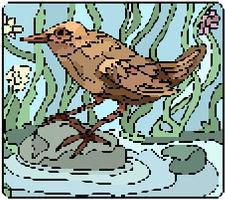


Bush FY05 Budget Priorities in Iraq vs. Priorities in America

	Iraq	America
 <p>Providing Health Care, Taking Care of Veterans</p>	<p>\$850 million for rebuilding hospitals and 150 clinics; replacement of medical equipment; and providing basic health care to more than half Iraq's population</p>	<p>8.5 percent cut over five years to Veterans Administration health care services, forcing likely cuts in medical services and possible VA hospital closures</p>
 <p>Construction for Water, Sewage Improvements</p>	<p>\$3.557 billion for water and sewage services repair and improvement</p> <p>\$153 million for solid waste management</p> <p>\$775 million for water resources improvement</p>	<p>36.7 percent cut (\$500 million) to Clean Water State Revolving Funds, which provides loans for improving wastewater treatment facilities</p>
 <p>Protecting public health through maintaining and protecting the environment</p>	<p>\$875 million for irrigation and wetlands restoration</p> <p>\$2.83 billion for safe drinking water programs</p>	<p>14.7 percent cut (\$23.9 billion) from 2005 to 2009 in all discretionary funding for environmental protection programs</p>
 <p>Providing Safe, affordable housing for working families</p>	<p>\$470 million for the construction of housing and public buildings for Iraqi citizens</p>	<p>Elimination of HOPE VI Program</p> <p>\$28 million cut in public housing maintenance</p> <p>\$791 million cut in Section 8 Vouchers, forcing 250,000 families from private housing back into public housing or homelessness</p>