chapman

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ESTIMATED COSTS of the IRAQ WAR

For

ANNAPOLIS TAXPAYERS

COST of the IRAQ WAR

Iraq War	Through FY 2007	\$	63,800,000
Iraq War	Proposed for FY 2008		10,200,000
Iraq War	Proposed for FY 2009		17,000,000
Subtotal			91,000,000

COST of OTHER MILITARY

Ballistic Missile Defense	FY 2007	\$	1,400,000
Nuclear Weapons	FY 2007		2,100,000
Subtotal		\$	3,500,000

Total Iraq War & Defense Costs for Annapolis Taxpayers Through FY 2009	\$	94,500,000
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COULD YOUR TAX DOLLARS BE BETTER SPENT?

Following are some trade-offs of what your tax dollars could have provided instead of funding the Iraq War.

IRAQ WAR through Fiscal Year 2007

Taxpayers in Annapolis, Maryland have paid \$63.8 million for the Iraq War thus far. For the same amount of money, the following could have been provided:

- 12,533 People with Health Care **OR**
- 59,250 Homes with Renewable Electricity **OR**
- 1,290 Public Safety Officers **OR**
- 1,084 Music and Arts Teachers **OR**
- 8,073 Scholarships for University Students **OR**
- 4 New Elementary Schools **OR**
- 342 Affordable Housing Units **OR**
- 24,590 Children with Health Care **OR**
- 8,556 Head Start Places for Children **OR**
- 1,011 Elementary School Teachers **OR**
- 1,079 Port Container Inspectors

IRAQ WAR for Fiscal Year 2008

Taxpayers in Annapolis, Maryland will pay \$10.2 million for additional proposed Iraq War spending FY 2008. For the same amount of money, the following could have been provided:

- 2,009 People with Health Care **OR**
- 9,499 Homes with Renewable Electricity **OR**

- 207 Public Safety Officers **OR**
- 174 Music and Arts Teachers **OR**
- 1,294 Scholarships for University Students **OR**
- 1 New Elementary Schools **OR**
- 55 Affordable Housing Units **OR**
- 3,942 Children with Health Care **OR**
- 1,372 Head Start Places for Children **OR**
- 162 Elementary School Teachers **OR**
- 173 Port Container Inspectors

IRAQ WAR for Fiscal Year 2009

Taxpayers in Annapolis, Maryland will pay \$17 million for projected Iraq War Spending for FY 2009. For the same amount of money, the following could have been provided:

- 3,344 People with Health Care **OR**
- 15,807 Homes with Renewable Electricity **OR**
- 344 Public Safety Officers **OR**
- 289 Music and Arts Teachers **OR**
- 2,154 Scholarships for University Students **OR**
- 1 New Elementary Schools **OR**
- 91 Affordable Housing Units **OR**
- 6,560 Children with Health Care **OR**
- 2,283 Head Start Places for Children **OR**
- 270 Elementary School Teachers **OR**
- 288 Port Container Inspectors

BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE in Fiscal Year 2007

Taxpayers in Annapolis, Maryland will pay \$1.4 million for ballistic missile defense in FY 2007. For the same amount of money, the following could have been provided:

- 266 People with Health Care **OR**
- 1,255 Homes with Renewable Electricity **OR**
- 27 Public Safety Officers **OR**
- 23 Music and Arts Teachers **OR**
- 171 Scholarships for University Students **OR**
- 0 New Elementary Schools **OR**
- 7 Affordable Housing Units **OR**
- 521 Children with Health Care **OR**
- 181 Head Start Places for Children **OR**
- 21 Elementary School Teachers **OR**
- 23 Port Container Inspectors

NUCLEAR WEAPONS in Fiscal Year 2007

Taxpayers in Annapolis, Maryland will pay \$2.1 million for nuclear weapons in FY 2007. For the same amount of money, the following could have been provided:

- 408 People with Health Care **OR**
- 1,930 Homes with Renewable Electricity **OR**
- 42 Public Safety Officers **OR**
- 35 Music and Arts Teachers **OR**
- 263 Scholarships for University Students **OR**
- 0 New Elementary Schools **OR**
- 11 Affordable Housing Units **OR**

