

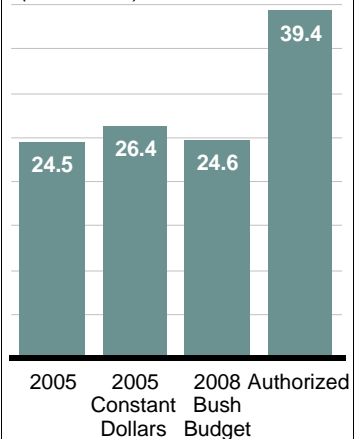
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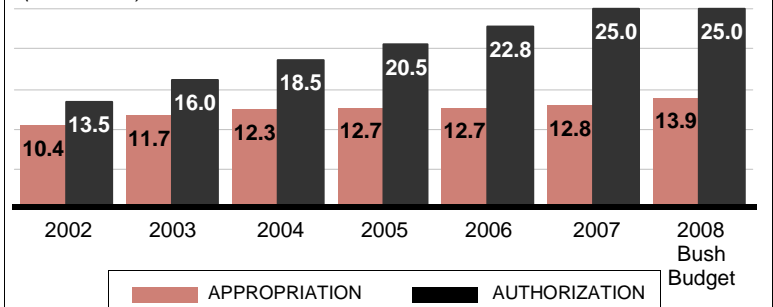
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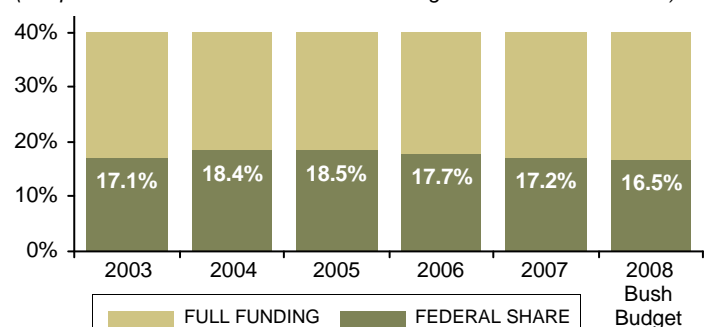


