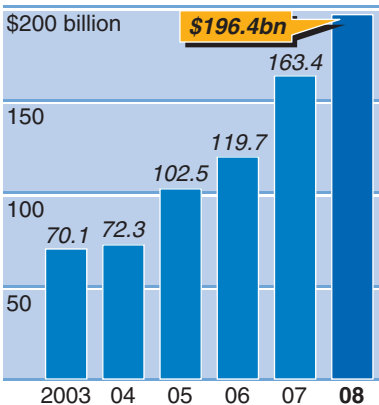


Surging cost of war

U.S. President Bush has asked Congress to keep bankrolling the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan with \$196.4 billion for 2008. If approved it will be the most expensive year to date, costing U.S. taxpayers more than \$500 million a day

War spending (*fiscal year*)



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