- 801 Children with Health Care **OR**
- 279 Head Start Places for Children **OR**
- 33 Elementary School Teachers **OR**
- 35 Port Container Inspectors

Notes and Sources: Trade-Offs Page

The Cost of the Iraq War:

To obtain local cost breakdowns, we calculated each state's share of taxes paid into federal funds revenues (based on IRS data). This includes individual income taxes, corporate income taxes, excise, gift and estate taxes. Each state's share of taxes was then multiplied by the total amount of the given item. The Congressional District share is based on its population and median household income relative to the total state figure.

The total amount allocated for war and occupation in Iraq is approximately \$522 billion through fiscal year 2008. An additional request is still pending for Fiscal Year 2008, as well as a funding request for Fiscal Year 2009. The total amount allocated for the Iraq War will be updated if and when additional legislation is passed.

The total cost figure is based on an analysis of the legislation in which Congress has allocated money for war so far. Funding for the war has been initiated by the Bush Administration in supplementals:

FY2003 Supplemental: Operation Iraqi Freedom, made in March 2003, was for \$74.8 billion. Passed within a month of the request, the final allocation amounted to \$78.5 billion, at least \$54.4 billion of which was for the war in Iraq.

FY2004 Supplemental: Iraq and Afghanistan Ongoing Operations/Reconstruction, for \$87 billion, was submitted in September 2003 and passed Congress in November 2003. The final allocation amounted to \$87.5 billion, of which \$70.6 billion was for Iraq.

Budget Amendment: \$25 Emergency Reserve Fund (Department of Defense - Iraq Freedom Fund) was made in May 2004 and was passed by Congress as part of the Department of Defense appropriations bill in July 2004. Based on Iraq War spending, of the \$25 billion appropriated, about \$21.5 billion was for the war in Iraq.

Estimate #1 - Emergency Supplemental (various agencies): Ongoing Military Operations in the War on Terror; Reconstruction Activities in Afghanistan; Tsunami Relief and Reconstruction; and Other Purposes - 2/14/05 was made in February 2005 and passed by Congress in April 2005. The final allocation amounted to \$82 billion, of which about \$58 billion was for the Iraq War.

Department of Defense appropriations for fiscal year 2006 (i.e. war funding not initiated by a supplemental request) included \$50 billion in a 'bridge fund' for war funding. Based on past Iraq War spending, approximately \$40 billion of that can be counted for the Iraq War.

Estimate #3 -FY 2006 Emergency Supplemental (various agencies): Ongoing Military, Diplomatic, and Intelligence Operations in the Global War on Terror; Stabilization and Counter-Insurgency Activities in Iraq and Afghanistan; and Other Humanitarian Assistance-2/16/06 was for \$72.4 billion, of which about \$60 billion war for the Iraq War.

Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2007 appropriated another \$70 billion in a bridge fund for the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, of which approximately 85%, or \$59.5 billion, is for the Iraq War. This additional money will fund the conflict through March of 2007.

Additional 2007 and 2008 Proposals, Other Materials contains the administration's supplemental request for an additional \$100 billion in war spending in FY 2007. NPP estimates that about \$78.1 billion of the money appropriated will be spent (has been spent) on the war in Iraq.

Please note that the Department of Defense was also permitted by legislation to transfer funds from other operations (peacetime, Afghanistan, etc.) to the Iraq War, and so estimating war costs based on Congressional legislation is not enough. An article offered by the Strauss Military Reform Project of the Center for Defense Information offers greater insight into the problems of truly knowing how much has been spent on the Iraq War or other military operations. A Congressional Research Service report also discusses the cost of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Trade-Offs:

Elementary School Teachers, Music and Arts Teachers, Public Safety Officers, Police Officers, Firefighters, Nurses, and any other occupation: Each state's number is based on the average amount of annual pay an elementary school teacher receives, plus 25% for other expenses associated with employment such as benefits.

These numbers are for 2005 from the Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates.

