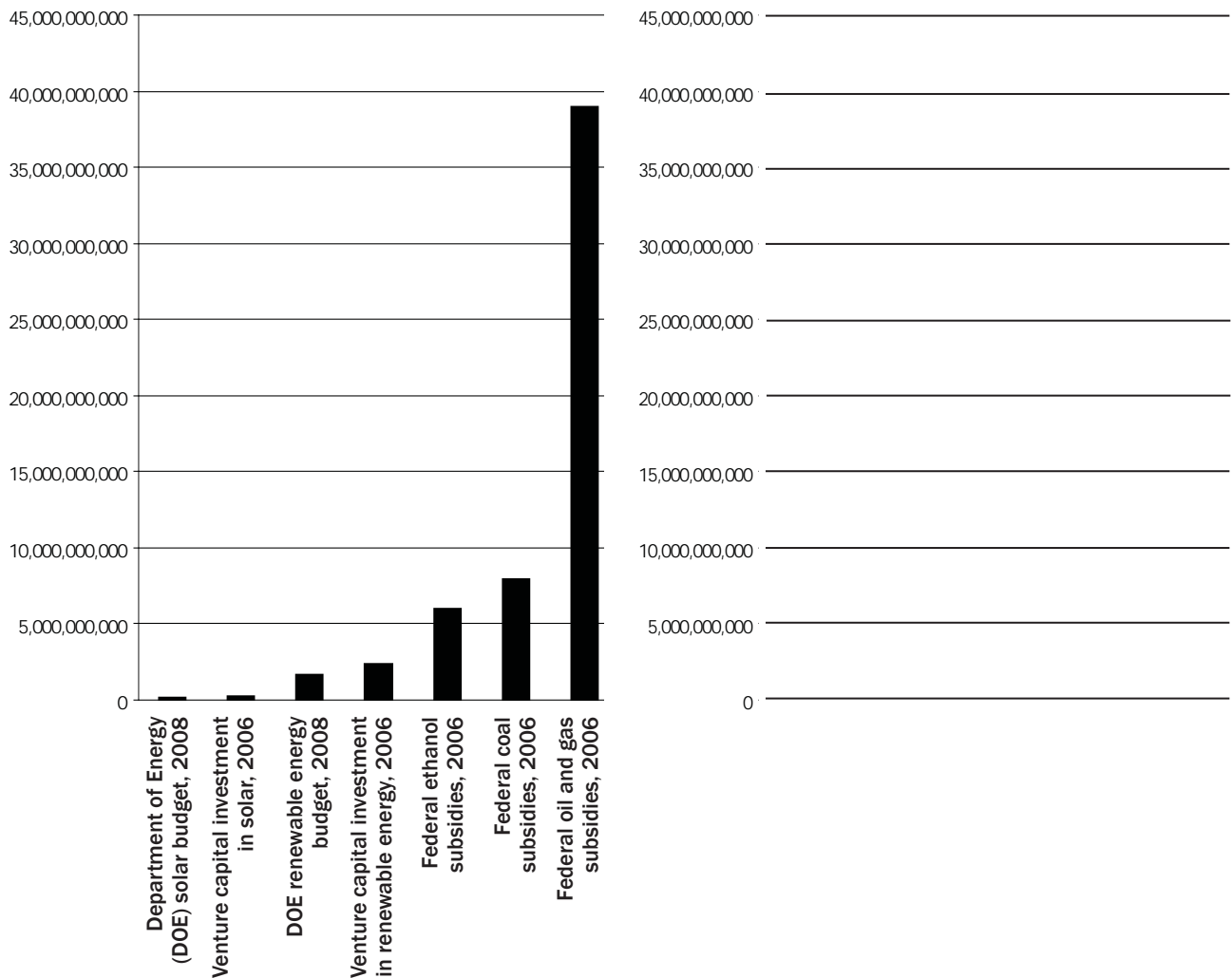


How Do Businesses and the Federal Government Invest in Energy?

VOCABULARY: Before you study the graph below, discuss the terms **Federal subsidies**, **Venture capital**, and **renewable**. What are they? Do you have any experience with them? Who pays for federal subsidies? Who pays for venture capital investments?

MATH ACTIVITY: Study the graph. Above each bar, write the dollar amount you think the bar represents. Add up the money that venture capitalists and government invested in energy. Are you surprised? How would you invest the same amount of money? Why? Fill in your own graph below.



Source: *Mother Jones*, May/June 2008, p. 35.