



National Taxpayers Union Foundation’s Cost Analysis of the President’s 2007 State of the Union Address

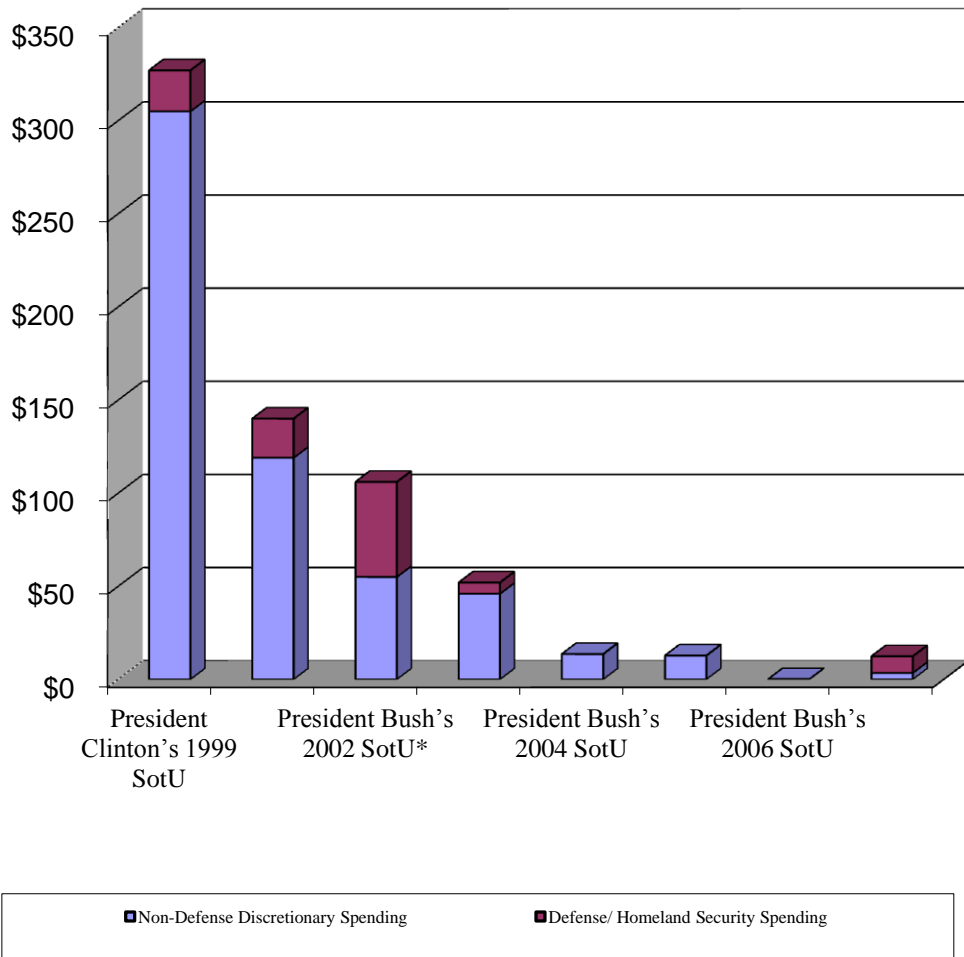
Speech Item	Issue (quoted from text)	Annual Spending Increase/Decrease (in millions)
1	“... [F]ix Medicare and Medicaid”	Unknown.
2	“... [S]ave Social Security.”	Unknown.
3	“We need to ... help small businesses through Association Health Plans”	\$6
4	“... [W]e need to ... reduce costs and medical errors with better information technology”	\$169*
5	“... [W]e need to ... encourage price transparency [in health care]”	Unknown.
6	“... [W]e need to ... [pass] medical liability reform.”	(\$890)
7	“We should establish a legal and orderly path for foreign workers to enter our country to work on a temporary basis.”	\$490
8	“We must continue changing the way America generates electric power – by even greater use of clean coal technology ... solar and wind energy ... and clean, safe nuclear power. We need to press on with battery research for plug-in and hybrid vehicles, and expand the use of clean diesel vehicles and biodiesel fuel. We must continue investing in new methods of producing ethanol – using everything from wood chips, to grasses, to agricultural wastes.”	\$360
9	“I ask Congress to double the current capacity of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.”	\$3,250
10	“Tonight I ask the Congress to authorize an increase in the size of our active Army and Marine Corps by 92,000 in the next five years.”	\$8,928
11	“[D]esign and establish a volunteer Civilian Reserve Corps.”	\$95*
	Total	\$12,408

Sources: National Taxpayers Union Foundation’s BillTally, the White House, and various news reports.

* The estimates for these initiatives are based on the level of funding proposed by the Administration in Fiscal Year 2007.



Comparing State of the Union (SotU) Speeches 1999-2007 (in billions)





	Non-Defense Discretionary Spending (in billions)	Defense/Homeland Security Spending (in billions)
President Clinton's 1999 SotU	\$305	\$22
President Clinton's 2000 SotU	\$119	\$21
President Bush's 2002 SotU*	\$55	\$51
President Bush's 2003 SotU	\$46	\$6
President Bush's 2004 SotU	\$13.6	N/A
President Bush's 2005 SotU	\$12.8	N/A
President Bush's 2006 SotU	\$.091	N/A
President Bush's 2007 SotU	\$3.48	\$8.9
*Historically Presidents do not give State of the Union addresses their first year in office (2001 for President Bush).		