Head Start Places for Children: We calculated cost per child numbers for each state based on state numbers from the Administration of Children and Families' Head Start Bureau. These numbers are from 2005.

People or Children Receiving Health Care: The state numbers are based on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Data Compendium. They represent the average Medicaid outlays per person or per child in each state for 1999 and 2000, and then are forecasted for 2005.

Elementary Schools: The cost of a new elementary school is based on the median amount spent on a 65,000 square foot elementary school in 2005, as reported by the School Planning and Management's 11th Annual Construction Report. A 65,000 square foot elementary school can accommodate roughly 500 students. Regional differences in cost are reflected in each states totals.

Scholarships for University Students: The number for each state is based on the cost of tuition and fees at that state's flagship university for the 2005-2006 academic year. Data on tuition and fees are available at the National Center for Education Statistics' College Opportunities On-Line (COOL).

Affordable Housing Units: The number for each state is based on Census 1990 and 2000 housing values. We have taken the average of the median and lower quartile values, and forecasted for 2005. This may be a fairly rough estimate of what it would cost to build affordable housing, but does constitute a good estimate of an inexpensive housing unit in each state.

Housing Vouchers: On average, each housing voucher is worth \$6,665. While there is some variation between cities, we used the national average for each state because it represented the best guide for the value of a housing voucher. This amount is from the Congressional Budget Office.

Students receiving Pell Grants of \$4,050: The maximum Pell Grant award is currently set at \$4050. We used that number for each of the states and for the United States as a whole. Information on the Federal Pell Grant Program can be found at the Office of Postsecondary Education at the US Department of Education.

Homes with Renewable Electricity: The average kWh per home was calculated with data from the Energy Information Administration on total residential electricity useage (by state) and number occupied households. The cost of wind energy is approximately 8 cents per kWh according to research done by Ryan Wisner and Edward Kahn at Lawrence Berkely National Laboratory. For our estimations, we've used 8 cents.

Source of data: National Priorities Project analyzes and clarifies federal data so that people can understand and influence how their tax dollars are spent. www.nationalpriorities.org

BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE

2007

Taxpayers in Anne Arundel paid **\$23.2 million** for ballistic missile defense in FY2007.

For the same amount of money, the following could have been provided:

- 4,551 People with Health Care OR
- 21,515 Homes with Renewable Electricity OR
- 468 Public Safety Officers OR
- 394 Music and Arts Teachers OR
- 2,931 Scholarships for University Students OR
- 1 New Elementary Schools OR
- 124 Affordable Housing Units OR
- 8,929 Children with Health Care OR
- 3,107 Head Start Places for Children OR
- 367 Elementary School Teachers OR
- 392 Port Container Inspectors

2008

Taxpayers in Anne Arundel County, Maryland will pay **\$21.9 million** for ballistic missile defense in FY2008. For the same amount of money, the following could be provided:

- 4,291 People with Health Care for One Year OR
- 20,287 Homes with Renewable Electricity for One Year OR
- 442 Public Safety Officers for One year OR
- 371 Music and Arts Teachers for One Year OR
- 2,764 Scholarships for University Students for One Year OR
- 1 New Elementary Schools OR
- 117 Affordable Housing Units OR
- 8,419 Children with Health Care for One Year OR
- 2,930 Head Start Places for Children for One Year OR
- 346 Elementary School Teachers for One Year OR
- 369 Port Container Inspectors for One year

2009 PROPOSED

Taxpayers in Anne Arundel County will pay **\$25.5 million** for proposed ballistic missile defense in FY2009. For the same amount of money, the following could be provided:

- 5,015 People with Health Care for One Year OR
- 23,710 Homes with Renewable Electricity for One Year OR
- 516 Public Safety Officers for One year OR
- 434 Music and Arts Teachers for One Year OR
- 3,230 Scholarships for University Students for One Year OR
- 2 New Elementary Schools OR
- 137 Affordable Housing Units OR
- 9,840 Children with Health Care for One Year OR
- 3,424 Head Start Places for Children for One Year OR
- 404 Elementary School Teachers for One Year OR
- 432 Port Container Inspectors for One year

NUCLEAR WEAPONS

2007

Taxpayers in Anne Arundel County paid **\$35.6 million** for nuclear weapons in FY2007.

