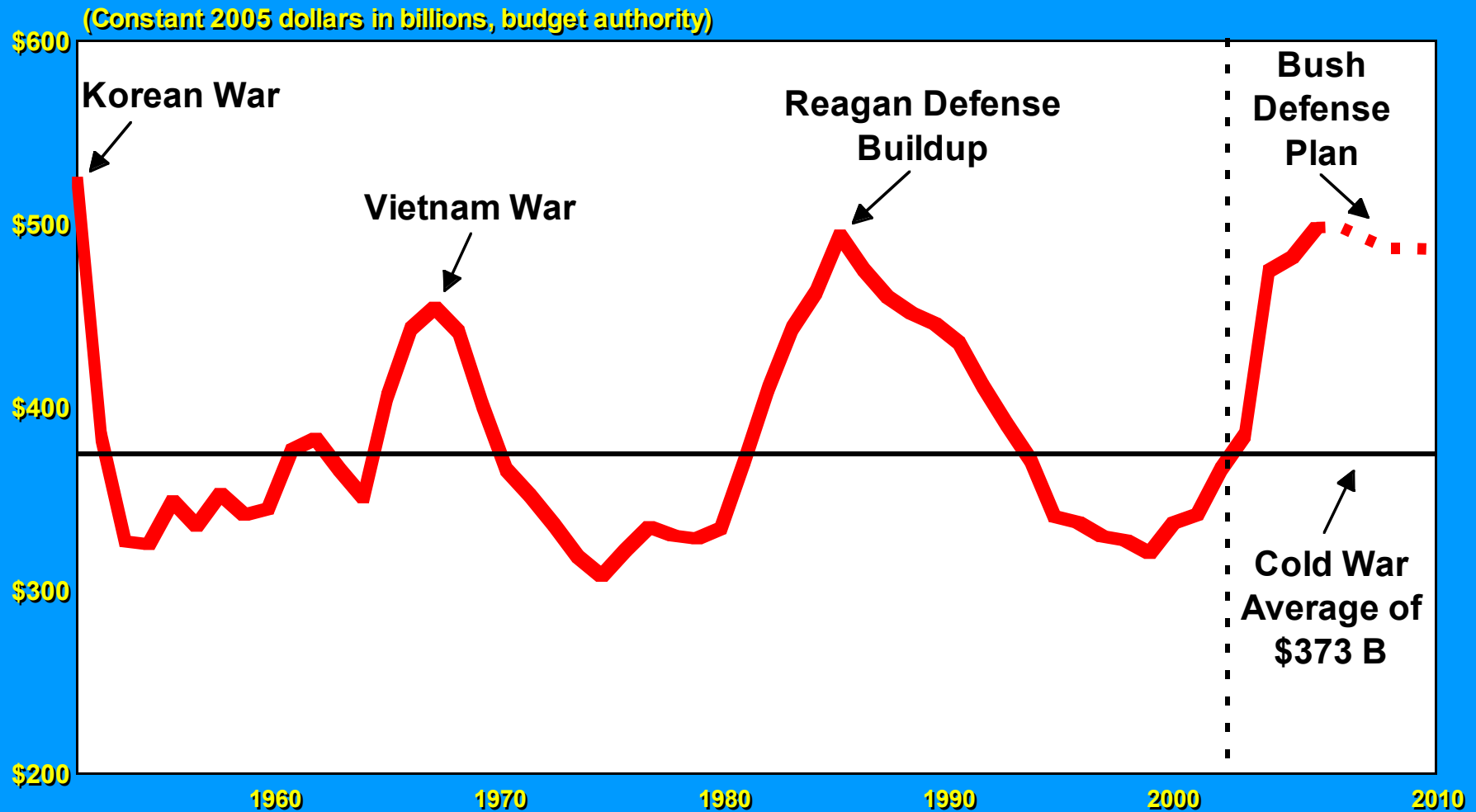


# Bush Defense Budget Far Above Cold War Average



Source: OMB, CBO

Note: Emergency budget authority of \$26.8 billion in FY 2005 Defense Appropriations Act was made available in FY 2004 and is counted in that year. FY 2006-2010 numbers based on Bush FY 2006 Budget projection plus CBO estimate of war costs.

# **Bush Administration Belittled Suggestions War Would Be Costly**

**STEPHANOPOULOS:** “What should the public know right now about what a war with Iraq would look like and what the cost would be?”

