

Cop Out

The Soldiers
Bush Forgot

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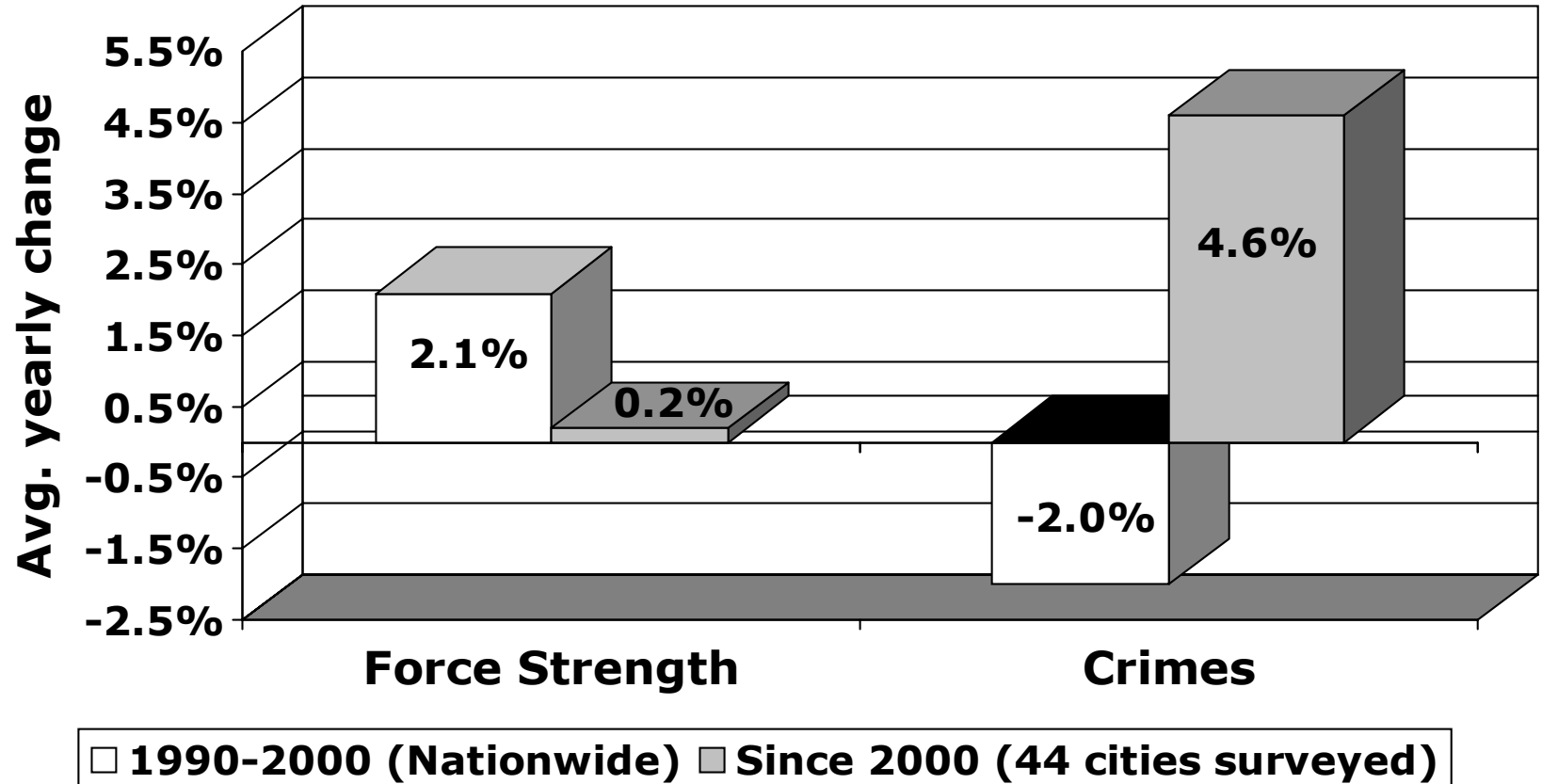
Overview

- Surveyed 44 of the 62 largest police departments (pop. over 250,000).
- Asked about force levels, budgets, crime, and homeland security.
- Covered 3-year period from 2000-2002.
- Collected data from 10/02 to 1/03.

