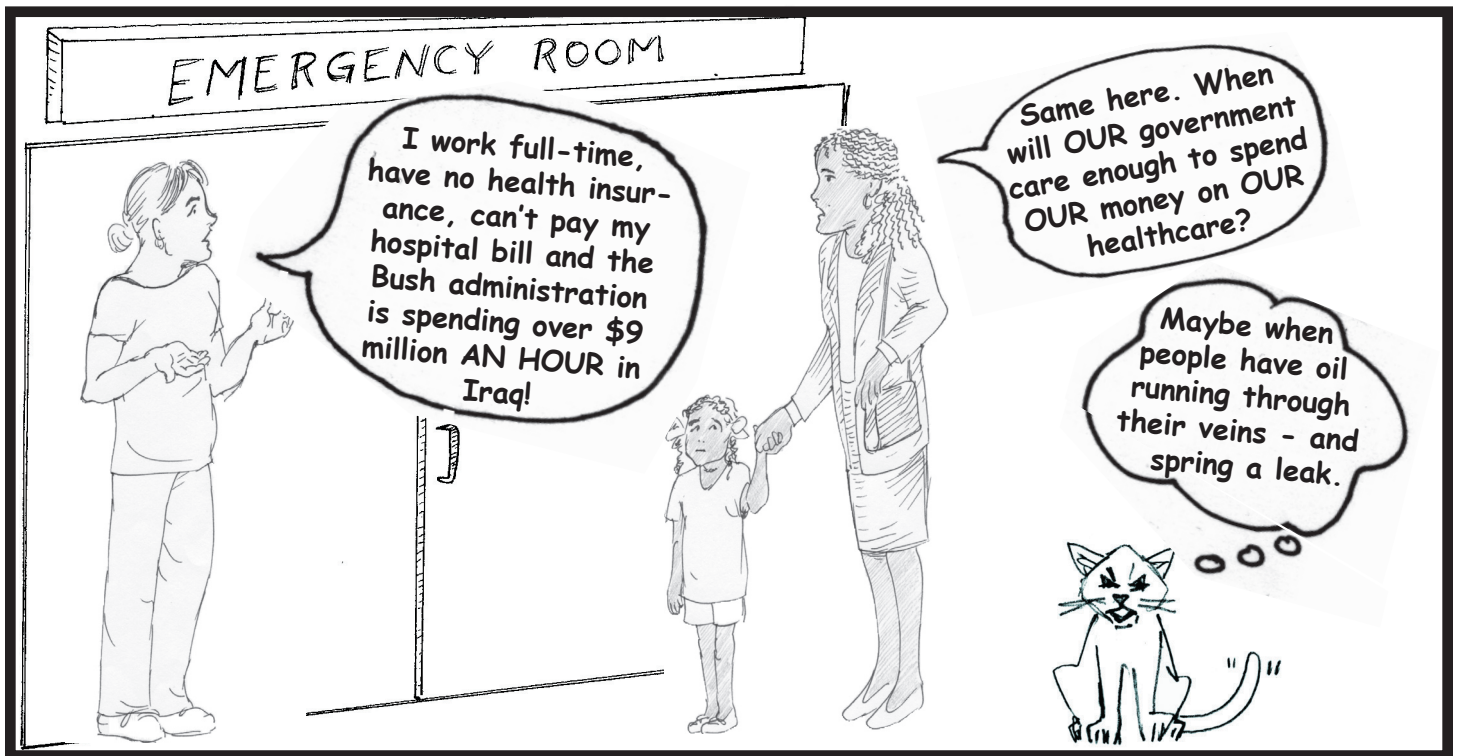


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HEALTHCARE OR DON'TCARE?



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THE FACTS

Since 2003, Onondaga County taxpayers have contributed \$603 million to the war on Iraq

- www.nationalpriorities.org

The FY06 federal Budget cut \$788 million from Health & Human Service Department programs

(The Bush Administration spends \$788 million in 3.5 days in Iraq) - <http://usliberals.about.com>

The FY06 federal Budget cut \$1.7 billion from Medicare & Nursing Home funding to states

(The Bush Administration spends \$1.7 billion in 7.7 days in Iraq) - www.ahca.org

The proposed NYS FY06-07 Budget will cut \$8.5 million from Central NY hospitals

(The Bush Administration spends \$8.5 million in less than 1 hour in Iraq) - www.endcuts.net

!! DO SOMETHING !!

- Send a message to Gov. Pataki on www.hanys.org or call 518-474-8390
 - Support an end to healthcare cuts on www.endcuts.net
 - Support the **Fair Share for Healthcare Act** on www.workingfamiliesparty.org
 - Join the Syracuse Peace Council (SPC) Local Cost of the War Committee, 315-472-5478.
 - Talk to your neighbors. Help distribute **THE SHARED TIMES**.
- (Call SPC for copies or download from: www.peacecouncil.net/sharedtimes)

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MORE FACTS

The \$788 million dollars cut by the 2006 Federal Budget terminated Federal funding for the following national programs:

- Traumatic Brain Injury Program
- Emergency Medical Services for Children
- Children and Families Community Services
- Preventable Health and Health Service Block Grants
- Healthy Community Access Program
- Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Program for Infants
- Trauma-Emergency Medical System Services
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- <http://usliberals.about.com>

The 12 month impact of Gov. Pataki's NYS budget vetoes on Onondaga County hospitals is an estimated loss of \$7.4 million:

- Community General Hospital loses \$516,000
- Crouse Hospital loses \$1.5 million
- St. Joseph's Hospital loses \$ 1.7 million
- Upstate Medical University Hospital loses \$3.7 million
- Nursing Homes lose \$8 million, with Loretto losing \$2 million alone - www.hanys.org



Graphic: Kate Woodle

92% of NYS voters polled in 2006 rated hospitals the highest priority among community and civic organizations - www.hanys.org

45,000 (9.9%) of the 459,000 Onondaga County residents are uninsured

2.9 million (15%) of the 19.3 million New York State residents are uninsured - www.nchc.org

48 million (15.4%) of the 298 million US residents are uninsured - www.cmfwf.org

1/3 of US firms did NOT offer health coverage in 2004 - www.nchc.org

41% of workers earning between \$20,000-40,000 were uninsured in 2005 - www.abcnews.com

MORE THINGS TO DO

- Call Sen. Chuck Schumer (202) 224-6542, Sen. Hillary Clinton (202) 224-4451, Rep. James Walsh (202) 225-3701 and demand that they put the CARE back into healthcare
- Write letters to the *Post-Standard*: The Reader's Page, Box 4915, Syr, NY 13221 or letters@syracuse.com

The ongoing US occupation of Iraq has many costs to the residents of Onondaga County. By funding the war and occupation, we are contributing to the deaths and injuries of thousands of US soldiers, the suffering of their families and the death and suffering of countless Iraqi civilians. Our community is further affected by the loss of hundreds of millions of dollars that finance the war instead of desperately needed services.

Please join us in working to: end the occupation and air war in Iraq; bring the troops home; guarantee the reconstruction of Iraq, funded by the US but accomplished by Iraqis.

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