

# WHERE YOUR INCOME TAX MONEY REALLY GOES

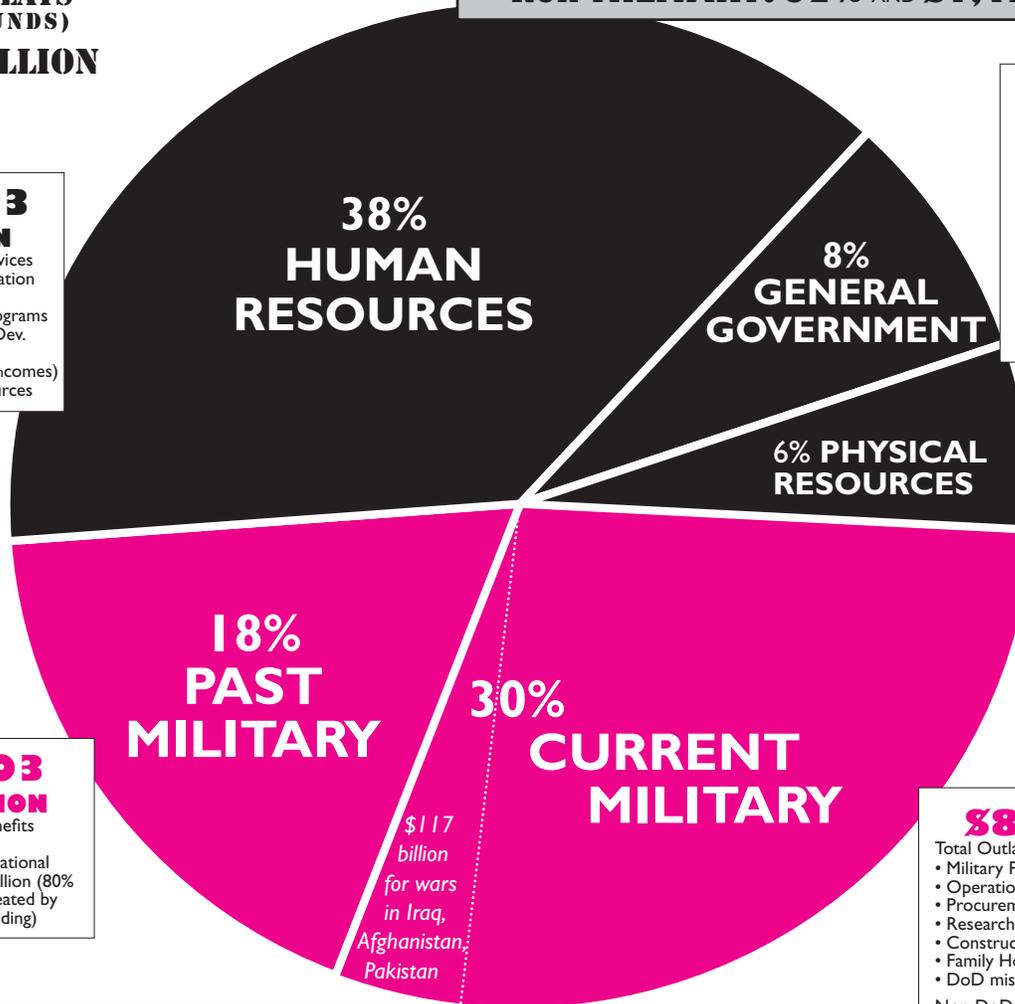
U.S. FEDERAL BUDGET 2012 FISCAL YEAR

**TOTAL OUTLAYS (FEDERAL FUNDS)**  
**\$2,847 BILLION**

**Non-MILITARY: 52% AND \$1,475 BILLION**

**\$1,093 BILLION**

- Health/Human Services
- Soc. Sec. Administration
- Education Dept.
- Food/Nutrition programs
- Housing & Urban Dev.
- Labor Dept.
- Tax Credits (lower incomes)
- other human resources



**\$218 BILLION**

- Treasury, incl. 20% Interest on debt (\$95B)
- Government personnel
- Justice Dept.
- State Dept. (partial)
- International Affairs
- NASA (50%)
- Judicial
- Legislative
- Allowances (proposals)
- other general govt.