For the same amount of money, the following could have been provided:

- 6,996 People with Health Care **OR**
- 33,071 Homes with Renewable Electricity **OR**
- 720 Public Safety Officers **OR**
- 605 Music and Arts Teachers **OR**
- 4,506 Scholarships for University Students **OR**
- 2 New Elementary Schools **OR**
- 191 Affordable Housing Units **OR**
- 13,725 Children with Health Care **OR**
- 4,776 Head Start Places for Children **OR**
- 564 Elementary School Teachers **OR**
- 602 Port Container Inspectors

2008

Taxpayers in Anne Arundel County will pay **\$31.6 million** for nuclear weapons in FY2008.

For the same amount of money, the following could be provided:

- 6,213 People with Health Care for One Year OR
- 29,371 Homes with Renewable Electricity for One Year OR
- 639 Public Safety Officers for One year OR
- 537 Music and Arts Teachers for One Year OR
- 4,002 Scholarships for University Students for One Year OR
- 2 New Elementary Schools OR
- 170 Affordable Housing Units OR
- 12,190 Children with Health Care for One Year OR
- 4,242 Head Start Places for Children for One Year OR
- 501 Elementary School Teachers for One Year OR
- 535 Port Container Inspectors for One year

2009 PROPOSED

Taxpayers in Anne Arundel County will pay **\$33.4 million** for proposed nuclear weapons in FY2009.

For the same amount of money, the following could be provided:

- 6,559 People with Health Care for One Year OR
- 31,008 Homes with Renewable Electricity for One Year OR
- 675 Public Safety Officers for One year OR
- 567 Music and Arts Teachers for One Year OR
- 4,225 Scholarships for University Students for One Year OR
- 2 New Elementary Schools OR
- 179 Affordable Housing Units OR
- 12,869 Children with Health Care for One Year OR
- 4,478 Head Start Places for Children for One Year OR
- 529 Elementary School Teachers for One Year OR
- 564 Port Container Inspectors for One year

IRAQ WAR

PAID TO DATE

Taxpayers in Anne Arundel County have paid **\$1.1 billion** for the Iraq War thus far.

For the same amount of money, the following could have been provided:

- 214,798 People with Health Care for One Year OR
- 1,015,434 Homes with Renewable Electricity for One Year OR
- 22,102 Public Safety Officers for One year OR
- 18,578 Music and Arts Teachers for One Year OR
- 138,349 Scholarships for University Students for One Year OR
- 68 New Elementary Schools OR
- 5,866 Affordable Housing Units OR
- 421,426 Children with Health Care for One Year OR
- 146,640 Head Start Places for Children for One Year OR
- 17,324 Elementary School Teachers for One Year OR
- 18,484 Port Container Inspectors for One year

2007

Taxpayers in Anne Arundel County paid **\$288 million** for the cost of the Iraq War in FY 2007.

For the same amount of money, the following could have been provided:

- 56,567 People with Health Care for One Year OR
- 267,414 Homes with Renewable Electricity for One Year OR
- 5,821 Public Safety Officers for One year OR
- 4,893 Music and Arts Teachers for One Year OR
- 36,434 Scholarships for University Students for One Year OR
- 18 New Elementary Schools OR
- 1,545 Affordable Housing Units OR
- 110,982 Children with Health Care for One Year OR
- 38,617 Head Start Places for Children for One Year OR
- 4,562 Elementary School Teachers for One Year OR
- 4,868 Port Container Inspectors for One year

2008

Taxpayers in Anne Arundel County, Maryland will pay \$175.4 million for additional proposed Iraq War spending FY 2008. For the same amount of money, the following could have been provided:

