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### Iraqi War: \$225 Billion and Counting

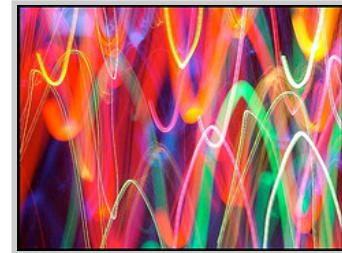
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Ok, a few weeks ago John Kerry was shredded for suggesting that the total cost of fighting in Iraq was \$200 billion. He was quite reasonably taking the total amount already spent by the debates (\$125 billion) and the money that was going to be needed in the coming fiscal year that started in the beginning of October. That money was already needed and in fact delaying the requests meant the final bill would be higher (delayed repairs cost more). But Bush was afraid to let the American people know the truth about what the real financial burden of the war was becoming.

Now the Washington Post reports that Bush is going to be requesting about \$70 billion (more than the year before) and when you add in special funding requests, **the cost is now \$225 billion and counting.** That only gets us to next October and of course the stronger the insurgency gets, the more money we'll need. That's more than \$1000.00 for every single adult in the country. Guess you can hand that modest tax break right back, along with your sons and daughters.



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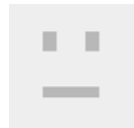
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