



# Budget Problems in Amherst?



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

**By March 2007, the State of Massachusetts's share the War in Iraq is estimated to reach \$10.7 BILLION!**  
Your town's share of this, and some of the major metropolitan areas, are shown below:

### All Massachusetts \$ 10,700 Million

Boston	\$786.0	Million
Cambridge	\$169.3	Million
Fall River	\$ 93.1	Million
Holyoke	\$ 37.7	Million
Pittsfield	\$ 58.2	Million
Worcester	\$197.7	Million

## Amherst's

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

# \$ 30.4 Million!

Instead of war, we could have:

- Paid for 1,340,110 children in Massachusetts to attend a year of Head Start (7,129 students were registered in 2004 in CT).
- Hired 175,343 additional public school teachers in Massachusetts for one year (Regular teachers 33,666 in 2001 in CT).
- Provided 490,500 students four-year scholarships at public Universities in Massachusetts.
- Insured 6,058,589 children in Massachusetts for one year (Estimated 20,000 uninsured children in Connecticut).

**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](http://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 2.83% for Massachusetts.**
- 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 \$129,217 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) / \$129,217  
**Amherst: Median Household Income for Town = \$40017 and 9174 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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