

# WHERE YOUR INCOME TAX MONEY REALLY GOES

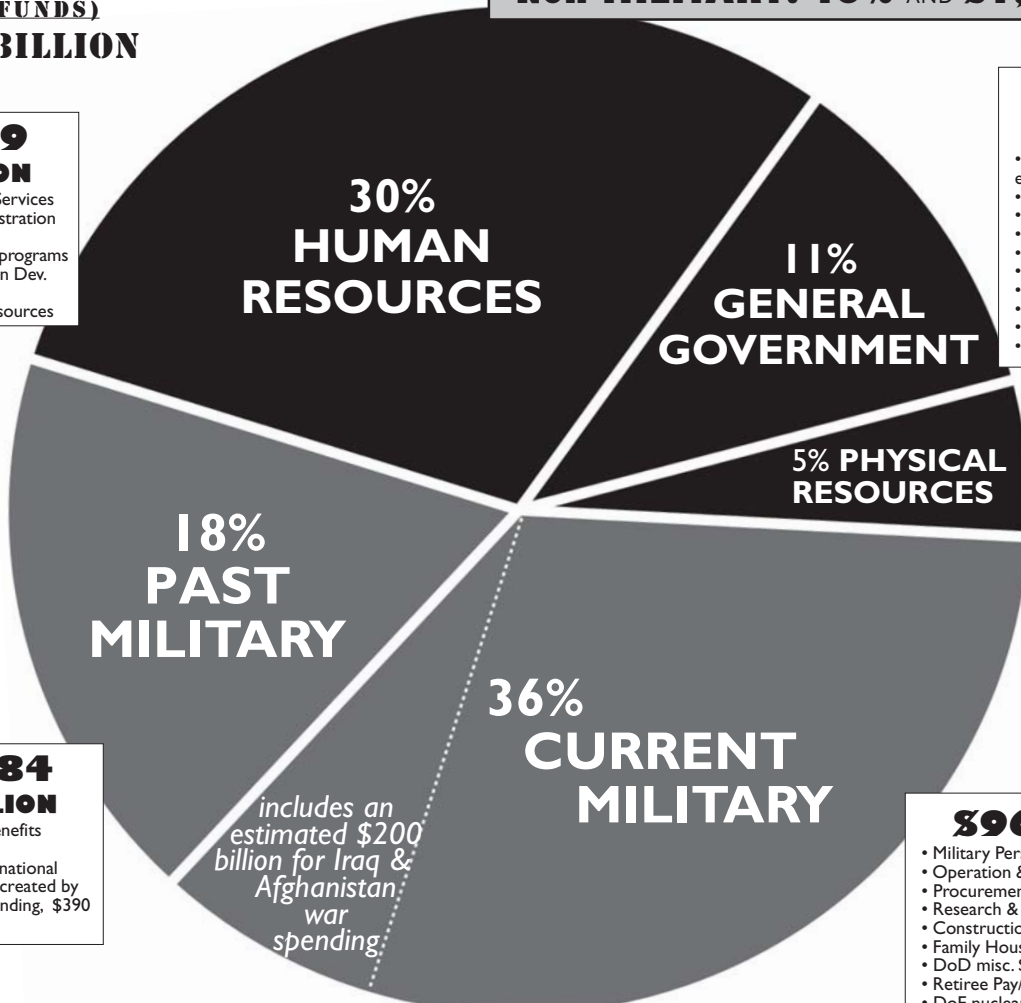
U.S. FEDERAL BUDGET 2009 FISCAL YEAR

**TOTAL OUTLAYS  
(FEDERAL FUNDS)  
\$2,659 BILLION**

**Non-MILITARY: 46% AND \$1,210 BILLION**

**\$789  
BILLION**

- Health/Human Services
- Soc. Sec. Administration
- Education Dept.
- Food/Nutrition programs
- Housing & Urban Dev.
- Labor Dept.
- other human resources



**\$304  
BILLION**

- Treasury, incl. 20% Interest on debt (\$97B)
- Government personnel
- Justice Dept.
- State Dept. (partial)
- Homeland Security (15%)
- International Affairs
- NASA (50%)
- Judicial
- Legislative
- other general govt.