- 34,436 People with Health Care for One Year **OR**
- 162,792 Homes with Renewable Electricity for One Year **OR**
- 3,543 Public Safety Officers for One year **OR**
- 2,978 Music and Arts Teachers for One Year **OR**
- 22,180 Scholarships for University Students for One Year **OR**
- 11 New Elementary Schools **OR**
- 940 Affordable Housing Units **OR**
- 67,562 Children with Health Care for One Year **OR**
- 23,509 Head Start Places for Children for One Year **OR**
- 2,777 Elementary School Teachers for One Year **OR**
- 2,963 Port Container Inspectors for One year

2008 and 2009

Taxpayers in Anne Arundel County will pay \$283.5 million for pending 2008 and 2009 additional spending. For the same amount of money, the following could have been provided:

- 55,671 People with Health Care for One Year **OR**
- 263,179 Homes with Renewable Electricity for One Year **OR**
- 5,728 Public Safety Officers for One year **OR**
- 4,815 Music and Arts Teachers for One Year **OR**

35,857 Scholarships for University Students for One Year **OR**
18 New Elementary Schools **OR**
1,520 Affordable Housing Units **OR**
109,225 Children with Health Care for One Year **OR**
38,006 Head Start Places for Children for One Year **OR**
4,490 Elementary School Teachers for One Year **OR**
4,791 Port Container Inspectors for One year

2009 PROPOSED

Taxpayers in Anne Arundel County will pay \$108.1 million for proposed Iraq War spending FY 2009. For the same amount of money, the following could have been provided:

21,235 People with Health Care for One Year **OR**
100,388 Homes with Renewable Electricity for One Year **OR**
2,185 Public Safety Officers for One year **OR**
1,837 Music and Arts Teachers for One Year **OR**
13,677 Scholarships for University Students for One Year **OR**
7 New Elementary Schools **OR**
580 Affordable Housing Units **OR**
41,663 Children with Health Care for One Year **OR**
14,497 Head Start Places for Children for One Year **OR**
1,713 Elementary School Teachers for One Year **OR**
1,827 Port Container Inspectors for One year

2009 PROJECTED

Taxpayers in Anne Arundel County, Maryland will pay \$291.8 million for projected Iraq War Spending for FY 2009. For the same amount of money, the following could have been provided:

57,307 People with Health Care for One Year OR
270,912 Homes with Renewable Electricity for One Year OR
5,897 Public Safety Officers for One year OR
4,957 Music and Arts Teachers for One Year OR
36,911 Scholarships for University Students for One Year OR
18 New Elementary Schools OR
1,565 Affordable Housing Units OR
112,434 Children with Health Care for One Year OR
39,123 Head Start Places for Children for One Year OR
4,622 Elementary School Teachers for One Year OR
4,931 Port Container Inspectors for One year

Consider the costs...

\$4,681 per household.
\$1,721 per person.
\$341.4 million per day.

Maryland residents.....
IS THIS HOW YOU WANT YOUR TAX DOLLARS SPENT?

Following is a summary of spending on the Iraq War and military from 2003 through proposed budgets for Fiscal Year 2009.

Category	Period	Amount
Iraq War	Approved to date	\$10,200,000,000
Iraq War	FY 2007	2,700,000,000
Iraq War	FY 2008 & FY 2009	2,600,000,000
Total for the Iraq War		\$15,500,000,000
Ballistic Missile Defense	FY 2008	\$ 202,300,000
Nuclear Weapons	FY 2008	292,900,000
Ballistic Missile Defense	FY 2009	242,400,000
Nuclear Weapons	FY 2009	317,000,000
Total for Ballistic Missile Defense & Nuclear Weapons		\$ 1,054,600,000
Total for all categories		\$16,554,600,000

Following is a breakdown of each of the above categories, and what the same amount of money could have provided.

IRAQ WAR SPENDING

APPROVED TO DATE

Taxpayers in Maryland will pay \$10.2 billion for total Iraq war spending approved to date.

