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Cost of Government Day

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2004 Cost of Government Day: President Bush v. Sen. Kerry

In the 2004 presidential race, President Bush will be challenged by Sen. John Kerry. ATR has estimated the proposed federal spending for both candidates. Totals were taken from estimates by the Office of Management Budget and the Congressional Budget Office. Sen. Kerry's proposals were tallied by ATR and were added to baseline of current federal spending.

Overall, the cost of federal spending is expected to decline slightly under Bush in 2005 by 0.7 days and continue its downward trend through 2008. Kerry will boost federal spending significantly in 2005 and by 2008 the average American will work 3 more days for federal spending. When Bush and Kerry proposals are compared side by side, the difference will result in the average American working 4.4 fewer days for Bush than for Kerry in 2008 and 19 cumulative days over the term.

Kerry Increases Cost of Federal Spending, Bush Reduces Cost of Federal Spending

