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THE RICH GET RICHER AS THE REST OF US STAGNATE

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Wages have been stagnant for the last 5 years. According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the average earnings increase from 2000-2004 was 3.86%, 3.22%, 3.12%, 1.71% and 2.39% respectively.

YEAR	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
WAGE INCREASE	3.86%	3.22%	3.12%	1.71%	2.39%

However wages have to be compared to inflation to determine the real rate of wage growth. For the same years, annual inflation was 3.4%, 2.8%, 1.6%, 2.3% and 2.7% respectively.

YEAR	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
ANNUAL INFLATION	3.4%	2.8%	1.6%	2.3%	2.7%

When inflation is subtracted from wages, overall wage growth becomes: .46%, .42%, 1.52%, -.59% and -.31% respectively for 2000-2004.

YEAR	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
ADJUSTED WAGE INCREASE	.46%	.42%	1.52%	-.59%	-.31%

YET PRESIDENT BUSH CONTINUES TO GIVE TAX BREAKS TO THE WEALTHY.

PRESIDENT BUSH AND THE REPUBLICAN CONTROLLED CONGRESS CONTINUE TO HAND OUT MONEY AND TAX BREAKS TO CORPORATIONS ALREADY BLOATED WITH CASH.

WHERE IS YOUR OUTRAGE, AMERICA?

Grocery List

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☐ bread	☐ eggs
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