**\$117  
BILLION**

- Agriculture
- Interior
- Transportation
- Homeland Security (15%)
- HUD
- Commerce
- Energy (non-military)
- Environmental Protection
- Nat. Science Fdtn.
- Army Corps Engineers
- Fed. Comm. Commission
- other physical resources

**\$484  
BILLION**

- Veterans' Benefits \$94 billion
- Interest on national debt (80%) created by military spending, \$390 billion

**\$965 BILLION**

- Military Personnel \$129 billion
- Operation & Maint. \$241 billion
- Procurement \$143 billion
- Research & Dev. \$79 billion
- Construction \$15 billion
- Family Housing \$3 billion
- DoD misc. \$4 billion
- Retiree Pay/Healthcare \$70 billion
- DoE nuclear weapons \$17 billion
- NASA (50%) \$9 billion
- International Security \$9 billion
- Homeland Secur. (70% military) \$35 billion
- State Dept. (partial) \$6 billion
- other military (non-DoD) \$5 billion
- "Global War on Terror" \$200 billion

We added \$162 billion to the last item to supplement the Budget's grossly underestimated \$38 billion in "allowances" to be spent in 2009 for the "War on Terror," which includes the wars in Iraq and

**MILITARY: 54% AND \$1,449 BILLION**

## HOW THESE FIGURES WERE DETERMINED

"Current military" includes Dept. of Defense (\$653 billion), the military portion from other departments (\$150 billion), and an additional \$162 billion to supplement the Budget's misleading and vast underestimate of only \$38 billion for the "war on terror." "Past military" represents veterans' benefits plus 80% of the interest on the debt.\* For further explanation, please go to [www.warresisters.org/piechart.htm](http://www.warresisters.org/piechart.htm).

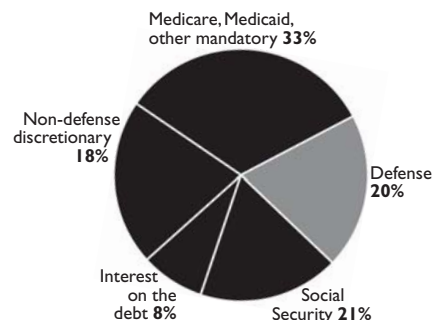
These figures are from an analysis of detailed tables in the "Analytical Perspectives" book of the *Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2009*. The figures are federal funds, which do not include trust funds — such as Social Security — that are raised and spent separately from income taxes. What you pay (or don't pay) by April 15, 2008, 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

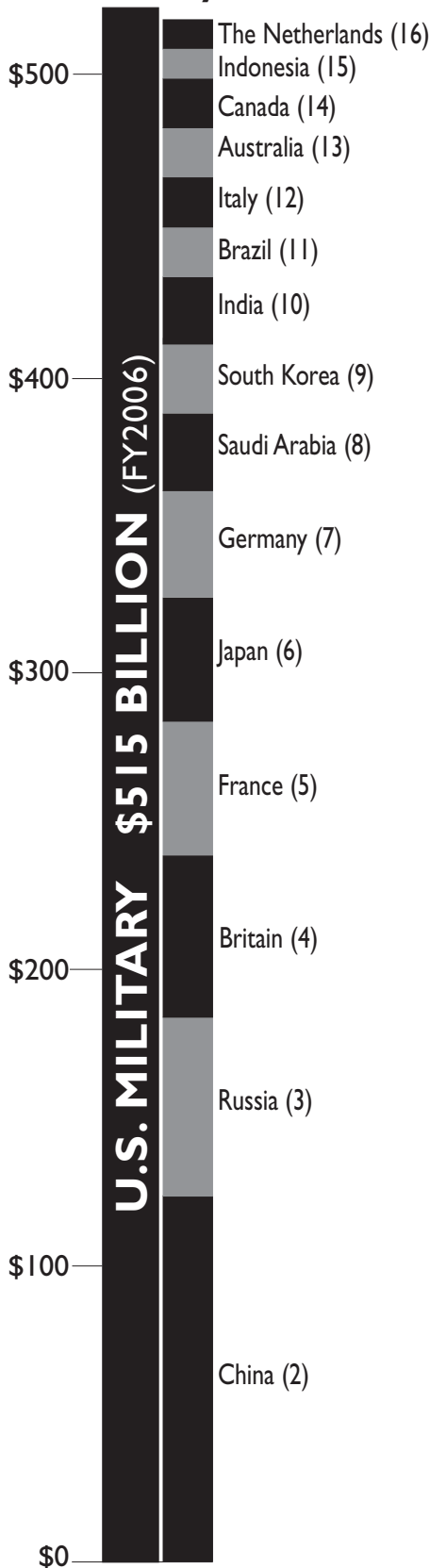
The pie chart (right) is the government view of the budget. This is a distortion of how our income tax dollars are spent because it includes Trust Funds (e.g., Social Security), and the expenses of past military spending are not distinguished from nonmilitary spending. For a more accurate representation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