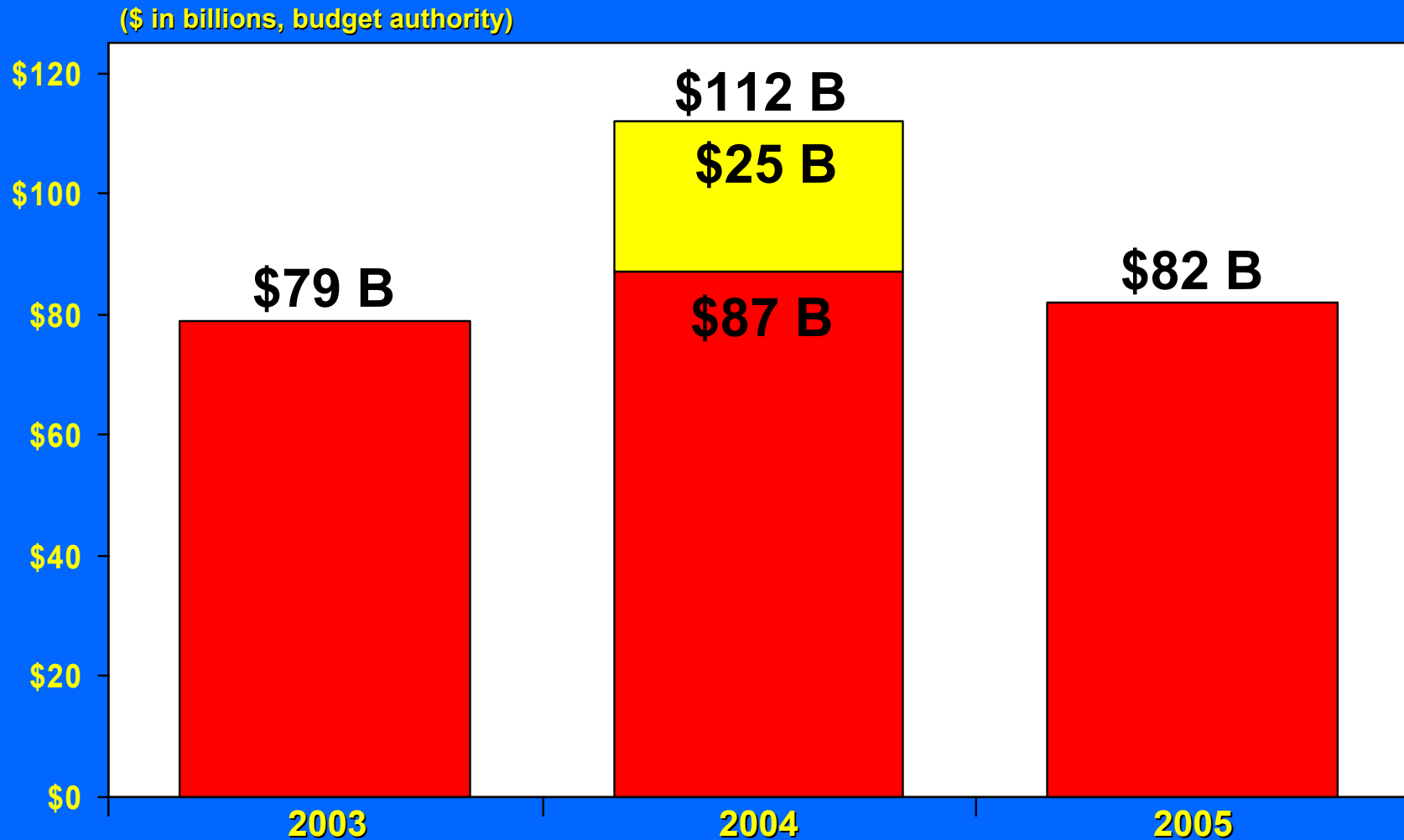
**RUMSFELD:** “...The Office of Management and Budget estimated it would be something under \$50 billion.”

**STEPHANOPOULOS:** “Outside estimates say up to \$300 billion.”

**RUMSFELD:** “Baloney.”

— **Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld  
Interview on ABC’s “This Week with  
George Stephanopoulos”  
January 19, 2003**