**\$164 BILLION**

- Agriculture
- Interior
- Transportation
- Homeland Security (\$10B)
- HUD
- Commerce
- Energy (non-military)
- Environmental Protection
- Nat. Science Fdn.
- Army Corps Engineers
- Fed. Comm. Commission
- other physical resources

**\$503 BILLION**

- Veterans' Benefits \$123 billion
- Interest on national debt \$380 billion (80% est. to be created by military spending)

**\$869 BILLION**

Total Outlays DoD \$707 billion:

- Military Personnel \$159 billion
- Operation & Maint. \$302 billion
- Procurement \$134 billion
- Research & Dev. \$78 billion
- Construction \$19 billion
- Family Housing \$3 billion
- DoD misc. \$12 billion

Non-DoD military spending includes:<sup>1</sup>

- Retiree Pay/Healthcare \$67 billion
- DoE nuke weapons/clean up \$20 billion
- NASA (50%) \$9 billion
- Internl. Security Asst. \$16 billion
- Homeland Secur. (military) \$36 billion
- State Dept. (partial) \$4 billion
- FBI military \$7 billion
- other \$3 billion

<sup>1</sup> analysis includes non-DoD activity based on coding and on the military nature of the activity, such as armed agents on flights, border control, DoD space flights, etc.

**MILITARY: 48% AND \$1,372 BILLION**

## HOW THESE FIGURES WERE DETERMINED

“Current military” includes Dept. of Defense (\$707 billion) and the military portion from other departments as noted in current military box above (\$162 billion). “Past military” represents veterans’ benefits plus 80% of the interest on the debt.\* For further explanation, please go to [www.warresisters.org](http://www.warresisters.org).

These figures are from an analysis of detailed tables in the *Analytical Perspectives* book of the *Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2012*. The figures are federal funds, which do not include trust funds — such as Social Security — that are raised and spent separately from income taxes. What you pay (or don’t pay) by April 18, 2011, goes to the federal funds portion of the budget. The government practice of combining Trust and Federal funds began during the Vietnam War, thus making the human needs portion of the

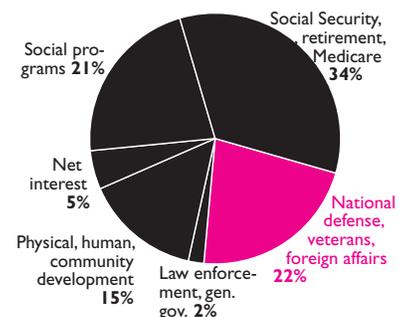
budget seem larger and the military portion smaller.

\*Analysts differ on how much of the debt stems from the military; other groups estimate 50% to 60%. We use 80% because we believe if there had been no military spending most (if not all) of the national debt would have been eliminated.

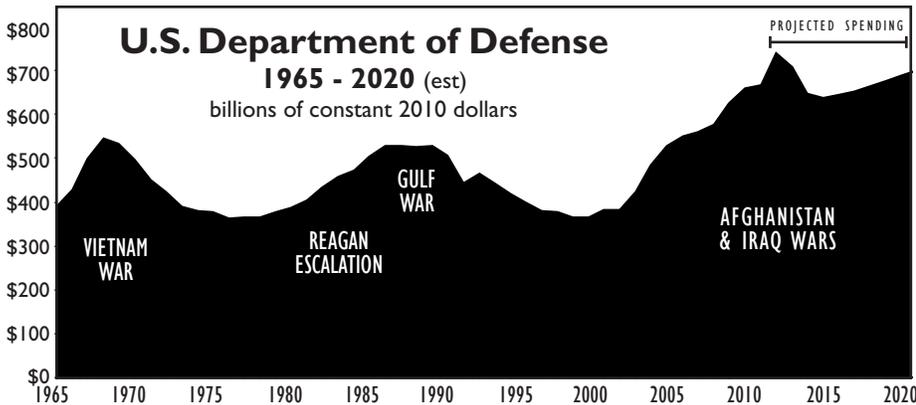
## The Government’s Deception

The pie chart (right) is the government view of the budget. This is a distortion of how our income tax dollars are spent because it includes Trust Funds (e.g., Social Security), and the expenses of past military spending are not distinguished from nonmilitary spending. For a more accurate representation of how your Federal income tax dollar is really spent, see the large graph.

