

Poverty in America Finances War: Democrats raise Bush \$5 billion for the war machine

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The Democrats are portraying themselves as an alternative to the Bush administration's vast spending on war and the reduction of social programs to aid the people. Hillary Clinton claims she will end this war by 2009, and Barak Obama says he is proud to be "unequivocally in opposition to Bush's foreign policy."

But in Congress, the Democrats decided that not only would they supply the U.S. war machine with all the money Bush asked for, they decided to call for an extra \$5 billion, making the war budget to be approved a total of \$98 billion.

\$98 billion is approved for war, while poverty and unemployment rise.

They do this at a time when the U.S. government's own Bureau of Labor Statistics reports that seven million workers are unemployed. They do this at a time when the U.S. Department of Agriculture reports that 11 million households are "food insecure."

With millions of homeless people in the United States sleeping on park benches and eating out of garbage cans, the Democrats have fulfilled the right-wing's budget of death, poverty and misery, and even raised them a few billion.

To the unemployed workers, the children living in food insecurity, the homeless and the people forced to go without heat in the cold winter season, Democrat promises of an alternative, compassionate and peace-loving "America" are truly empty and hollow. Reality shows that the myth that those who rule this country value human needs and quality of life is utterly false?regardless of which capitalist political party they promote. Articles copyright 1995-2007 Workers World. Verbatim copying and distribution of this entire article is permitted in any medium without royalty provided this notice is preserved.

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