

# Re: Bush Slashed Flood Control Budget To Pay For Wars

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> On Sat, 3 Sep 2005 20:54:08 -0400, "Steven L. Robinson" <[srobin21@xxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:srobin21@xxxxxxxxxxxx)>  
> wrote:

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>>Warnings went ignored as Bush slashed flood defense budget to pay for wars  
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>>By Geoffrey Lean, Environment Editor  
>>Published: 04 September 2005  
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>><http://news.independent.co.uk/world/americas/article310195.ece>  
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>>Vital measures to protect New Orleans from "catastrophic" hurricane damage  
>>were scrapped by the Bush administration to pay for its wars on terror and  
>>in Iraq, despite official warnings of impending disaster.  
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> It's too easy to blame Bush. If all the repairs he prevented had been done  
> the levies would have failed. Reasons: both time and inadequacy.  
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> Doing the \*blame Bush\* thing gets in the way of finding the real problem.  
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> I suggest these:  
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> 1. New Orleans, a city below sea level and squeezed between a lake and a  
> river in a hurricane area, did not (and will not) make sense. It was an  
> historical error.

The port of New Orleans does make sense. It is just more expensive to maintain than the port in Houston. Maybe you think we should rebuild the port in Death Valley where it will be much safer from hurricanes. And the point is that it would have cost far less to prevent this disaster than it is now going to cost to recover from it. If there are insufficient funds to wage Pinocchio's war AND maintain the infrastructure of the USA then some of us would see the priorities much differently.

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- > 2. The anarchic politics that has developed in the U.S. since about
- > 1970 has left gaps in the infrastructure. New Orleans only one
- > example. Open cockpits on air liners was another.

Yet another attempt at Republican apology. Let us find some more platitudes to sling around so as to present a beatific appearance and reinforce the notion that "God works in mysterious ways". The lying pig Repugnicians seem to be able to get away with whatever they want by prancing around claiming that God is on their side. Any day now we will see Pat Robertson claiming that New Orleans was destroyed by the Almighty because the people were sinful.

- > 3. Money as free speech, an interpretation of the Constitution, has
- > so corrupted U.S. politics that we no longer have a democracy.
- > This makes many policy decisions go against public interest.

This makes ALL policy decisions go against public interest.

- > 4. another others?
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- > Mason C

Yes. The deterioration of the nation was launched in 1910 when the aristocratic congress voted to limit the membership to 435. The 16th and 17th amendments then proceeded to strip any form of control by the people of the nation. The arrival of the Repugnicians in 1980 and the now total control over the nation by a pack of lying fascist pigs is to be expected. It remains to be seen whether the Repugnicians can actually win their war of lies and deceit and voting machine control so as to maintain control while they finish dismembering what was a representative democracy.

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"I know no safe depository of the ultimate powers of society but the people themselves; and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion by education." – Thomas Jefferson  
<http://GreaterVoice.org>

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