



National Taxpayers Union Foundation's Cost Analysis of the President's 2010 State of the Union Address

Speech Item	Issue (quoted from text)	Annual Spending Increase/Decrease (in millions)
	Total:	\$70,460
1	“So tonight, I’m proposing that we take \$30 billion of the money Wall Street banks have repaid and use it to help community banks give small businesses the credit they need to stay afloat.”	\$3,120
2	“We should put more Americans to work building clean energy facilities, and give rebates to Americans who make their homes more energy efficient, which supports clean energy jobs. ... The House has passed a jobs bill that includes some of these steps. As the first order of business this year, I urge the Senate to do the same. ... And I want a jobs bill on my desk without delay.”	\$9,745
3	<p>“One place to start is serious financial reform. ... A strong, healthy financial market makes it possible for businesses to access credit and create new jobs. It channels the savings of families into investments that raise incomes. But that can only happen if we guard against the same recklessness that nearly brought down our entire economy.</p> <p>We need to make sure consumers and middle-class families have the information they need to make financial decisions. We can’t allow financial institutions, including those that take your deposits, to take risks that threaten the whole economy.</p> <p>The House has already passed financial reform with many of these changes. And the lobbyists are already trying to kill it. Well, we cannot let them win this fight. And if the bill that ends up on my desk does not meet the test of real reform, I will send it back.”</p>	\$509
4	“But to create more of these clean energy jobs, we need more production, more efficiency, more incentives. That means building a new generation of safe, clean nuclear power plants in this country.”	Unknown.
5	“But to create more of these clean energy jobs, we need more production, more efficiency, more incentives. ... It means making tough decisions about opening new offshore areas for oil and gas development.”	Unknown.
6	“I am grateful to the House for passing [a comprehensive energy and climate bill] last year. This year, I am eager to help advance the bipartisan effort in the Senate.”	\$51,540
7	“We will double our exports over the next five years, an increase that will support two million jobs in America. To help meet this goal, we’re launching a National Export Initiative that will help farmers and small businesses increase their exports, and reform export controls consistent with national security.”	Unknown.
8	“I urge the Senate to follow the House and pass a bill that will revitalize our community colleges, which are a career pathway to the children of so many working families. To make college more affordable, this bill will finally end the unwarranted taxpayer-subsidies that go to banks for student loans. Instead, let’s take that money and give families a \$10,000 tax credit for four years of college and increase Pell Grants.”	(\$1,940)
9	“And let’s tell another one million students that when they graduate, they will be required to pay only ten percent of their income on student loans, and all of their debt will be forgiven after twenty years – and forgiven after ten years if they choose a	Unknown.



	career in public service.”	
10	“That’s why we’re ... expanding the tax credit for those who start a nest egg.”	\$3,000
11	“This year, we will step up re-financing so that homeowners can move into more affordable mortgages.”	Unknown.
12	“Here’s what I ask of Congress, though: Do not walk away from [health care] reform. Not now. Not when we are so close. Let us find a way to come together and finish the job for the American people.”	
13	“Starting in 2011, we are prepared to freeze government spending for three years. Spending related to our national security, Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security will not be affected. But all other discretionary government programs will.”	(\$10,000)
14	“We will continue to go through the budget line by line to eliminate programs that we can’t afford and don’t work. We’ve already identified \$20 billion in savings for next year.”	Unknown. ¹
15	“Yesterday, the Senate blocked a bill that would have created [a Fiscal Commission]. So I will issue an executive order that will allow us to go forward”	Unknown. ²
16	“Tonight, all of our men and women in uniform — in Iraq, Afghanistan, and around the world – must know that they have our respect, our gratitude, and our full support. And just as they must have the resources they need in war, we all have a responsibility to support them when they come home. ... And that is why Michelle has joined with Jill Biden to forge a national commitment to support military families.”	\$2,031
17	“And at April’s Nuclear Security Summit, we will bring forty-four nations together behind a clear goal: securing all vulnerable nuclear materials around the world in four years, so that they never fall into the hands of terrorists.”	\$2,674
18	“And we are launching a new initiative that will give us the capacity to respond faster and more effectively to bio-terrorism or an infectious disease – a plan that will counter threats at home, and strengthen public health abroad.”	Unknown.
19	“This year, I will work with Congress and our military to finally repeal the law that denies gay Americans the right to serve the country they love because of who they are.”	(\$19)
20	“We are going to crack down on violations of equal pay laws – so that women get equal pay for an equal day’s work.”	Unknown. ³
21	And we should continue the work of fixing our broken immigration system – to secure our borders, enforce our laws, and ensure that everyone who plays by the rules can contribute to our economy and enrich our nations.”	\$9,800

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

¹ This was included in a discussion of which groups would or would not receive tax cut, it is likely the cited "savings" includes increased tax revenues.