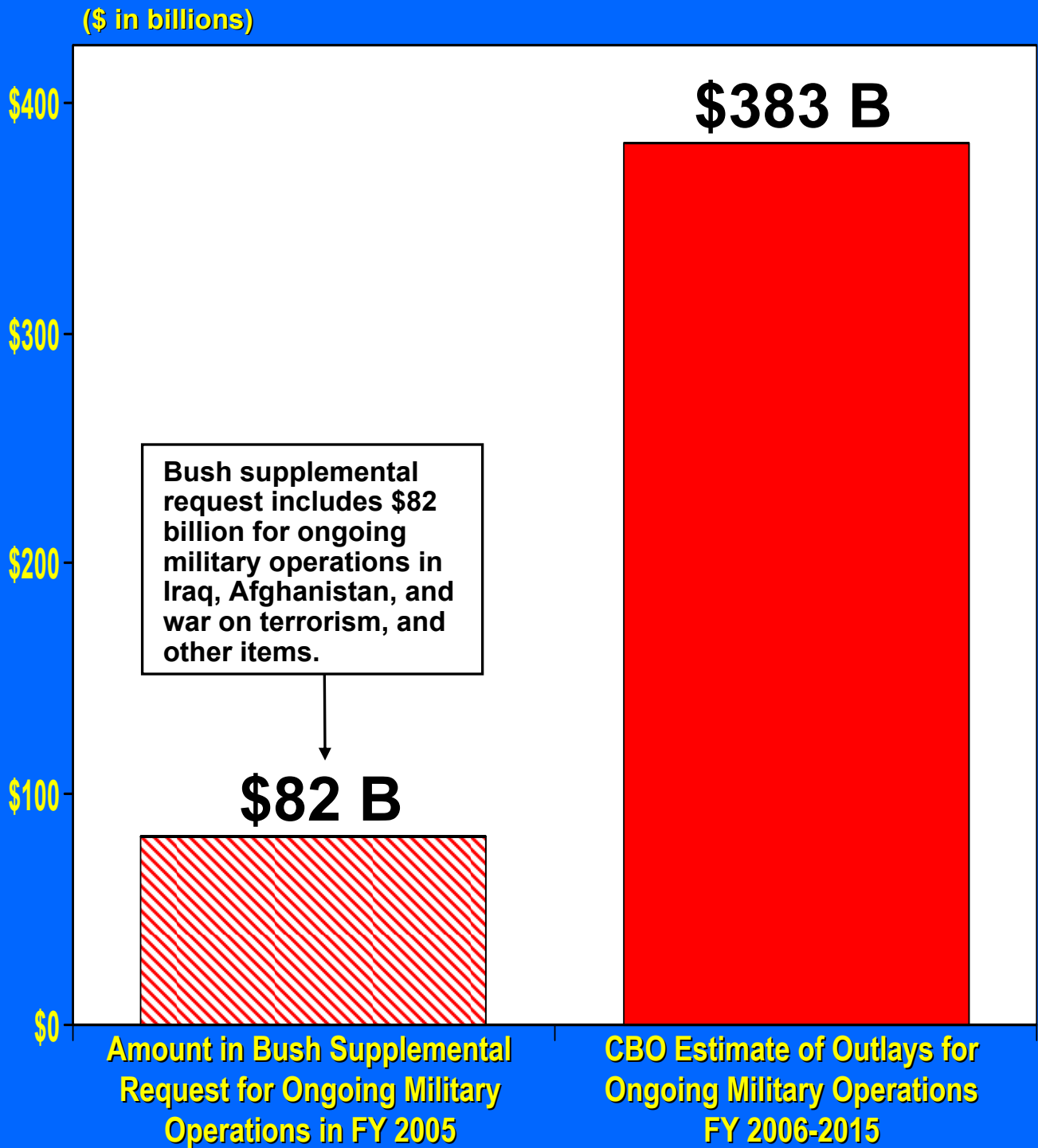
# Bush Funds Iraq War and War on Terror With Large Supplementals



Source: OMB, CRS

Note: 2004 funding includes \$25 billion FY 2005 emergency budget amendment made available immediately in FY 2004. FY 2005 number assumes enactment of \$82 billion supplemental request.

# Long-Term Costs Underfunded for Ongoing Operations in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Continuing War on Terror



# **Bush Administration Promised Not to Use Supplementals to Fund Core Defense Budget**

**“We’ve instituted realistic budgeting so that the department now looks to emergency supplementals for unknown costs of fighting wars and not to sustain readiness, as had been the practice previously.”**

**– Donald Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense  
Testimony to House Defense  
Appropriations Subcommittee  
February 12, 2004**

# **Bush Supplementals Filled with Non-Combat Items**

- **\$5 Billion for Army Modular Force Restructuring**
- **\$2 Billion for Aid to Foreign militaries**
- **\$100 Million for Jordan Special Ops Training Center**
- **\$300 Million for Recruiting and Retention**
- **As Much as \$3 Billion of Core Army O&M**

# Bush Administration Funding Core Defense Budget Items in Emergency Supplementals

**Reporter:** “The budget suggests that – the budget shows that Army spending is going down by \$300 million in fiscal –”

**Rumsfeld:** “Which, as you know, is not the case.”

**Reporter:** “Well, that’s what I see.”

**Rumsfeld:** “Yeah, I should have mentioned that... The only way you can look at this budget is to look at the supplementals with it, and it would be a misunderstanding of the situation to come to the conclusion that you pretended you had come to. But of course you did not, being as knowledgeable as you are.”

**Reporter:** “Well, are you hiding – are you – are they, in fact, hiding noncombat costs in the supplemental –”

**Rumsfeld:** “No, of course not... No, that would be wrong – (laughter) – and we wouldn’t do that.”

– Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld  
Press Briefing on President Bush’s FY 2006 Budget  
February 7, 2005