If the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) had simply maintained its 1984 percentage of non-defense discretionary spending of 0.107 percent (11 cents per $100 of spending), the 2018 NEA budget would have been $771.5 million instead of $152.8 million.

If the NEA’s 1992 budget had simply remained constant and was only adjusted for inflation, it would be $320.7 million in 2019, instead of $155 million, a $165.7 million difference.