Source: 1040 Forms and Instructions 2010, Federal Outlays for FY 2009



# THE PERMANENT WAR ECONOMY



SOURCE: U.S. Dept. of Defense, National Defense Budget Estimates for FY 2011, Table 6-11—DoD Outlays by Appropriation.; Budget of the United States for FY 2012: Analytical Perspectives, Table 33-1—Federal Programs by Agency and Account

“The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan — not to mention the Pentagon’s voracious appetite for expensive weapons systems — have been a gold mine for the Big Five.”

- 1 Lockheed Martin
- 2 General Dynamics
- 3 Raytheon
- 4 Northrop-Grumman
- 5 Boeing

“From Pentagon, a Buy Rating on Contractors,” Joe Nocera, *New York Times*, Feb. 11, 2011

While local governments cut teachers, firefighters, senior centers, and other essential services, military contractors are laughing all the way to the bank. On Jan. 17, 2011, media attention was given to the 50th anniversary of former President and General Dwight D. Eisenhower’s warning that “we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex.” Today Congress is part of that complex, with money and staff flowing back and forth between Congressional offices and corporations.

“[O]ur analysis suggests that there is no battlefield solution to terrorism.”

“How Terrorist Groups End,” Rand Corp. (rand.org), 2008

“Together we must learn how to compose differences, not with arms, but with intellect and decent purpose.”

President Dwight D. Eisenhower, Jan. 17, 1961

**Ready for a change? See below and take action!**

## CAMPAIGNS

- New Priorities Network** (national)  
newprioritiesnetwork.org
  - True Cost of War** (national)  
mfso.org
  - Healthcare Not Warfare** (national)  
pdamerica.org/get-active/healthcare-not-warfare-campaign
  - CODE PINK: Bring Our War \$\$ Home** (national), codepink.org
  - Campaign to Bring Our War \$\$ Home** (ME)  
bringourwardollarshome.org
  - Bring the \$Billion\$ Home** (Seattle)  
wwfor.org
  - Peace Economy Project** (St. Louis)  
peaceeconomyproject.org
  - 25 Percent Solution** (Boston)  
25percentsofolution.com
  - Campaign for Smart Security** (PA)  
smartsecuritypa.org
  - 25 Teachers’ Salaries** (CA)  
25teacherssalaries.org
  - Our Funds** (MD)  
ourfunds.org
  - Global Day of Action on Military Spending** (international), demilitarize.org
- ... or start your own campaign!

source: defundwar.org

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

- **Leaflet** with this flyer now, on Tax Day — **April 18, 2011** — and in the months before a new budget is passed in October.
- **Write elected officials and local newspapers. Send them copies of this flyer.** Demand that the Pentagon budget be slashed.
- **Protest with your money!** Sign up at **wartax boycott.org**. Refuse to pay all or part of your federal income tax. Whatever you choose to refuse—\$1, \$10, or a percentage—send a letter to elected officials and tell them why. Though illegal, thousands of people openly participate in this form of protest. Contact us for information or referral to a counselor near you. Contribute resisted tax money to organizations that support the common good.
- Watch **Death & Taxes**, a 30-min. film featuring war tax resisters from across the country. Online at [nwtrcc.org/deathandtaxes.php](http://nwtrcc.org/deathandtaxes.php).
- For more about **refusing to pay for war**, contact the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee, PO Box 150553, Brooklyn, NY 11215, (800) 269-7464, [nwtrcc.org](http://nwtrcc.org). Support the Peace Tax Fund bill: [peacetaxfund.org](http://peacetaxfund.org).
- **Support military personnel who refuse to fight** in Iraq and Afghanistan. For more information see [ivaw.org](http://ivaw.org) or [griightshotline.org](http://griightshotline.org). Call the GI Rights Hotline if you are in the military and need help: (877) 447-4487.

## RESOURCES

- Additional copies of this leaflet are available for 10¢ each (1-199), 7¢ each (200 - 499), 6¢ each (500+) plus 20% postage or call for exact amount.
- For sample brochures and resources on war tax resistance, send a self-addressed stamped (61¢) envelope to War Resisters League at the New York address below.
- **War Tax Resistance: A Guide to Withholding Your Support from the Military**, 144-page handbook with history, methods and resources. \$15 plus \$4.95 priority mail; \$3 media mail.

## LOCAL CONTACT:

If no group is listed, check for a WRL chapter on the website below, or start your own. Contact WRL for more information.

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