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

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.

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.

Government 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

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U.S. Military vs. The World

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BILLIONS OF U.S. TAX DOLLARS (BUDGET AUTHORITY)

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