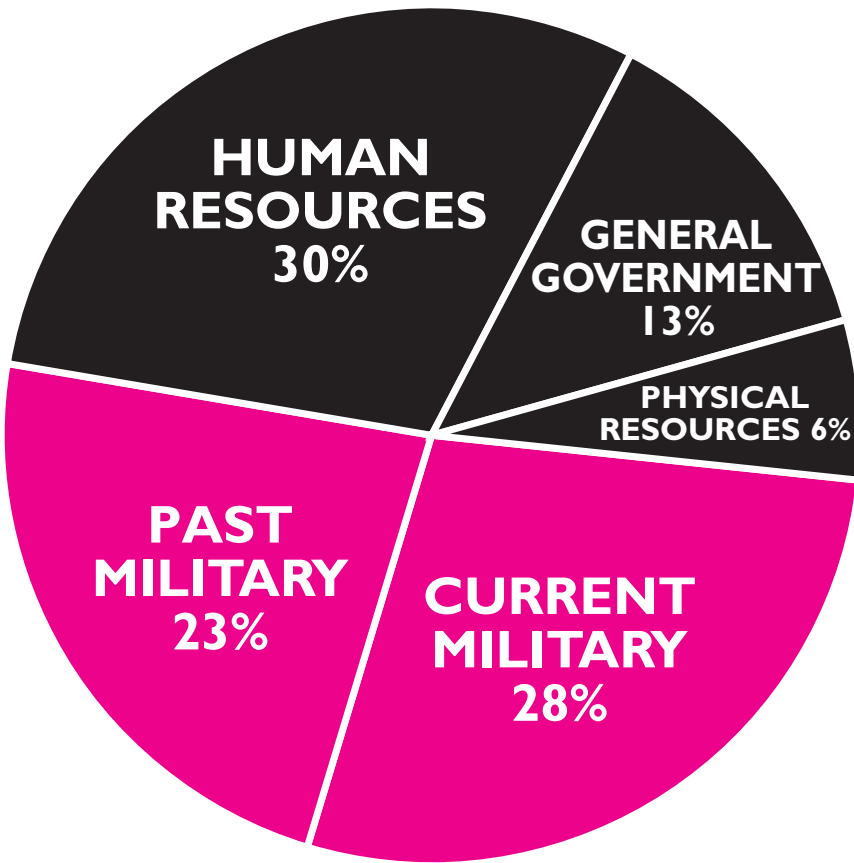


# WHERE YOUR **INCOME TAX** MONEY REALLY GOES



## 51% TO WAR

Each year War Resisters League analyzes **federal funds outlays** as presented in detailed tables in "Analytical Perspectives" of the *Budget of the United States Government*. Our analysis is based on federal funds, which do not include trust funds — such as Social Security — that are raised separately from income taxes for specific purposes. What you pay (or don't pay) by April 15, 2009, goes to the federal funds portion of the budget.

The pie chart here highlights **51% average annual military spending** based on our research over 20 years. The Obama administration is releasing the 2010 budget in late March and the new analysis will be posted on our website in April 2009. Over the summer Congress will debate the budget details and is mandated to pass a final budget by October 1, 2009.

