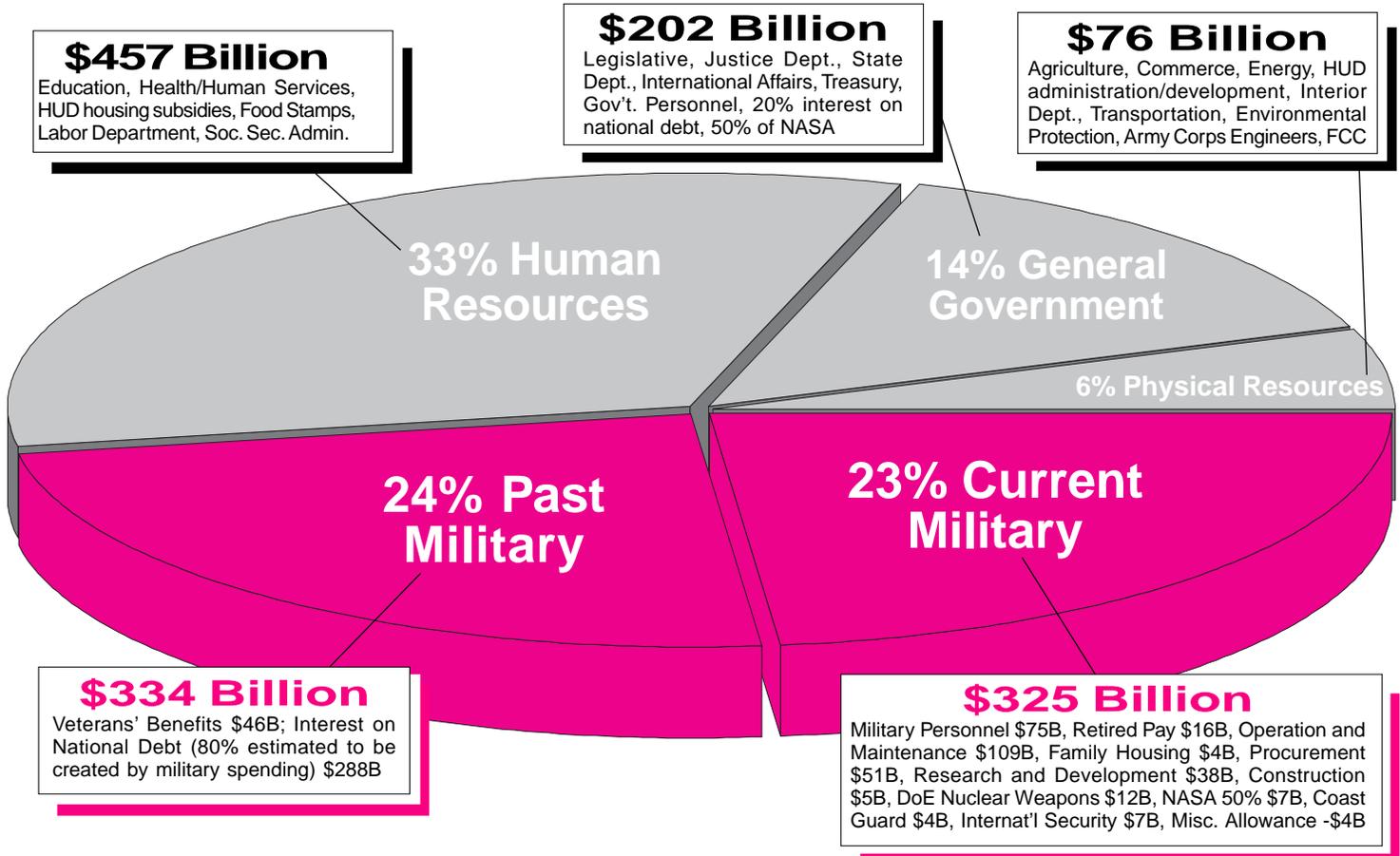


# WHERE YOUR **INCOME TAX** MONEY REALLY GOES

The United States Federal Budget for Fiscal Year 2001

Total Federal Funds Outlays \$1,394 Billion



## HOW THESE FIGURES WERE DETERMINED

War Resisters League creates this leaflet each year after the President has presented the budget proposal. Our figures are from a line-by-line analysis in the "Analytical Perspectives" book of the *Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2001*. The percentages are federal funds, which do not include trust funds (such as Social Security) that are raised and spent separately from income taxes.

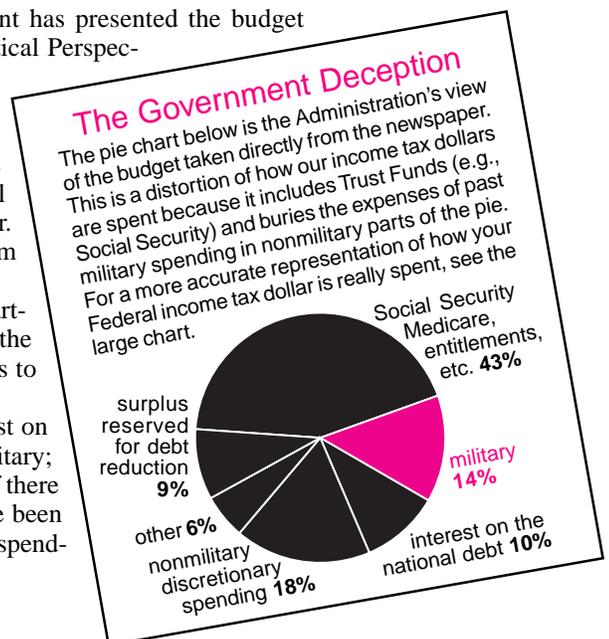
What you pay (or don't pay) by April 17, 2000, goes only to the federal funds portion of the budget. The government practice of combining trust and federal funds (the so-called "Unified Budget") began in the 1960s during the Vietnam War. The government presentation makes the human needs portion of the budget seem larger and the military portion smaller.