For the same amount of money, the following could have been provided:

- 2,001,583 People with Health Care for One Year **OR**
- 9,462,255 Homes with Renewable Electricity for One Year **OR**
- 205,958 Public Safety Officers for One year **OR**
- 173,119 Music and Arts Teachers for One Year **OR**
- 1,289,193 Scholarships for University Students for One Year **OR**
- 54,663 Affordable Housing Units **OR**
- 3,927,026 Children with Health Care for One Year **OR**
- 1,366,451 Head Start Places for Children for One Year **OR**
- 161,431 Elementary School Teachers for One Year **OR**
- 172,241 Port Container Inspectors for One year

IRAQ WAR

FY 2007

Taxpayers in Maryland will pay \$2.7 billion for the cost of the Iraq War in FY2007.

For the same amount of money, the following could have been provided:

- 523,708 People with Health Care for One Year **OR**
- 2,475,768 Homes with Renewable Electricity for One Year **OR**
- 53,888 Public Safety Officers for One year **OR**
- 45,296 Music and Arts Teachers for One Year **OR**
- 337,313 Scholarships for University Students for One Year **OR**

- 14,302 Affordable Housing Units **OR**
- 1,027,494 Children with Health Care for One Year **OR**
- 357,528 Head Start Places for Children for One Year **OR**
- 42,238 Elementary School Teachers for One Year **OR**
- 45,066 Port Container Inspectors for One year

IRAQ WAR (proposed)

FY 2008 & FY 2009

Taxpayers in Maryland will pay \$2.6 billion for the President's request for additional Iraq war spending in FY2008 and FY2009. For the same amount of money, the following could have been provided:

- 515,415 People with Health Care for One Year **OR**
- 2,436,565 Homes with Renewable Electricity for One Year **OR**
- 53,035 Public Safety Officers for One year **OR**
- 44,579 Music and Arts Teachers for One Year **OR**
- 331,972 Scholarships for University Students for One Year **OR**
- 14,076 Affordable Housing Units **OR**
- 1,011,224 Children with Health Care for One Year **OR**
- 351,866 Head Start Places for Children for One Year **OR**
- 41,569 Elementary School Teachers for One Year **OR**
- 44,353 Port Container Inspectors for One year

BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE

FY 2008

Taxpayers in Maryland will pay \$202.3 million for ballistic missile defense in FY2008. For the same amount of money, the following could have been provided:

- 39,730 People with Health Care for One Year **OR**
- 187,818 Homes with Renewable Electricity for One Year **OR**
- 4,088 Public Safety Officers for One year **OR**
- 3,436 Music and Arts Teachers for One Year **OR**
- 25,589 Scholarships for University Students for One Year **OR**
- 1,085 Affordable Housing Units **OR**
- 77,948 Children with Health Care for One Year **OR**
- 27,123 Head Start Places for Children for One Year **OR**
- 3,204 Elementary School Teachers for One Year **OR**
- 3,419 Port Container Inspectors for One year

NUCLEAR WEAPONS

FY 2008

Taxpayers in Maryland will pay \$292.9 million for nuclear weapons in FY2008. For the same amount of money, the following could have been provided:

- 57,521 People with Health Care for One Year **OR**
- 271,923 Homes with Renewable Electricity for One Year **OR**
- 5,919 Public Safety Officers for One year **OR**
- 4,975 Music and Arts Teachers for One Year **OR**
- 37,048 Scholarships for University Students for One Year **OR**
- 1,571 Affordable Housing Units **OR**
- 112,854 Children with Health Care for One Year **OR**
- 39,269 Head Start Places for Children for One Year **OR**
- 4,639 Elementary School Teachers for One Year **OR**
- 4,950 Port Container Inspectors for One year

BALLISTIC MISSILE DEFENSE (proposed)

FY 2009

Taxpayers in Maryland will pay \$242.4 million for proposed ballistic missile defense in FY2009. For the same amount of money, the following could have been provided:

- 47,606 People with Health Care for One Year **OR**

- 225,051 Homes with Renewable Electricity for One Year **OR**
- 4,899 Public Safety Officers for One year **OR**
- 4,117 Music and Arts Teachers for One Year **OR**
- 30,662 Scholarships for University Students for One Year **OR**
- 1,300 Affordable Housing Units **OR**
- 93,401 Children with Health Care for One Year **OR**
- 32,500 Head Start Places for Children for One Year **OR**
- 3,839 Elementary School Teachers for One Year **OR**
- 4,097 Port Container Inspectors for One year

NUCLEAR WEAPONS (proposed)

FY 2009

Taxpayers in Maryland will pay \$317 million for proposed nuclear weapons in FY2009.