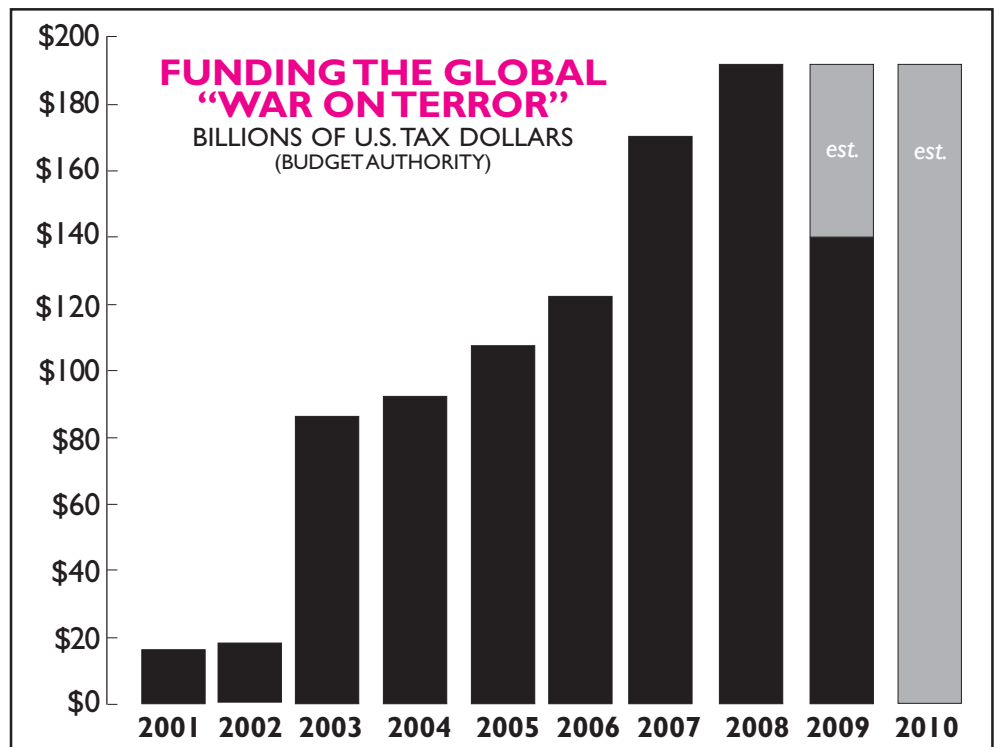
While we do not expect the military percentage to change much, Obama's 2010 budget presentation should include funding for the bank bailout, takeover of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, and the stimulus package. The Bush administration (with little Congressional opposition) refused to budget for the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan, and the wider war on terror, intentionally hiding the full monetary costs of their criminal activities. We must demand that all future administration present a more complete and honest budget than we have seen in recent years.

See [www.warresisters.org/piechart.htm](http://www.warresisters.org/piechart.htm) for an analysis of the 2010 budget after it is released in March. There are also more details on our methodology and the assumptions behind it.

“The largest spending bill in history is going to turn out to be the war in Iraq. . . . I don't understand why . . . building a road, building a school, helping somebody get health care, that's wasteful spending, but that war in Iraq . . . is going to cost us over \$1 trillion before we're through. . . .”

**Congressman Barney Frank**

"This Week with George Stephanopoulos," ABC, 2/1/09



2001 to 2008: Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation, [armscontrolcenter.org](http://armscontrolcenter.org). 2009: \$69B was approved in June 2008; \$70B is expected to be requested and approved early in 2009. WRL has chosen to hold the funding at 2008 levels for 2009-10 because there is no clarity on troops withdrawals from Iraq, the build-up in Afghanistan, or the ability to make solid estimates from incomplete DoD figures. A key source is the Congressional Research Service report to Congress, "The Cost of Iraq, Afghanistan, and Other Global War on Terror Operations Since 9/11," updated October 15, 2008, by Amy Belasco.

# Improve Security, the Economy, and Quality of Life for All **CUT THE MILITARY BUDGET**



How can we improve the economy, strengthen security, fix the nation's major infrastructure, and not bury future generations in debt?



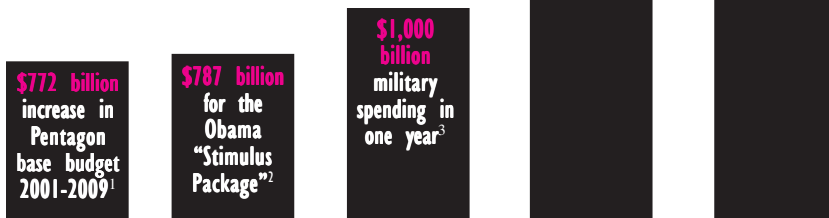
- ✓ **Slash the military budget\***
- ✓ **End the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan**
- ✓ **Close foreign bases & bring troops home**
- ✓ **Dismantle nuclear weapons & related systems**
- ✓ **Adopt a foreign policy based on multilateral negotiation and not military might**

By taking the last step, the U.S. can stop wasting billions of dollars on weapons—from small arms to battle-ships and “star wars” systems—that benefit military contractors while politicians one-up each other about patriotism. The bloated Pentagon budget is rife with waste. It is past time to put that budget on the chopping block and rethink national security from a human perspective.