"Current military" spending adds together money allocated for the Department of Defense (\$278 billion) plus the "defense" portion from other parts of the budget. Spending on nuclear weapons (without their delivery systems) amounts to about 1% of the total budget.

"Past military" is represented by veterans' benefits plus 80% of the interest on the national debt. Analysts differ on how much of the debt stems from the military; other groups use from 50% to 60%. We use the 80% figure because we believe if there had been no military spending most (if not all) of the national debt would have been eliminated. The government has always found money for war; excessive military spending in the 1980s dramatically increased the debt.

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# Will They Be Yours or the Pentagon's?

*If the government has a surplus, why can't we house the homeless and feed the hungry?*

The same politicians who crusade against "big government" are happy to have a mammoth Pentagon. It's right there in the chart: huge investments in the military—and new increases—that enhance, not the nation's "security," but only that of the military-industrial complex. Even former President and General Dwight Eisenhower warned, "... we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist."

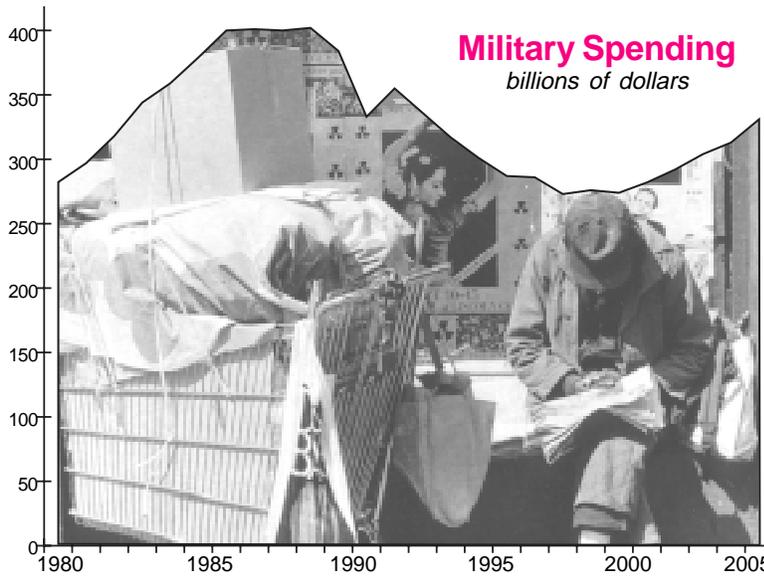
Corporations are making billions from tax dollars: Lockheed Martin (\$12 billion in military contracts), McDonnell Douglas (\$11 billion), Raytheon (\$5.6 billion), Northrop Grumman (\$2.7 billion). The list goes on. Does all of this spending provide jobs? Yes, but thousands fewer than civilian programs do, and the end product is not

something you can use. Even military job training does not prepare a young person for civilian life; the skills taught for a military job just don't transfer to life outside the military.

President Clinton says we need more military spending because "... the United States still faces enemies who would strike against the Nation using traditional military force or with emerging and increasingly complex weapons of terrorism."

What enemies? Canada to the north? Mexico to the South? Cuba — "Enemy #1" — across 90 miles of water? Cuba spends less than \$1 billion on its military. Russia spends about \$55 billion. You can see what the U.S. spends on the front of this flyer, and all of that money cannot prevent random acts of domestic terrorism. Different policies and priorities could do far more to prevent violence than will a huge military.

Congress is calling for even more military spending than the President has proposed. Make your voice heard before the final budget is passed by the start of the fiscal year, October 1, 2000. Our tax dollars can work for us — for our schools, our roads, health care, housing and job training.



In the U.S., up to 2 million people experience homelessness during a year (as many as 22% are veterans), and 31 million adults and children go hungry every day.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Demonstrate and leaflet during tax season and on the last day of filing, April 17, at the IRS or a post office.
- Write the President and your representative and senators and demand that the military budget be cut. Write letters to the editor of your local paper. Send all of them copies of this flyer.
- Refuse to pay the 3% federal excise tax on your phone bills. This tax has been used symbolically as a war tax since World War I. Nonpayment of the federal tax is between you and the IRS and should not result in cutoff of phone service. Though illegal, nonpayment of the tax is almost risk-free. Please contact us for more details.
- Refuse to pay all or part of your income tax. Though illegal, thousands of Americans are openly participating 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 war tax resistance counselor near you.

- Contribute resisted tax money to an organization working to help people (e.g., day care centers, health clinics, food banks, housing programs, international human rights organizations) or to an alternative fund that pools tax money from resisters and gives grants to human needs and peace groups.
- Contact the group(s) to the right or the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee, PO Box 6512, Ithaca, NY 14851, (800) 269-7464; email: nwrcc@lightlink.com. Support the Peace Tax Fund bill to allow 100% of your taxes to fund nonmilitary programs: (888) 732-2382; [www.nonviolence.org/peacetax](http://www.nonviolence.org/peacetax).

## RESOURCES

- Additional copies of this leaflet are available for 10¢ each (1-199), 7¢ each (200 or more), 6¢ each (500+) plus 20% postage.
- For sample brochures and resources on war tax resistance, send a self-addressed-stamped (55¢) envelope to War Resisters League at the New York address below.

• *War Tax Resistance: A Guide to Withholding Your Support from the Military*, 130-page handbook with history, methods and resources. \$12 plus \$1.25 bookrate or \$3.20 priority mail.

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