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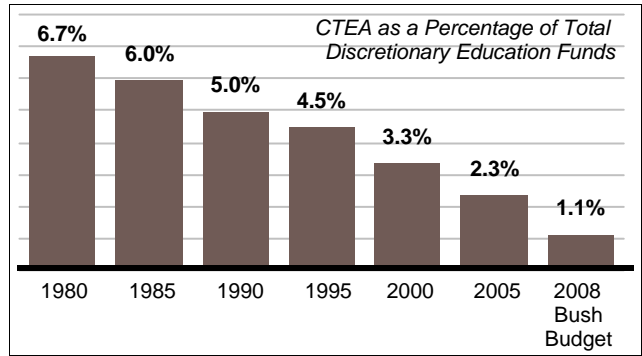
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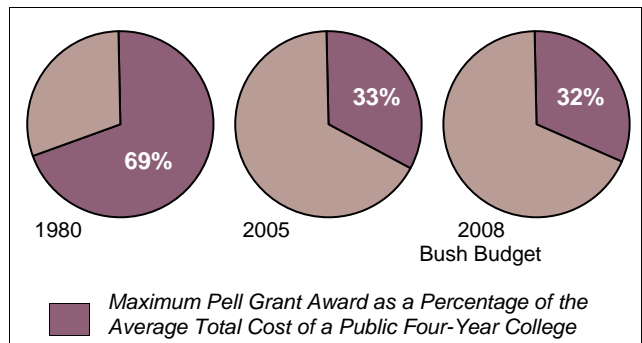
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	38.7	79.9	41.7	3.0	-38.1	11,697
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	39.8	62.9	39.6	-0.2	-23.4	3,877
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	1.3	4.8	0.0	-1.3	-4.8	24,493
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	4.8	12.3	4.8	0.0	-7.4	19,334
	State Grants for Innovative Programs (ESEA V-A)					
	0.5	3.0	0.0	-0.5	-3.0	141,226
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	5.4	9.6	5.4	0.0	-4.2	14,334
Safe & Drug-Free Schools State Grants (ESEA IV-A-1)						
1.7	1.8	0.3	-1.4	-1.5	119,232	
English Language Acquisition State Grants (ESEA III-A)						
0.5	0.6	0.5	0.0	-0.1	735	
Special Education Grants to States (IDEA Part B-611)						
34.6	61.9	33.6	-1.0	-28.3	8,863	
Career & Technical Education State Grants (CTEA Title I)						
5.5	19.0	2.9	-2.7	-16.1	15,043	
Federal Pell Grants (HEA IV-A-1)						
50.7	72.2	54.9	4.2	-17.3	4,427	
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (HEA IV-A-3)						
2.0	9.9	0.0	-2.0	-9.9	4,182	
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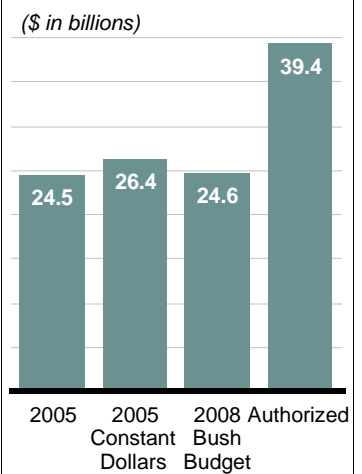
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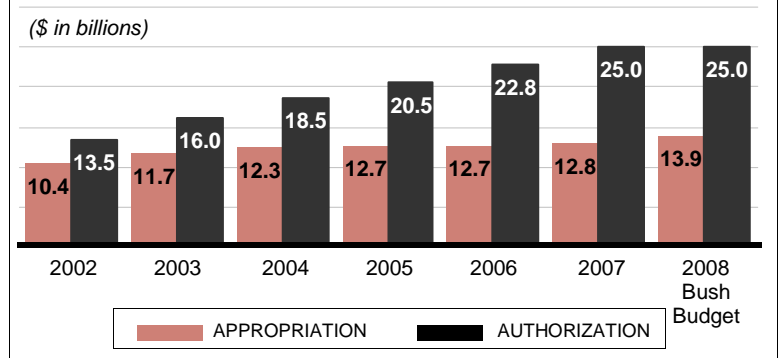
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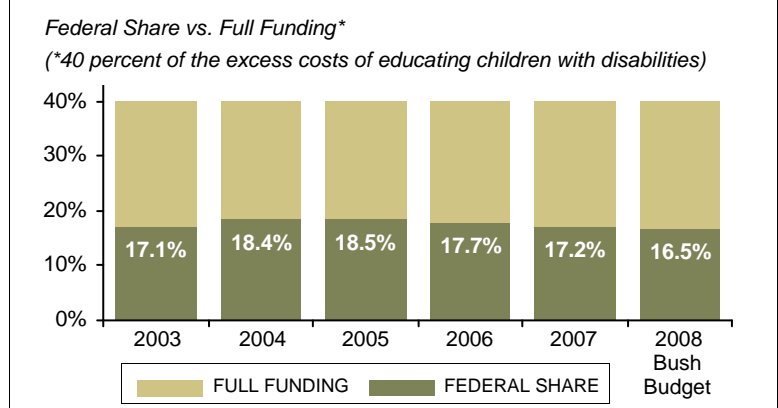
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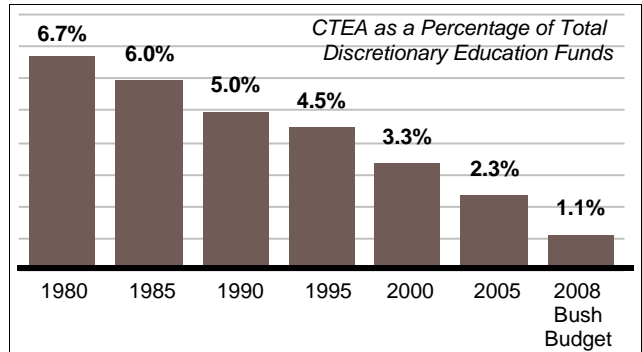


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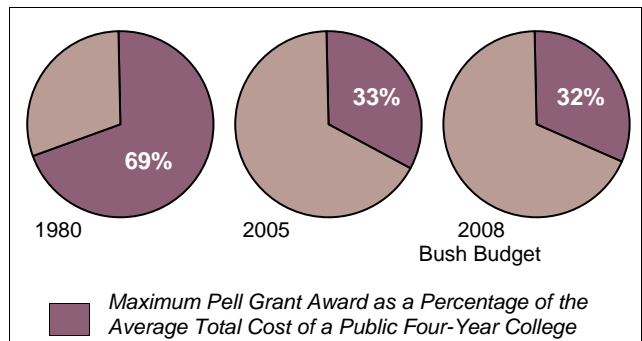
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