\*Rep. Barney Frank (MA) calls for 25% cut, votersforpeace.us; Institute for Policy Study “Unified Security Budget,” ips-dc.org/reports/#676; Beyond War A New Economy is Possible campaign, unitedforpeace.org.

## “Big government, big bureaucracy, big politician package”

That's what Newt Gingrich said about the economic stimulus package. The intent of these bars is not to lobby for that bill but to make a comparison to the really big government spending at the Pentagon that goes unquestioned.



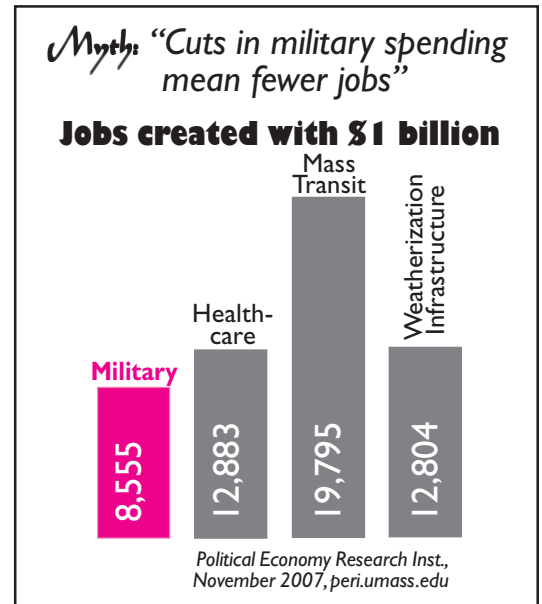
<sup>1</sup>not including Iraq/Afghan. costs; see “America’s Defense Meltdown,” cdi.org

<sup>2</sup>over 2 to 3 years, 74% to be spent by Sept. 2010

<sup>3</sup>including DoD, DoE nuclear weapons, 30% Homeland Security retirement, military activities of other agencies (WRL analysis)

<sup>4</sup>roads, water systems, bridges, dams, mass transit, schools, etc. (American Society of Civil Engineers, asce.org)

<sup>5</sup>transactions without documentation, reported by Defense Sec. Rumsfeld, 9/10/01. “With good financial oversight we could find \$48 billion in loose change in that building, without having to hit the taxpayers.” (Retired Vice Admiral Jack Shanahan comment to CBS)



“A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death.”

—MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Leaflet with this flyer now; on Tax Day, April 15; and throughout the year before a new budget is passed in October.
- Write elected officials and local newspapers. **Send them copies of this flyer.** Demand that the Pentagon budget be cut, [unitedforpeace.org](http://unitedforpeace.org). Join the campaign to stop war profiteers: [bitethebullet.us](http://bitethebullet.us).
- **Protest with your money!** Sign up at [wartaxboycott.org](http://wartaxboycott.org). Refuse to pay all or part of your federal income tax. Whatever you choose to refuse—\$1, \$10, or a percentage—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 that support the common good.
- 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; [nwrcc.org](http://nwrcc.org). Support the Peace Tax Fund bill to allow 100% of your taxes to fund nonmilitary programs: (888) 732-2382; [peacetaxfund.org](http://peacetaxfund.org).
- Support military personnel who refuse to fight in Iraq and Afghanistan. For more information see [ivaw.org](http://ivaw.org) or [gights.org](http://gights.org). Call the GI Rights Hotline if you are in the military and need help: (877) 447-4487.

### 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 (59¢) 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 \$4.95 priority mail.

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