Major Findings

- Cop crunch confirmed at more than 60% of departments.
- Buildup of “domestic troops” down by 90% since 2000.
- Another 35% of departments potentially affected by call-ups of reservists.
- Crime increased an average of 4.6% in 2001 at departments surveyed.

The Changing Picture: Fewer Police, More Crime



The Cop Crunch

- More than 60% of departments surveyed had a cop crunch (27 of 44).
- 19 of 44 departments surveyed reported experiencing a cop crunch; 8 of 44 didn't keep pace with attrition.
- About 35% of departments potentially affected by call-ups of reservists.

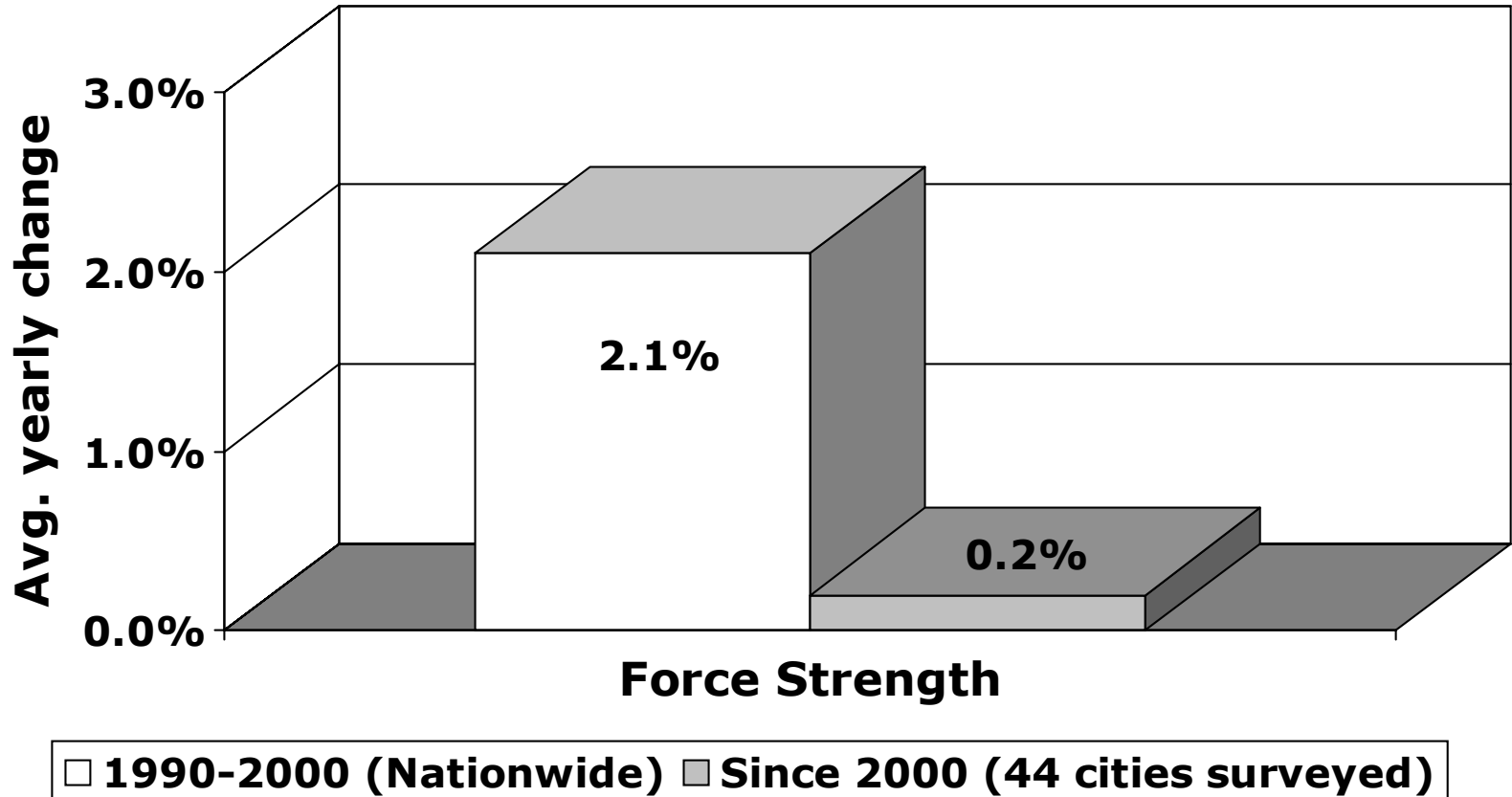
Example: Los Angeles Police Dept.

