WHERE YOUR INCOME TAX MONEY REALLY GOES
U.S. FEDERAL BUDGET 2013 FISCAL YEAR

TOTAL OUTLAIES (FEDERAL FUNDS)
$2,893 BILLION

Non-MILITARY: 53% AND $1,537 BILLION

MILITARY: 47% AND $1,355 BILLION

HOW THESE FIGURES WERE DETERMINED

Current military” includes Dept. of Defense ($673 billion) and the military portion from other departments as noted in current military box above ($166 billion). “Past military” represents veterans’ benefits plus 80% of the interest on the debt.* For further explanation, please go to www.warresisters.org.

These figures are from an analysis of detailed tables in the Analytical Perspectives book of the Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2013. 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 17, 2012, 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.

The Government’s 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 most of the past military spending is not distinguished from non-military spending. For a more accurate representation of how your Federal income tax dollar is really spent, see the large graph.

Source: /040 Forms and Instructions 2011, Federal Outlays for FY 2010

War on terror appears in the budget as “overseas contingency obligations.”

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Once again “mission accomplished” was announced, and the Iraq War was declared over in 2011. U.S. troops are scheduled to leave Afghanistan in 2013, yet Pentagon spending continues virtually unabated. More than 200,000 private contractors, hired by corporations with Pentagon money, carry on what is now called “overseas contingency operations.” The system is rife with abuse and fraud—including contract payments diverted to fighters of all persuasions. It’s not about “national security.” It’s enormously profitable to thousands of corporations.

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Getting in on the Pentagon Money Stream (A Sampling)

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Source: Commission on Wartime Contracting in Iraq and Afghanistan, August 2011, wartimecontracting.gov

“Pentagon contracts awarded without competition topped $140 billion in 2010, up from $50 billion in 2001.”

Center for Public Integrity, Watch News.org

Top Military Contractors FY 2010

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Combined lobbying expenditures 2010: $44 million

Source: washingtontechnology.com, opensecrets.org

Top “War Support” Contractors in Iraq & Afghanistan 2002-2011

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Source: U.S. Dept. of Defense, National Defense Budget Estimates for FY 2012, Table 6-11 – DoD Outlays by Title; Budget of the United States for FY 2013 Analytical Perspectives, Table 33-1 – Federal Programs by Agency and Account

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