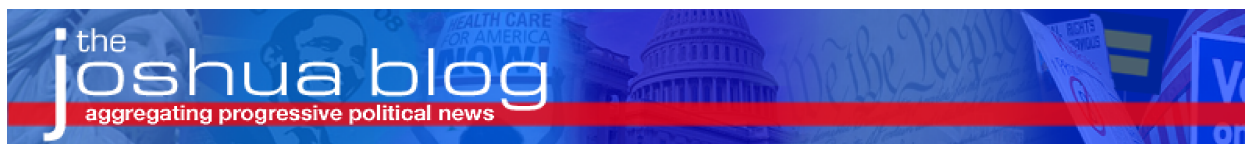


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I'm a gay, progressive, political blogger, born & bred in New York. I started blogging because I was really pissed off at what 8 years of Bush/Cheney did to my country. This is not the America I was brought up to believe in. It's going to take a generation to repair their damage. My intent with this blog is to aggregate news from a progressive viewpoint; not to defend my beliefs or debate conservathugs on the validity of their warped worldview. I don't mind posting contrary viewpoints, as long as they don't include conspiracy theories, flat out lies, GOP talking points or racist, xenophobic & homophobic attacks. Unfortunately, I haven't had many right-leaning visitors who have left comments fit that bill. Oh, and I like to curse.

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12.02.2009

Fox "News" Lies. Cato Institute Calls Them Out.

When Fox News' lied about the 2009 budget deficits as being Obama fault, *even* the Cato Institute couldn't keep silent.

Here's what Fox originally said:

President Obama has shattered the budget record for first-year presidents — spending nearly double what his predecessor did when he came into office and far exceeding the first-year tabs for any other U.S. president in history. In fiscal 2009 the federal government spent \$3.52 trillion ... That fiscal year covered the last three-and-a-half months of George W. Bush's term and the first eight-and-a-half months of Obama's.

[...]

When Mr. Obama was sworn into office the federal deficit for this year stood at \$422 billion. At the end of October, it stood at \$1.42 trillion.

Of course that's patently false.

Here's what Daniel J. Mitchell of Cato wrote in order to set the record straight (via Mario Piperni):

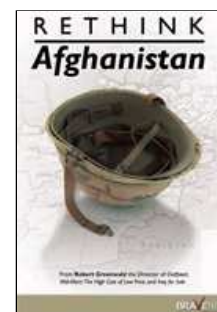


I'm a big fan of criticizing Obama's profligacy, but it is inaccurate and/or dishonest to blame him for Bush's mistakes. At the risk of repeating my earlier post, the 2009 fiscal year began on October 1, 2008, and the vast majority of the spending for that year was the result of Bush Administration policies. Yes, Obama did add to the waste with the so-called stimulus, the omnibus appropriation, the CHIP bill, and the cash-for-clunkers nonsense, but as the chart illustrates, these boondoggles only amounted to just a tiny percentage of the FY2009 total — about \$140 billion out

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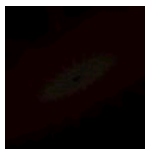
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Julie What a hate monger! All the racist, antisemitic, homophobic freaks have been coming out of the woodwork ever since Obama became POTUS. It is really scary. I thought a whole lot about 1930's Europe...

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novenator Bigotry comes in all forms. No surprise this guy is from South Carolina.

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thejoshuablog Happy Thanksgiving to you too!

of a \$3.5 trillion budget.

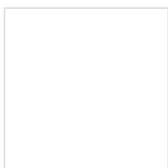
So if we do the math, President Obama is responsible for 4% of the 2009 federal budget. The other 96% is Bush's handiwork. How strange that Fox did not mention any of that. It was left to the Cato Institute to set the record straight.

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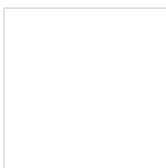
Well, that's a big "fuck you" to Fox "news" if I've ever heard one.



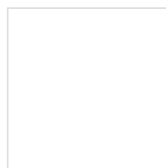
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