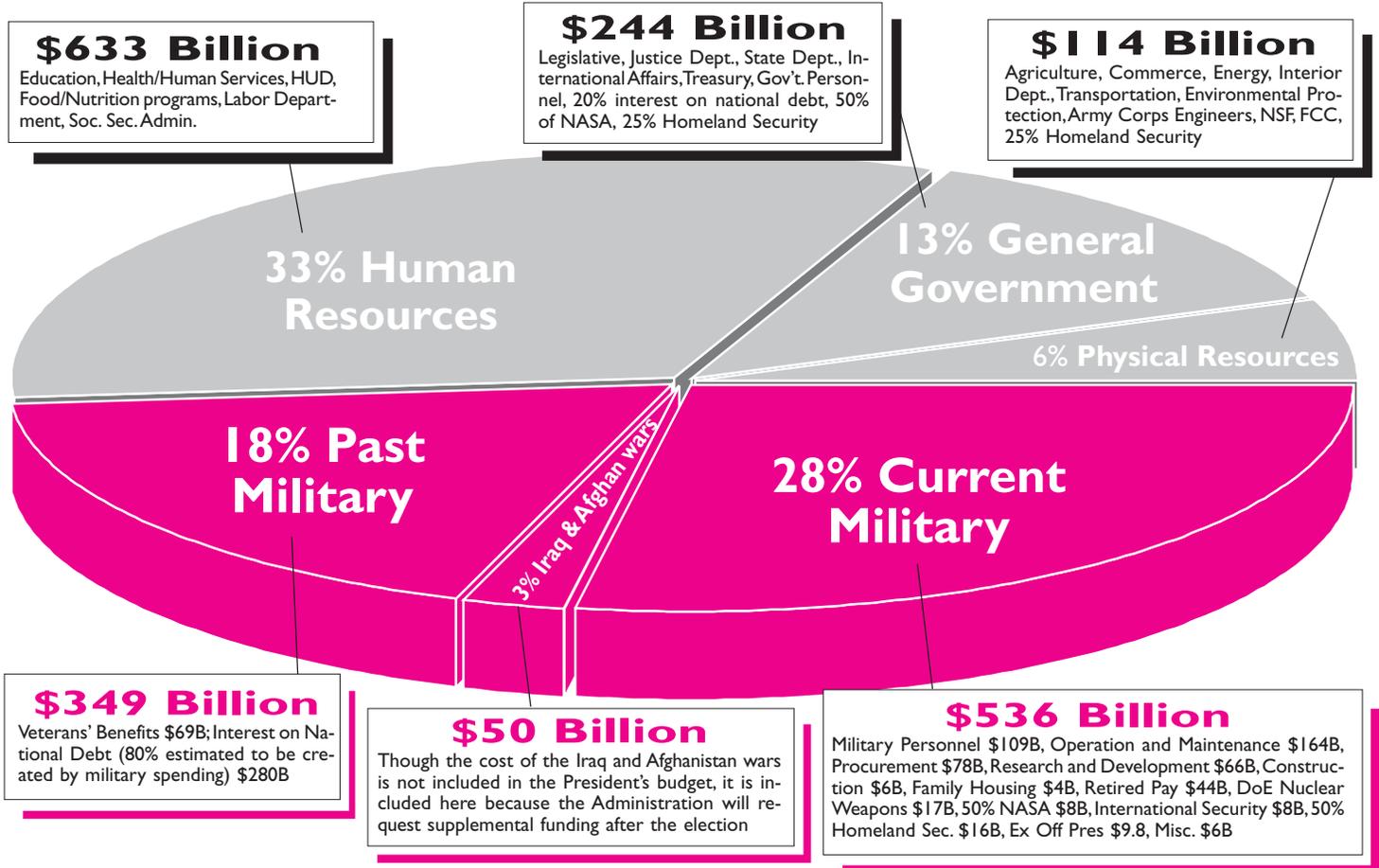


WHERE YOUR INCOME TAX MONEY REALLY GOES

The United States Federal Budget for Fiscal Year 2005

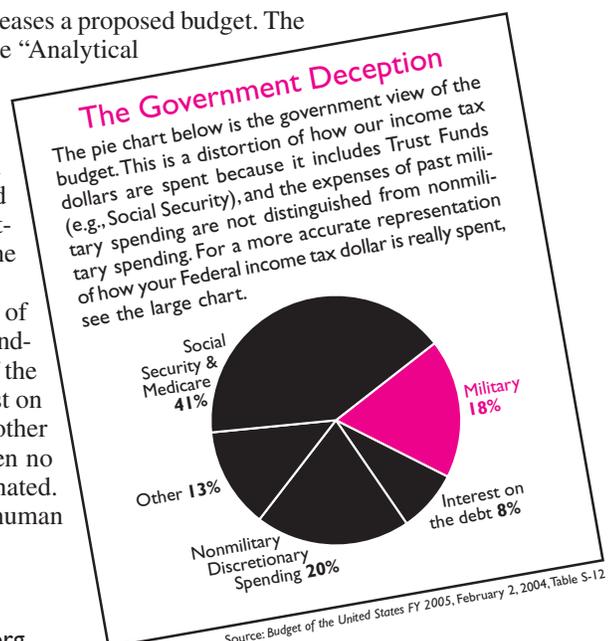
Total Federal Funds Outlays \$1,926 Billion



