

# U.S. Labor Against the War



***The NYC Chapter of U.S. Labor Against the War*** proudly joins the May Day 2011 rally for jobs, immigrant rights, worker justice, and international labor solidarity.

## SUPPORT PUBLIC SECTOR WORKERS

Destroying the ability of public sector unions to represent their members has terrible consequences for everyone, not just those immediately under attack – workers in the private sector, whose unions will be more vulnerable if these public sector



attacks prevail; and the general public who rely on parks, sanitation services, schools, police and fire protection, and so many other public services. ***Without strong unions, nothing would stand between workers and total corporate control of the nation.*** As we have long stood in solidarity with Iraqi workers struggling for basic union rights under U.S. occupation, we now stand with all American workers seeking those same rights here at home.

## WE NEED NEW PRIORITIES



We reject the blame and punishment directed at working people for budget crises that originated not from workers and their unions, but from irresponsible corporate behavior. ***We do not accept that the cuts are inevitable because “there is no money.” There’s a lot of money available if we change our priorities. We call for new priorities in this country that put urgent human needs ahead of war and military spending.*** As

the box on the reverse of this page shows, many state budget deficits would be completely eliminated if even half the taxes people in that state sent to Washington for war would be redirected back to aid state programs. This would replace federal aid to states that was part of the 2009 stimulus package, now coming to an end.

## MOVE THE MONEY – REBUILD AMERICA

**BOOKS, NOT BOMBS**

**HEALTH CARE, NOT WARFARE**

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# ARE YOU FACING JOBS CUTS AND SLASHED SERVICES BECAUSE OF A STATE BUDGET DEFICIT?

## WE NEED NEW PRIORITIES

### Stop Funding Wars

### *Move the Money to Save Jobs and Services*

Check Out and Join the New Priorities Network

([www.newprioritiesnetwork.org](http://www.newprioritiesnetwork.org))

### Compare the Cost for War for Each State with its Budget Deficit in 2011

(All amounts are in billions of dollars for 2011)

	Paid for Iraq and Afghanistan*	Deficit
California:	\$21.8	\$26.1
Florida:	\$9.5	\$4.7
Indiana:	\$2.6	\$1.3
Iowa:	\$1.3	\$1.1
Maine:	\$0.5	\$0.9
Michigan:	\$4.6	\$2.0
Mississippi:	\$0.7	\$0.7
New Jersey:	\$7.9	\$10.7
New York	\$15.5	\$8.5
Ohio:	\$6.0	\$3.0
Pennsylvania:	\$6.6	\$4.1
Wisconsin:	\$2.7	\$1.7**

\* amount of federal taxes residents of the state paid in 2011 that went to war

\*\* half of Wisconsin's deficit for their two-year budget cycle

#### Sources:

Spending on the war: *National Priorities Project*

<<http://costofwar.com>>

Deficits: *Center on Budget and Policy Priorities*

<<http://www.cbpp.org/cms/?fa=view&id=711>>

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