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On Sat, 31 Jul 2004 12:17:38 GMT, Salad <[oil@vinegar.com](mailto:oil@vinegar.com)> wrote:

>Psalm 110 wrote:

>> [http://www.heraldsun.news.com.au/common/story\\_page/0,5478,10298772%255E1702,00.html](http://www.heraldsun.news.com.au/common/story_page/0,5478,10298772%255E1702,00.html)

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>> *Here's an Interesting Question: Has Bush's Wars Cost More Than WWII?*

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>> *The news is reporting the highest deficit in USA history,*

>> *\$445,000,000,000.00. If it is the HIGHEST in USA history, than it*

>> *would be higher than 4 years of WWII. If the deficit was higher after*

>> *WWII than this couldn't be the HIGHEST.*

Wrong. As a percentage of GDP, which is the ability to repay, and is how deficits should be counted, it is much smaller than WWII.

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>> *The ONLY way this could be the HIGHEST EVER in the entire history of*

>> *the USA is if these pissant wars in Iraq and Afghanistan cost*

>> *significantly more than WWII.*

Wrong. Two problems, inflation and other spending. The dollars need to be adjusted for inflation, and you have ignored other spending.

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>> *WWII had the buildup of thousands of ships and many tens of thousands*

>> *of fighters and bomber planes, and the costs of outfitting 3,000,000 men*

>> *in uniform. It is hard to imagine that all that did not cost what*

>> *George W. Bush has spent since 9/11, only 36 months ago.*

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>> *Bush hasn't spent money on anything else: he cut environment, he cut*

>> *schools, he cut veterans benefits from the guys who fought WWII.*

Incorrect on every count. See either OMB at:

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/>

or CBO at:

<http://www.cbo.gov/>

and for a historical view:

<http://www.census.gov/statab/www/>

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and finally:

<http://www.bea.doc.gov/>

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>> *Can it be that Bush really has outspent WWII?*

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>*I believe the figures that bush has been putting to the public for the  
>war is magical...basically smoke and mirrors.*

Some people prefer their beliefs to fact. Since you clearly lack facts, I will leave it to you to read the above links.

Though I think you are too lazy to learn and too happy in your ignorance.

Regards, Harold (Capitalist Pig)

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The cost of freedom is always high, but Americans have always paid it. And one path we shall never choose, and that is the path of surrender, or submission."

-----President John F. Kennedy