HOW THESE FIGURES WERE DETERMINED

WAR RESISTERS LEAGUE creates this leaflet each year after the President releases a proposed budget. The figures here are from a line-by-line analysis of projected figures in the "Analytical Perspectives" book of the *Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2005*. 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 15, 2004, 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 Dept. of Defense (\$431 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" represents veterans' benefits plus 80% of the interest on the debt. 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 willingly borrows for war, but finds nothing extra for crises in human needs. For further explanation, please go to www.warresisters.org/piechart.htm.



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COSTS OF WAR IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN

DOLLARS & CENTS

Cost of Invading Iraq **\$26 billion**

(paid by FY2003 supplemental funding [below])
Department of Defense Comptroller Dov Zakheim, April 16, 2003

Ongoing Military Operations in Iraq **\$3.9 billion/month**

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld, July 9, 2003

Ongoing Military Operations in Afghanistan **\$1 billion/month**

USA Today, September 8, 2003

Supplemental Funding for FY 2003 **\$62.4 billion**

Congress approved April 2003 (10/02-9/03)

Supplemental Funding for FY 2004 **\$65.8 billion**

Congress approved November 2003 (10/03-9/04)

Supplemental Funding for FY 2005 **\$50 billion**

(Fall 2004, according to the Bush Administration)

“This budget attempts to hide the true cost of operations in Iraq and Afghanistan by delaying funding on all known and necessary costs of the war until a supplemental appropriation can be approved next year.”

—Sen. Jack Reed (RI), Armed Services Committee, 2/2/04

Sources for this information and more: www.costofwar.com; Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, www.csbaonline.org; Council for a Livable World, www.clw.org; Pew Research, <http://people-press.org>; www.unknownnews.net/casualties.html; Center for Defense Information, www.cdi.org; Center for Budget and Policy Priorities, www.cbpp.org; National Priorities Project, www.natprior.org; World Policy Institute, www.worldpolicy.org/projects/arms; www.abc.net.au/news/newsitems/s947282.htm

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Demonstrate and leaflet during tax season and on the last day of filing, Thursday, April 15, 2004, at the IRS or a post office.
- Bring the **Stop the Merchants of Death** Speakers Tour to your community to learn more about corporations profiting from the war and military occupation, paid for by your tax dollars. See www.warresisters.org or call (212) 228-0450.
- 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 all 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. Though illegal, nonpayment of the tax is almost risk-free. See www.hanguponwar.org 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 or to an alternative fund that pools tax money from resisters and gives grants to human needs and peace groups.
- Contact the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee, PO Box 150553, Brooklyn, NY 11215, (800) 269-7464; 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.

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.

SENSELESS

Lives Lost in Afghanistan & Iraq (as of Jan. 31, 2004)

- Over 600 U.S. troops and 100 “coalition” troops killed
- Over 3,000 U.S. troops and 300 “coalition” troops injured
- Over 15,000 Iraqi & Afghani troops killed
- Over 11,000 Iraqi & Afghani civilians killed
- Over 17,000 Iraqi & Afghani civilians injured

More Lost Lives

- 24,000 people worldwide die daily from chronic malnutrition
- 300,000 veterans go homeless each year in the U.S.
- 14,000 people worldwide die daily for lack of clean water

Lost Freedom

- U.S. holds over 10,000 prisoners in Iraq
- U.S. holds 660 prisoners at Guantanamo Bay, against the Geneva accords
- International Red Cross has visited over 1,200 detainees held by Afghan or U.S. forces in Afghanistan
- The Patriot Act gives the U.S. government new power to spy on its own citizens without judicial review, and to arrest and detain “suspects” without charges for indefinite periods

Friends: Lost and Found

- 53% of Europeans believe that the United States is a threat to world peace
- Mega-corporations like Halliburton, Bechtel, and DynCorp (all Bush/Cheney friends) are sharing no-bid contracts totalling more than \$5 billion—and counting—for Iraq Reconstruction
- Weapons contractors Lockheed Martin and Raytheon Company see profits jump thanks to increased military spending

Lost Security

- 48% of Americans believe the U.S. is less secure because of the Iraq war
- Former U.S. Marine and UN weapons inspector Scott Ritter warned that invading Iraq would be a long and horrific invitation to terrorism

- For sample brochures and resources on war tax resistance, send a self-addressed stamped (60¢) 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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