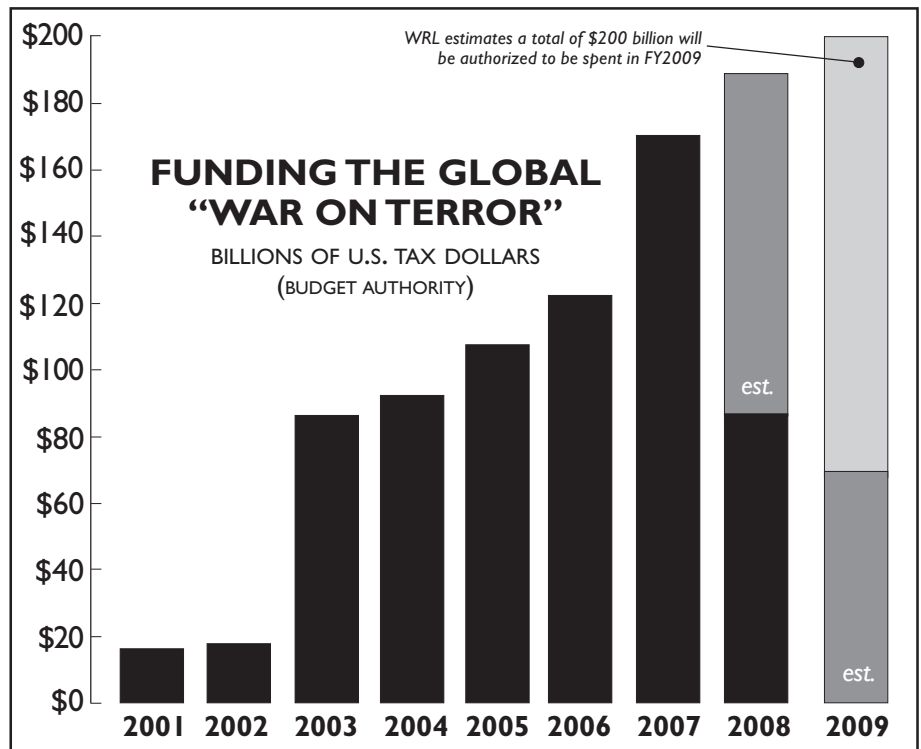
Source: Congressional Budget Office for FY2008

# ARE WE SAFE YET?

## U.S. Military vs. The World



U.S. military spending — Dept. of Defense plus nuclear weapons (in \$billions) — is equal to the military spending of the next 15 countries combined. SOURCE: Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation, armscontrolcenter.org



SOURCE: For 2001 to 2008 from Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation, armscontrolcenter.org; for 2009, the Budget includes \$70 billion in "allowances" for GWOT; WRL estimates an additional \$130 billion will be authorized for spending in 2009 and subsequent years, making the total authorized \$200 billion. This graph shows Budget Authority, while the pie on the front is Outlays.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Leaflet with this flyer between now and Tax Day, Tuesday, April 15, 2008. There are peace groups around the country — get out and be visible against the war!
- Write the President and Congress and demand that war money be used for services instead. Write letters to the editor of your local paper. **Send them copies of this flyer.**
- **Protest with your money!** Sign up at [wartaxboycott.org](http://wartaxboycott.org). Refuse to pay all or part of your income tax. Whatever you choose to refuse—\$1, \$10, the 7% that pays for wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, or more — send a letter to elected officials and tell them why. Though illegal, thousands of people openly participate in this form of protest. You can take control of your paycheck and avoid contributing to the military. Contact us for information or referral to a counselor near you. Contribute resisted tax money to organizations working to help people, provide needed services, or care for victims of war.

• 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; [www.nwtrcc.org](http://www.nwtrcc.org). Support the Peace Tax Fund bill to allow 100% of your taxes to fund nonmilitary programs: (888) 732-2382; [www.peacetaxfund.org](http://www.peacetaxfund.org).

- Support military personnel who refuse to fight in Iraq and Afghanistan. For more information see [www.ivaw.org](http://www.ivaw.org) or [www.girights.org](http://www.girights.org). Call the GI Rights Hotline if you are in the military and need help: 800-394-9544.

### 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 (63¢) 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 \$2 bookrate or \$4 priority mail.

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