

WORLD MILITARY SPENDING

(Recession? What recession?)



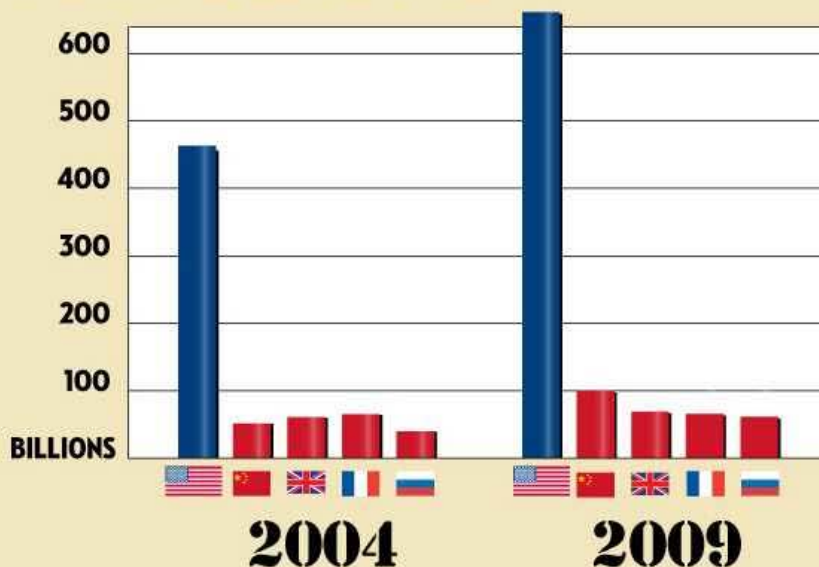
MILITARY SPENDING HAS GROWN BY LEAPS AND BOUNDS ... WITH THE UNITED STATES LEADING THE WAY

2004

COUNTRY	ANNUAL SPENDING
United States	\$464,676,000,000
China	\$53,100,000,000
U. K.	\$62,352,000,000
France	\$67,520,000,000
Russia	\$40,600,000,000

2009

COUNTRY	ANNUAL SPENDING
United States	\$661,049,000,000
China	\$98,800,000,000
U. K.	\$69,271,000,000
France	\$67,316,000,000
Russia	\$61,000,000,000



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VS



\$296,387,000,000



TOTAL GLOBAL military expenditure in 2009 is estimated to have been **\$1531 BILLION**



During the eight-year presidency of **George W. Bush**, US military expenditure increased to the **highest level** in real terms since World War II, mostly due to the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq

The **GLOBAL ECONOMIC CRISIS** had little impact on world military spending in 2009. **NINE OF THE TOP 10 SPENDERS INCREASED MILITARY SPENDING** in 2009.