For the same amount of money, the following could have been provided:

- 62,260 People with Health Care for One Year **OR**
- 294,325 Homes with Renewable Electricity for One Year **OR**
- 6,406 Public Safety Officers for One year **OR**
- 5,385 Music and Arts Teachers for One Year **OR**
- 40,101 Scholarships for University Students for One Year **OR**
- 1,700 Affordable Housing Units **OR**
- 122,151 Children with Health Care for One Year **OR**
- 42,504 Head Start Places for Children for One Year **OR**
- 5,021 Elementary School Teachers for One Year **OR**
- 5,358 Port Container Inspectors for One year

TAX CUTS FOR THE RICHEST 10%

FY 2009

Taxpayers in Maryland will pay \$2.3 billion for tax cuts for the richest 10% in FY 2009.

For the same amount of money, the following could have been provided:

- 454,986 People with Health Care for One Year **OR**
- 2,150,896 Homes with Renewable Electricity for One Year **OR**
- 46,817 Public Safety Officers for One year **OR**
- 39,352 Music and Arts Teachers for One Year **OR**
- 293,051 Scholarships for University Students for One Year **OR**
- 12,426 Affordable Housing Units **OR**
- 892,665 Children with Health Care for One Year **OR**
- 310,613 Head Start Places for Children for One Year **OR**
- 36,695 Elementary School Teachers for One Year **OR**
- 39,153 Port Container Inspectors for One year

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Ballistic Missile Defense: According to the Center for Arms Control and Nuclear Proliferation, the total proposed spending for ballistic missile defense in the fiscal year 2009 budget would be \$12.2 billion. This amount includes Space Based Infra-Red System - High.

Nuclear Weapons: According to the Budget of the United States Government, FY2009, spending on Department of Energy's Atomic Energy Defense Activities would be \$15.9 billion.

Cost of Iraq War: The total amount allocated for war and occupation in Iraq is approximately \$525.9 billion, according to the Congressional Research Service. Additional requests of \$83.8 billion for Fiscal Year 2008, and \$51.65 Fiscal Year 2009 are currently pending approval. The total amount allocated for the Iraq War will be updated if and when that additional legislation is

passed.

The total cost figure is based on an analysis of the legislation in which Congress has allocated money for war so far. Funding for the war has been initiated by the Bush Administration in supplementals:

FY2003 Supplemental: Operation Iraqi Freedom, made in March 2003, was for \$74.8 billion. Passed within a month of the request, the final allocation amounted to \$78.5 billion, at least \$54.4 billion of which was for the war in Iraq.

FY2004 Supplemental: Iraq and Afghanistan Ongoing Operations/Reconstruction, for \$87 billion, was submitted in September 2003 and passed Congress in November 2003. The final allocation amounted to \$87.5 billion, of which \$70.6 billion was for Iraq.

Budget Amendment: \$25 Emergency Reserve Fund (Department of Defense - Iraq Freedom Fund) was made in May 2004 and was passed by Congress as part of the Department of Defense appropriations bill in July 2004. Based on Iraq War spending, of the \$25 billion appropriated, about \$21.5 billion was for the war in Iraq.

Estimate #1 - Emergency Supplemental (various agencies): Ongoing Military Operations in the War on Terror; Reconstruction Activities in Afghanistan; Tsunami Relief and Reconstruction; and Other Purposes - 2/14/05 was made in February 2005 and passed by Congress in April 2005. The final allocation amounted to \$82 billion, of which about \$58 billion was for the Iraq War.

Department of Defense appropriations for fiscal year 2006 (i.e. war funding not initiated by a supplemental request) included \$50 billion in a 'bridge fund' for war funding. Based on past Iraq War spending, approximately \$40 billion of that can be counted for the Iraq War

Estimate #3 - FY 2006 Emergency Supplemental (various agencies): Ongoing Military, Diplomatic, and Intelligence Operations in the Global War on Terror; Stabilization and Counter-Insurgency Activities in Iraq and Afghanistan; and Other Humanitarian Assistance-2/16/06 was for \$72.4 billion, of which about \$60 billion war for the Iraq War.

Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2007 appropriated another \$70 billion in a bridge fund for the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, of which approximately 85%, or \$59.5 billion, is for the Iraq War. This additional money will fund the conflict through March of 2007.

Additional 2007 and 2008 Proposals. Other Materials contains the administration's supplemental request for an additional \$100 billion in war spending in FY 2007. NPP estimates that about \$78.1 billion of the money appropriated will be spent (has been spent) on the war in Iraq.

The Consolidated Appropriations Bill of 2008 appropriated \$70 billion for the Iraq war for fiscal year 2008, \$55.9 billion of which is for Iraq. Another \$108 billion in war spending is still pending approval for fiscal year 2008. Of that, \$83.8 billion is for the Iraq war.

Estimate #2 - FY 2009 Emergency Budget Amendments: Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Selected Other International Activities—5/2/08 contains the Presidents FY 2009 request for \$70 billion in war spending for the first three months of FY2009. Our analysis shows that approximately \$51.7 billion of that amount is for Iraq.

Please note that the Department of Defense was also permitted by legislation to transfer funds from other operations (peacetime, Afghanistan, etc.) to the Iraq War, and so estimating war costs based on Congressional legislation is not enough. An article offered by the Strauss Military Reform Project of the Center for Defense Information offers greater insight into the problems of truly knowing how much has been spent on the Iraq War or other military operations. A Congressional Research Service report also discusses the cost of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Trade-Offs:

Elementary School Teachers, Music and Arts Teachers, Public Safety Officers, Police Officers, Firefighters, Nurses, and any other occupation: Each state's number is based on the average amount of annual pay an elementary school teacher receives, plus 25% for other expenses associated with employment such as benefits. These numbers are for 2005 from the Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates, and they cover one year of employment.

Head Start Places for Children: We calculated cost per child numbers for each state based on state numbers from the Administration of Children and Families' Head Start Bureau. These numbers are from 2005.

People or Children Receiving Health Care: The state numbers are for one year of coverage and are based on the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Data Compendium. They represent the average Medicaid outlays per person or per child in each state for 1999 and 2000, and then are forecasted for 2005.

Elementary Schools: The cost of a new elementary school is based on the median amount spent on a 65,000 square foot elementary school in 2005, as reported by the School Planning and Management's 11th Annual Construction Report. A 65,000 square foot elementary school can accommodate roughly 500 students. Regional differences in cost are reflected in each states total.

Scholarships for University Students: The number for each state is based on the cost of tuition and fees for one year at that state's flagship university for the 2005-2006 academic year. Data on tuition and fees are available at the National Center for Education Statistics' College Opportunities On-Line (COOL).

Affordable Housing Units: The number for each state is based on Census 1990 and 2000 housing values. We have taken the average of the median and lower quartile values, and forecasted for 2005. This may be a fairly rough estimate of what is would cost to build affordable housing, but does constitute a good estimate of an inexpensive housing unit in each state. Housing Vouchers: On average, each housing voucher is worth \$6,665. While there is some variation between cities, we used the national average for each state because it represented the best guide for the value of a housing voucher. This amount is from the Congressional Budget Office.

Students receiving Pell Grants of \$4050: The maximum Pell Grant award is currently set at \$4050. We used that number for each of the states and for the United States as a whole. Information on the Federal Pell Grant Program can be found at the Office of Postsecondary Education at the US Department of Education.

Homes with Renewable Electricity: The average kWh per home was calculated with data from the Energy Information Administration on total residential electricity usage (by state) and number occupied households. The cost of wind energy is approximately 8 cents per kWh according to research done by Ryan Wisser and Edward Kahn at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory. For our estimations, we've used 8 cents.

SOURCE: National Priorities Project. Additional information can be found at their web site at www.NationalPriorities.org.

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