- More than 1,000 officers below its full complement (about 10,500).
- Increased security obligations (Los Angeles International Airport, etc.)
- New wave of gang violence (11.9% increase in murder rate, 2002).
- Expected loss of \$300 million in revenue from State of California's budget shortfall.

Cause #1: Hollowing Out Our Police Forces

- Two-thirds of depts. surveyed shrank or grew more slowly than rate of growth from 1990 to 2000 (29 of 44).
- Police at local depts. grew by an average of 2.1% annually from 1990-2000.
- On average, all 44 departments surveyed grew .2% annually—one-tenth the rate of the previous decade.

90% Reduction in Buildup of “Domestic Troops”



Example: Minneapolis Police Dept.

- Hiring freeze in 2000 and 2001.
- Shrank 2.6% from 2000 to 2002.
- In 2003, 10% reduction in police force proposed as budget cut; 25 to be laid off.
- Police department now smallest it's been since the 1980s.

Top 10 Sharpest Declines In Police Force, 2000-2002

City	% Change	Officers Lost
1. St. Louis	-10.7%	-168
2. Los Angeles	-6.0%	-570
3. Santa Ana, CA	-5.4%	-20
4. Detroit	-5.3%	-224
5. New Orleans	-4.8%	-81
6. Milwaukee	-4.7%	-67
7. Boston	-3.7%	-84
8. Cincinnati	-2.9%	-30
9. Miami	-2.8%	-31
10. Minneapolis	-2.6%	-23

Cause #2: The Cop/Reservist Connection

- Another 35% of departments surveyed could be affected by call-ups of reservists (15 of 44).
- About 5% of officers at these depts. serve in military reserves or National Guard.
- Call-up of 30%, on average, would cause cop crunch in this group.

Reservists: The Big Picture

- 1.2 million reservists nationally.
- 10.7% work for state and local governments, many of them police.
- 252,000 called up as of mid-March, or about 21% of total number.

