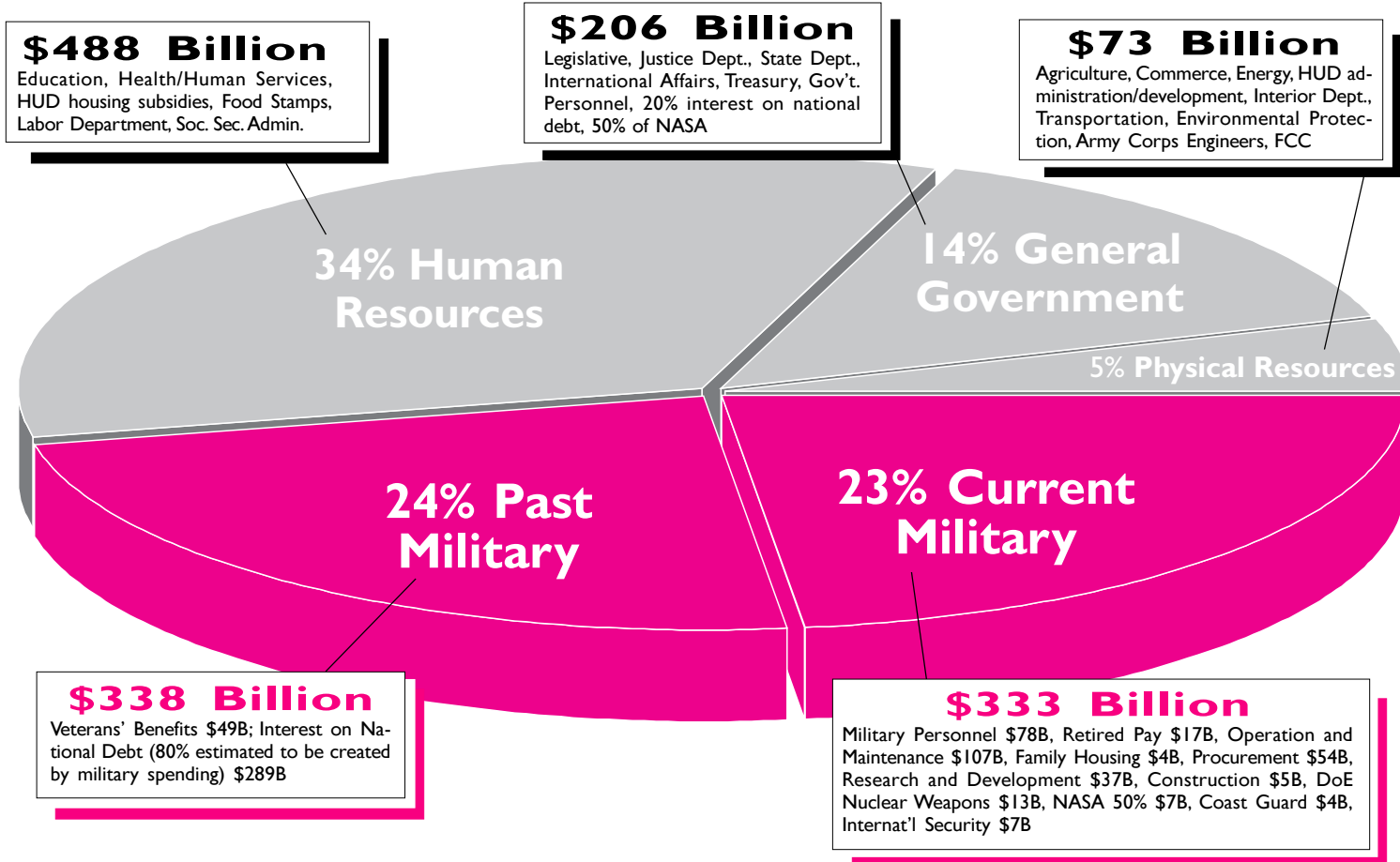


WHERE YOUR INCOME TAX MONEY REALLY GOES

The United States Federal Budget for Fiscal Year 2002

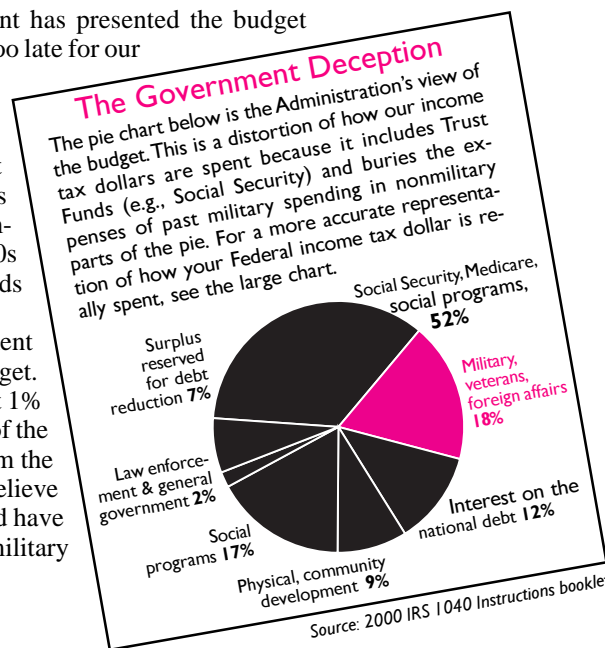
Total Federal Funds Outlays \$1,438 Billion



