Budget Problems in Ludlow?

* 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

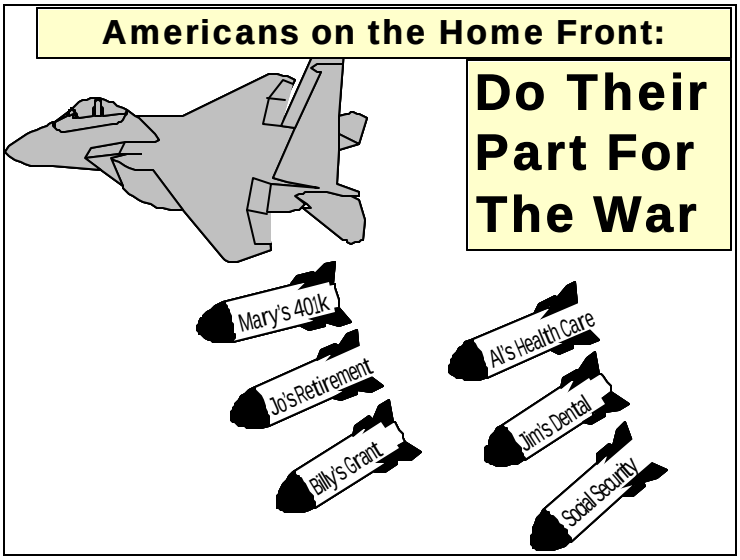
Ludlow's

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

$ 29.8 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).



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 2.83% 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

Ludlow: Median Household Income for Town = $47002 and 7659 Households

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