



Budget Problems in Ridgefield?



- * Less money is available from the State of Connecticut ...
- * Because less money is available from Washington DC ...
- * Because money is being diverted to the War on Terror ...

Estimated through FY '18, Connecticut's pro rata contribution to the War on Terror is \$52.8 BILLION!

The pro rata contribution for your town and some of the major metropolitan areas are shown below:

All Connecticut \$52.8 Billion

Greenwich	\$1626.3 Million
Hartford	\$788.8 Million
New Haven	\$985.9 Million
New London	\$243.2 Million
Stamford	\$1942.3 Million
Waterbury	\$1032.0 Million

Ridgefield's

Pro rata contribution to these wars, since 2001, is estimated to be:

\$639.3 Million!

Through Fiscal Year 2018, Connecticut's share of cost of the War on Terror is estimated at \$52.8 Billion. Instead of war, we could have:

- 654 Thousand Elementary School Teachers for one year, or
- 951 Thousand Infrastructure Jobs Created for one year, or
- 5.9 Million Head Start Slots for Children for one year, or
- 5.1 Million Military Veterans Receiving VA Medical Care for one year, or
- 1.6 Million Scholarships for University Students for four years, or
- 2.3 Million Students Receiving Pell Grants of \$5,815 for four years, or
- 22.3 Million Children Receiving Low-Income Healthcare for one year, or
- 14.8 Million Adults Receiving Low-Income Healthcare for one year, or



No Americans Died For Regime Change In:

Poland, East Germany, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Romania, Bulgaria, Ukraine and many other places

Documentation of the cost of the War on Terror is based on:

<http://watson.brown.edu/costsofwar/files/cow/imce/papers/2016/Costs%20of%20War%20through%202016%20FINAL%20final%20v2.pdf>

- 1) Total costs of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan allocated by Congress to date and estimated through 2018 amounts to \$2112.8 Billion **Potential future costs, such as future medical care for soldiers and veterans wounded in the war, are not included.** These figures also do not include additional interest payments on the national debt that will result from higher deficits due to war spending.
- 2) The state share of the total is based on how much each state contributes in tax revenues, according to IRS data. **This is 2.5% for Connecticut.**
- 3) The local-level costs are based on **allocating the state share to towns based on median local-level town, city or county income.**

Estimated Cost of War on Terror (Million \$) = (Median Household Income for Town) * (Number of Households in Town) / 1,000,000 * 0.397
Ridgefield: Median Household Income for Town = \$107,351 and 8,439 Households

- 4) What makes the cost of the War on Terror shown here even more devastating is that the basis for the 'War' is questionable: See: 911speakout.org

Flyers for all other Connecticut towns at: <http://www.hopeoutloud.org/towncost.html>

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