HOW THESE FIGURES WERE DETERMINED

War Resisters League creates this leaflet each year after the President has presented the budget proposal. However, with a new administration, the budget is revealed too late for our purposes. The figures here are from a line-by-line analysis of projected figures for 2002 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 16, 2001, 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 (\$286 billion) plus the military 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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WHO DECIDES WHERE YOUR INCOME TAX MONEY REALLY GOES?

NINE PRESIDENTS have moved into the White House since President Eisenhower offered his famous warning to “guard against . . . unwarranted influence . . . by the military-industrial complex.” Over 41 years the influence of the weapons industry has grown, and even scandal doesn’t stop them. Today’s #1 contractor, Lockheed Martin padded its contracts with \$600 toilet seats in the 1980s. But \$600 is a drop in the bucket compared to the billions spent on unneeded weapons systems that taxpayers fund. In 1983 President Reagan launched spending on one of the biggest boondoggles, a missile defense system, nicknamed “Star Wars”

- Costing at least \$95 billion so far, the system is supposed to shoot incoming missiles out of the sky, but test after test fail to prove that it will ever work. A TRW engineer, fired for refusing to fake missile tests, has spoken out about fraud. “It’s not a defense of the United States . . . It’s a conspiracy to allow them [the corporation] to milk the government,” she said.
- Boeing, TRW, Lockheed Martin and Raytheon have spent \$35 million on lobbying since 1997. These four are the top contractors for the “Star Wars” missile defense system.
- Vice President (and former Secretary of Defense) Dick Cheney served on the TRW board. Lynne Cheney, his wife, recently resigned from the Lockheed Martin board.
- Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld chaired a 1998 Congressional Commission to Assess the Ballistic Missile Threat, which used worst-case scenarios to back development of the “Star Wars” system. For his work he received the “Keeper of the Flame” award from the Center for Security Policy, a missile defense advocacy organization.

George Bush has been a big supporter of Star Wars. During the next four years, look to the heavens to see where your tax dollars are going.

| Top 10 U.S. Military Contractors | | | |
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| | Company/ Headquarters | Total Contracts (billions) | Major Weapons |
| 1 | Lockheed Martin Bethesda, MD | \$12.7 | F-16, AH-64 Apache, Trident and Hellfire missiles |
| 2 | Boeing St. Louis, MO | \$11.6 | F/A-18, F-15, V-22 Osprey, RAH-66 Comanche, C-17 |
| 3 | Raytheon Lexington, MA | \$6.4 | Patriot, AMRAAM, Hawk Missiles |
| 4 | General Dynamics Falls Church, VA | \$4.6 | Nuclear Submarines, DDG-51 Destroyer |
| 5 | Northrop Grumman Los Angeles, CA | \$3.2 | B-2 Bomber, F-15, F/A-18 |
| 6 | United Technologies Hartford, CT | \$2.4 | Aircraft and helicopter engines, UH-60, C-17 |
| 7 | Litton Industries Beverly Hills, CA | \$2.1 | DDG-51 destroyers, LHD amphibious assault ship |
| 8 | General Electric Fairfield, CT | \$1.7 | Aircraft and helicopter engines |
| 9 | TRW Cleveland, OH | \$1.4 | Electronic systems and support |
| 10 | Textron Providence, RI | \$1.4 | V-22 Osprey, tank engines, helicopters |

Source: Center for Defense Information for FY 1999

The following groups produced resources used in this section. Contact them for more information about Star Wars and military spending on space weapons:

**Global Network
Against Weapons in
Space**
Gainesville, FL
(352) 337-9274
www.space4peace.org

**Center for Defense
Information**
Washington, DC
(202) 332-0600
www.cdi.org

World Policy Institute
New School University
New York City, NY
(212) 229-5808
www.worldpolicy.org

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WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Demonstrate and leaflet during tax season and on the last day of filing, Monday, April 16, 2001, 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. Contact us for 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 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, 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: nwtrcc@lightlink.com. Support the Peace Tax Fund bill to allow 100% of your taxes to fund nonmilitary programs: (888) 732-2382; www.peacetaxfund.org

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 \$3.95 priority mail.

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