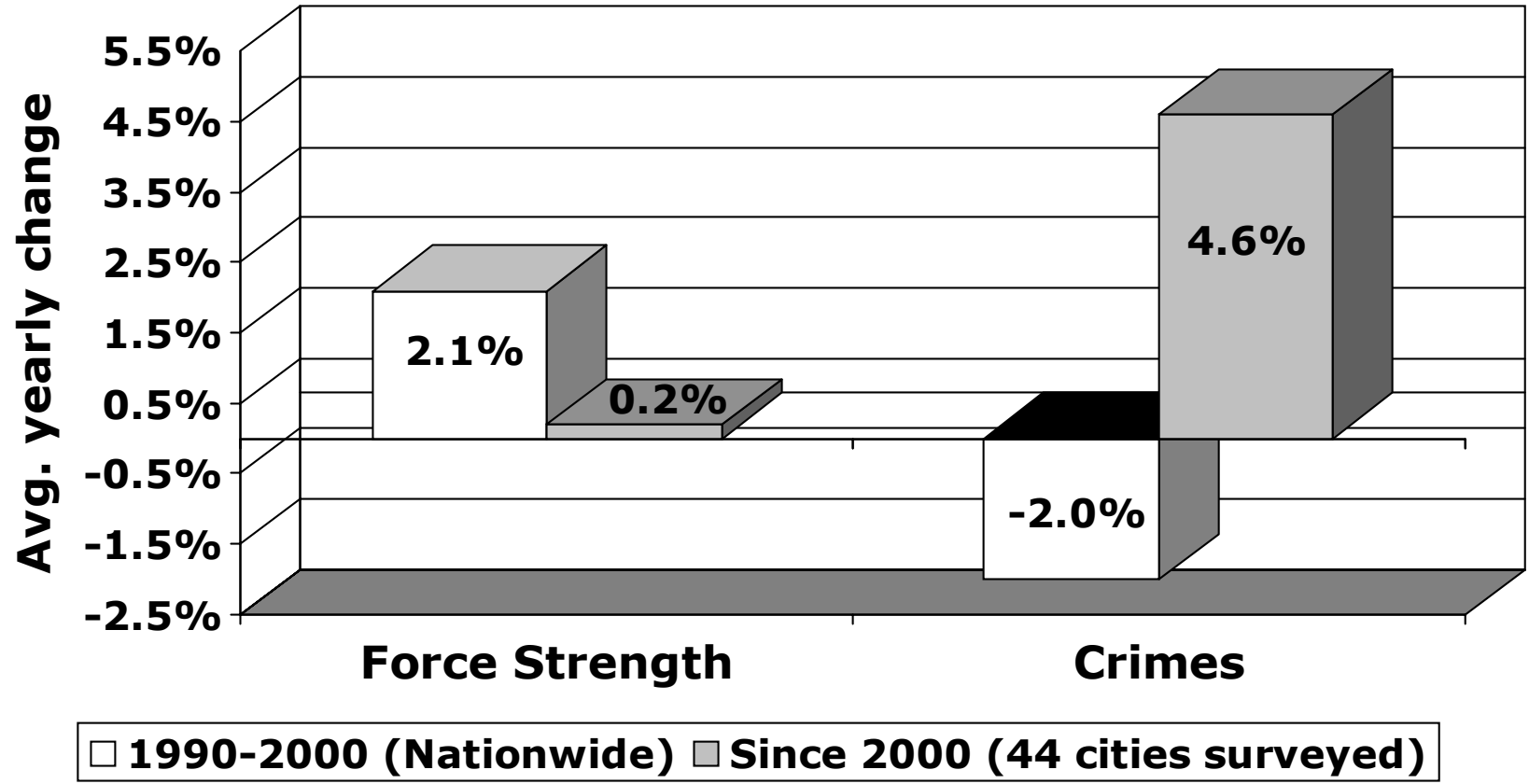
Example: Baltimore Police Dept.

- No cop crunch: grew 4.6% between 2000 and 2002.
- 152 reservists activated for duty in military reserves or National Guard.
- Loss of officers equal to an entire police division—and all of dept.'s recent growth.

