



Budget Problems in Bethel?



- * Less money is available from the State of Connecticut ...
- * Because less money is available from Washington DC ...
- * Because money is being diverted to the war in Iraq ...

By March 2007, the State of Connecticut's share the War in Iraq is estimated to reach \$ 9.2 BILLION!
Your town's share of this, and some of the major metropolitan areas, are shown below:

All Connecticut	\$9.2 Billion
Greenwich	\$283.2 Million
Hartford	\$137.4 Million
New Haven	\$171.7 Million
New London	\$ 42.4 Million
Stamford	\$338.3 Million
Westport	\$140.9 Million

Bethel's

Share of the cost of the War in Iraq is estimated to be:

\$ 55.2 Million!

Instead of war, we could have:

- Paid for 1,158,020 children in Connecticut to attend a year of Head Start (7,129 Students in 2004).
- Hired 151,518 additional public school teachers in Connecticut for one year (Regular teachers 33,666 in 2001).
- Provided 423,844 students four-year scholarships at public Universities in Connecticut.
- Kids Health Insurance for 5,235,368 children in Connecticut for one year (Estimated 20,000 uninsured children in CT).

Americans on the Home Front:

Do Their Part For The War

The candles are labeled: Mary's 401k, Jo's Retirement, Billy's Grant, Al's Health Care, Jim's Dental, and Social Security.



No Americans Died For Regime Change In:

Poland, East Germany, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Bulgaria, Ukraine and many other places

Estimates of the cost of the War in Iraq for towns, cities and counties across the U.S are based on those from www.nationalpriorities.org.

- 1) The local cost of the war in Iraq is based on an estimated **total cost of \$378 Billion by March 1, 2007**. The details underlying these numbers can be seen at <http://costofwar.com/numbers.html>
- 2) The state share of the total is based on how much each state contributes in tax revenues, according to IRS data. **This is 2.43% for Connecticut.**
- 3) The town-level costs are based on **allocating the state share of the cost of the war in Iraq to towns based on the ratio of median local-level town income** to the total state income of \$74,556 Million (based on 2000 census data estimates).

Estimated Cost of War in Iraq (Million \$) = \$378, 000 Million * (Median Household Income for Town) * (Number of Households in Town) / \$74,556
Bethel: Median Household Income for Town = \$68,891 and 6,521 Households

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Join us at our meetings: Every Monday evening at 7:30 PM, Quaker Meeting House, 144 South Quaker Lane, West Hartford

Flyers for all other Connecticut towns at: <http://www.hopeoutloud.org>

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