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### Bush Lies Again (This Time About Base-Closings)

by Michael in New York on 8/15/2005 02:17:00 PM

Closing military bases in the US is always a difficult process fraught with political overtones (no Congressman or Senator wants a base closed in their state). But lying about it to the American people is unacceptable. Bush's administration is claiming we'll save \$50 billion over the next 20 years if we close down the bases they want.

The only problem? **They're lying.**

The real figure is \$25 billion if not less because most savings would come from eliminating jobs and most of the jobs done at these bases wouldn't disappear, they'd just move somewhere else. The New York Times reports that eight out of nine members of the panel studying this problem have serious disagreements with Bush's claim and have asked for an independent study to come up with a "realistic" figure. You know, one that isn't a lie.



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