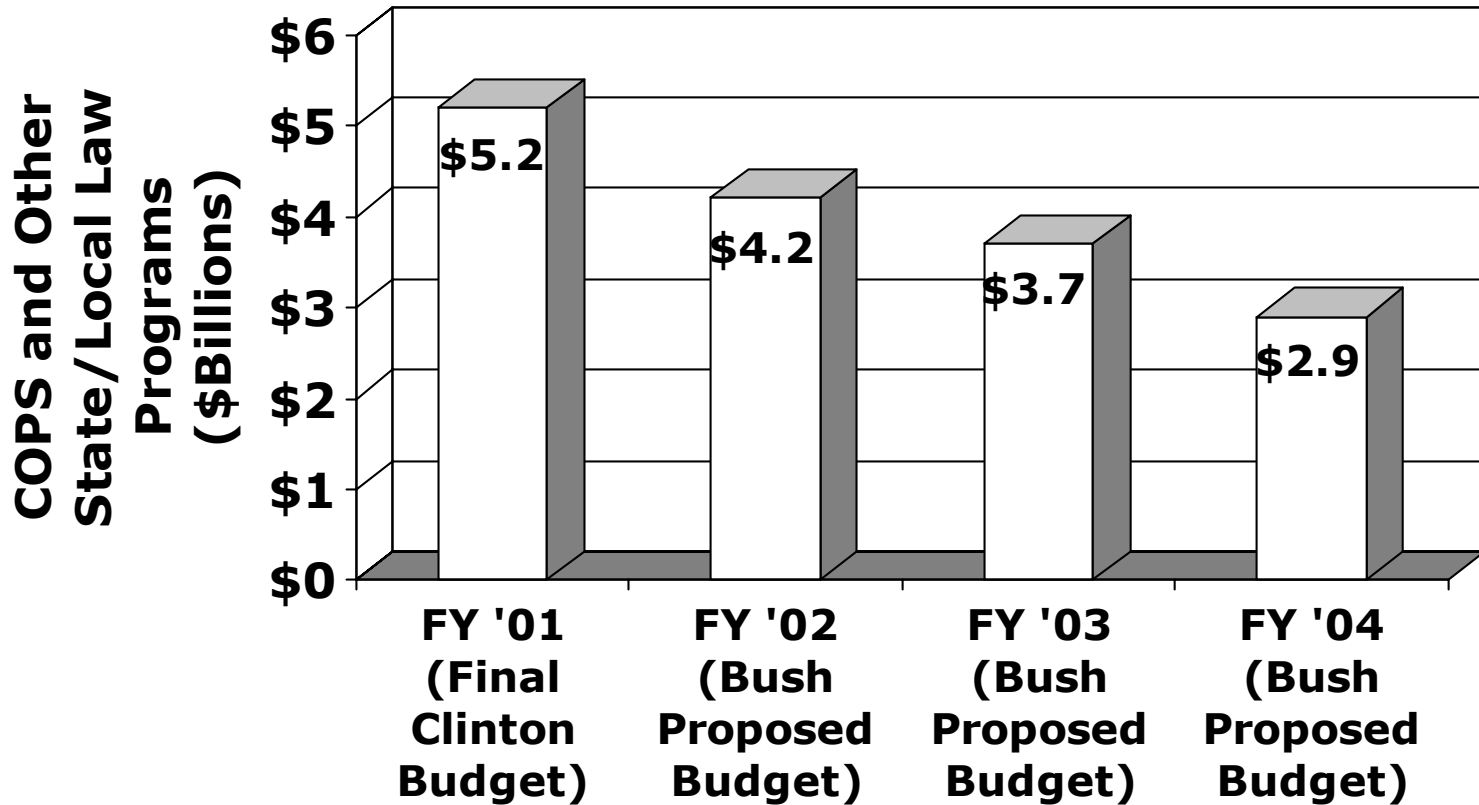
Top 10 Most Vulnerable To Military Call-Ups

City	% in Reserves	# in Reserves
1. Fresno	14.4%	100
2. Virginia Beach	12.1%	90
3. Milwaukee	8.2%	110
4. Miami	8.0%	86
5. Memphis	7.5%	143
6. San Antonio	7.4%	151
7. Los Angeles	7.3%	650
8. Oklahoma City	6.8%	70
9. Wichita	6.7%	41
10. New Orleans	6.7%	109

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Bush's Response: Slash State & Local Law Enforcement Funds



Recent Appropriations Don't Address Cop Crunch

- No money for police hiring/overtime relief in \$1.3 billion first responders initiative.
- \$2 billion in supplemental appropriations for general domestic preparedness, not for state and local police.
- Bush still trying to fund first responders with \$2.2 billion in cuts to state and local law enforcement.

Solving the Cop Crunch

1. More resources: police hiring/overtime; equipment/training; interoperable communications.
2. National leadership: reservists strategy; standards for equipment/training; more information sharing.
3. New vision: make police full and proactive partners in the war on terrorism.

Candidate Bush in 2000

"Our military is low on parts, pay, and morale. If called on by the commander in chief today, two entire divisions of the Army would have to report, 'Not ready for duty, sir.'"

America's Police in 2003

- At least 60% of departments surveyed are short manpower, equipment, and training.
- Overall buildup of “domestic troops” is down 90% since 2000.
- Departments face a two-front war of rising crime rates and homeland security.

The Final Question

“Are they ready for duty, sir?”