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George W. Bush: The Biggest Spender Since LBJ

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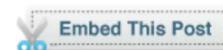
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The Congressional Budget Office has released final budget numbers for fiscal year 2009. The numbers allow us to take a last look at the Bush administration's record on spending from a statistical point of view.

The following three charts show annual average real (or constant dollar) outlays during the tenures of recent presidents. Presidents were in office for either 4 or 8 budget years, except JFK (3 years), LBJ (5 years), Nixon (6 years), and Ford (2 years).

President George W. Bush's last year was fiscal 2009. Outlays that year were \$3.522 trillion, according to the CBO. However, \$108 billion was spending for the 2009 economic stimulus package passed under President Obama. Bush was thus roughly responsible for \$3.414 trillion of spending in 2009, which includes outlays for the financial bailouts enacted under his watch. (For FY2009, \$154 billion for TARP and \$91 billion for Fannie and Freddie).

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NoSingleOne on Dec 28, 6:51 AM said:

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Bush was thus roughly responsible for \$3.414 trillion of spending in 2009, which includes outlays for the financial bailouts enacted under his watch.

I knew it.

Thanks Congressional Budget Office (non-partisan) and Cato Institute (Libertarian) for exposing the LIES that Republicans are fiscal conservatives. Bush increased spending 83% in his first year...which beats Obama.

Also, Bush had a Republican congress for 6 out of 8 years, so it can't be blamed on a Democratic congress.

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txchick57 on Dec 28, 7:03 AM said:

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@NoSingleOne: Yeah, right. The Golfer in Chief is in the early stages. We'll revisit this after the remainder of this seeming endless "presidency" of his.

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NoSingleOne on Dec 28, 7:19 AM said:

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@txchick57: So you're saying you so-called "conservatives" who post here would prefer discussing what *might* happen instead of what *did* happen when your boys were elected?

The truth hurts, doesn't it...why weren't you folks whining about profligate spending when W was signing all the spending bills? You were too busy telling yourself lies, that's why.

Too busy worshipping Greenspan and drinking his Kool Aid about the fantasy world of magic flying gumdrop shi#ing unicorns, low taxes and money growing on trees, I bet.

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Jaysus Squad on Dec 28, 7:33 AM said:

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@NoSingleOne: Why did George Bush sign all those spending bills? Because HE WAS TRYING TO STOP ANOTHER 9/11. Doing so COSTS MONEY. Unlike your smack talking, saving the world isn't cheap. Also, those WMDs will turn up any day. You have to look at this from a macro perspective -- decades, centuries, eons if necessary. Then you'll see that the supposedly impaired George W. Bush was playing 4D Intergalactic Chess all along, when you and your favored DemocRAT candidates of 2006-2008 were smugly thinking they were superior Checkers players. You simply cannot understand the planes on which W. worked, and why 100% of his spending was justified, you traitorous dog.

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MrManhattan on Dec 28, 7:51 AM said:

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@Jaysus Squad: So if Bush was "saving the world" after 9/11, how do you explain the attacks in Bali, London, Madrid, and Mumbai? How does opening up an AlQuada training camp in Iraq help to "save the world"?

And he managed to do it by sacrificing the future on America's economy for the next generation, by borrowing all the money, instead of paying for it in the present like every other war in our history.

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yep on Dec 28, 7:56 AM said:

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@Jaysus Squad: I was about to respond thoughtfully to your post until I saw your final line and realized I was responding to someone who operates at the level of a chimpanzee. Please do the American people a favor and don't have children.

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Jaysus Squad on Dec 28, 7:58 AM said:

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@MrManhattan: Setting Iraq on the Right Path would ensure greater safety to future generations of Americans, so why *shouldn't* they pay for it? It's the least they can do, for the privilege of not having a mushroom cloud over their cities.

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Jaysus Squad on Dec 28, 8:04 AM said:

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@yep: If I'm a chimpanzee, you're nothing but a termite in the hole of a tree trunk. A traitorous termite. And I haven't the time to procreate, because I'm busy doing the necessary lab work to ensure that our 43rd President will be cloned one day. That's a bigger gift one can give to the world than anything

