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Appropriations: Clear Differences  
**How 2 Months Spending In Iraq Could be Put to Better Use**

**Example 4: Medical Research**  
**\$1 billion = 3 Days in Iraq**

WASHINGTON – As Congress waits for the President to send over the rest of his nearly \$200 billion request covering the \$10 billion a month we are spending in Iraq (paid for with borrowed money), he is trying to masquerade as fiscally responsible by manufacturing a fight over \$22 billion (roughly 2 months in Iraq) in investments that will make this a stronger and better country.

Every day we're going to bring you one example of how Congress and the President differ on appropriations.

**Example 4: Medical Research**

**\$1 billion above the President's Request = The cost of 3 days in Iraq**

What member of Congress has ever been pulled aside by a constituent and told "Congress needs to get its act together and cut funding for cancer research!" ?

But that is exactly what the President's budget would do.

**The President's Budget** cuts funding for medical research at the National Institutes of Health by \$480 million, a cut that would lead to about 800 fewer research grants than last year to study deadly diseases like cancer, Alzheimer's, leukemia, Parkinson's or heart disease.

**The House Bills** rejects those cuts, investing about **\$1 billion** above the President's request, roughly the cost of 3 days in Iraq, in order to:

- Produce over 1,200 more research grants;
- Recruit and mentor the nations top scientific minds to do this important research; and
- Directly fund \$373 million more in important cross-agency research like nanotechnology and clinical research for patients that would otherwise be paid for by cutting funding for the individual institutes.

The differences couldn't be clearer.

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