

**HERE IS HOW WE COULD HAVE  
BETTER SPENT \$122.3 BN. INSTEAD  
OF ON FAILED WARS SOLD WITH LIES  
AND FEAR**

- 1. 52.5 million children could have received health insurance for one year.**
- 2. 17.3 million children could have attended a year of Head Start.**
- 3. 2.3 million additional public school teachers could have been hired for one year.**
- 4. 3.1 million students could have received 4-year scholarships at a public university.**
- 5. 1.8 million additional housing units could have been built.**
- 6. We could have funded global anti-hunger efforts for 5 years!**
- 7. We could have funded world-wide AIDS programs for 12 years!**
- 8. Every child in the world would have been ensured basic immunization for 40 years!**

Still think nation building in Iraq was worth it? Well  
maybe...if you have ties to big oil and Halliburton!

Sources: The numbers shown are based on cost of war projections made by MIT faculty at: [www.costofwar.com](http://www.costofwar.com). Using DOD stats and appropriation bills the cost of these wars is expected to reach \$135 bn. on September 30, 2004. These are conservative estimates based on the occupation now costing \$3.9 bn per month. To come up with a more precise dollar cost, one should add in another 40% to any total for interest because this is debt. The numbers shown above are current as of 7/04.

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“Every gun that is made, every warship launched,  
every rocket fired, signals in the final sense a theft  
from those who hunger and are not fed, those who  
are cold and are not clothed.”

--President Dwight D. Eisenhower, 4/16/53