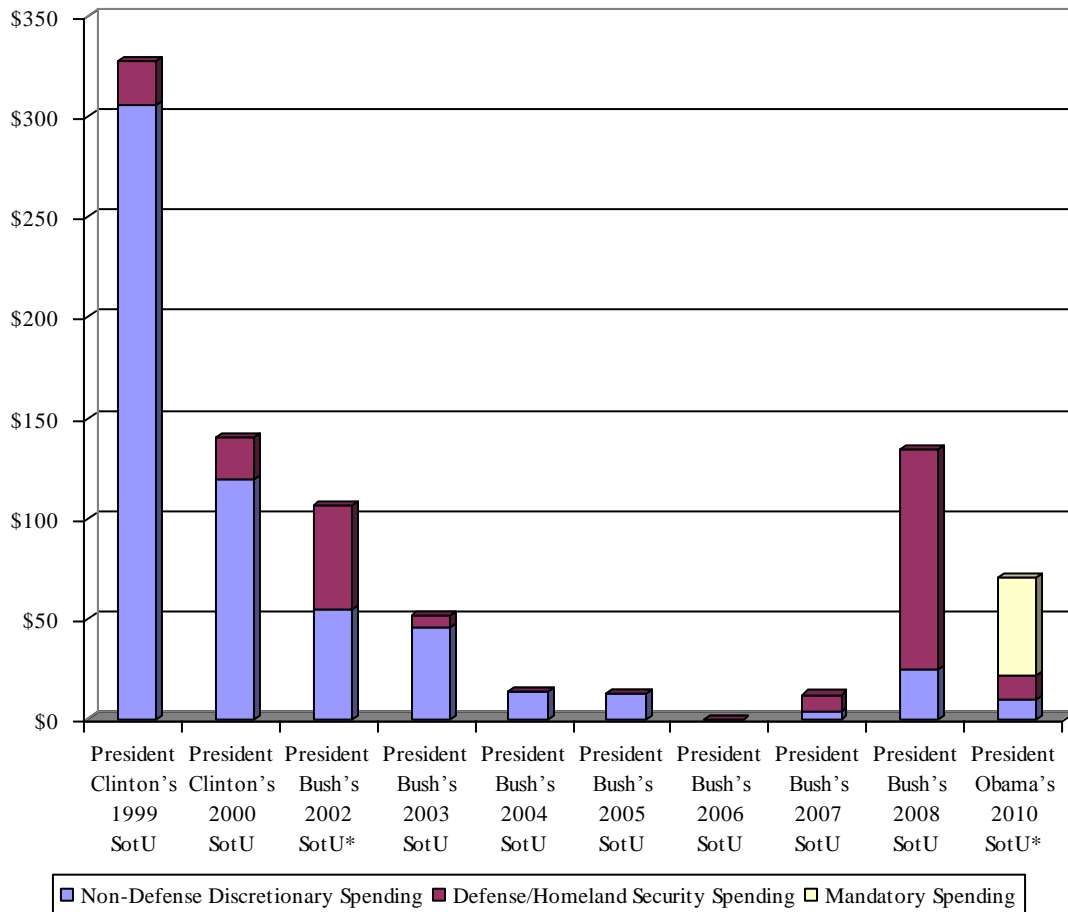
² Any savings are impossible to estimate since they would depend on the specific recommendations from the Commission, and on acceptance of that package by Congress.

³ It is unclear whether this would be a new effort, or following up on legislation passed into law early in the 111th Congress.



	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
President Bush's 2008 SotU	\$24.75	\$109.89
President Obama's 2010 SotU	\$10.2	\$11.3
*Historically Presidents do not give State of the Union addresses their first year in office (2001 for President Bush, 2009 for President Obama).		

Comparing State of the Union (SotU) Speeches 1999-2010 (in billions)



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