WHERE YOUR INCOME TAX MONEY REALLY GOES
U.S. FEDERAL BUDGET 2015 FISCAL YEAR

TOTAL OUTLAYS (FEDERAL FUNDS)
$2,887 BILLION

MILITARY: 45% AND $1,307 BILLION

$1,247 BILLION
- Health/Human Services
- Soc. Sec. Administration
- Education Dept.
- Food/Nutrition programs
- Housing & Urban Dev.
- Labor Dept.
- Earned Inc/Child Credits
- Health Insurance Credits
- other human resources

$521 BILLION
- Veterans' Benefits
- $157 billion
- Interest on national debt $364 billion (80% est. to be created by military spending)

$115 BILLION
- Agriculture
- Interior
- Transportation
- Homeland Sec. ($88 billion)
- HUD
- Commerce
- Energy (non-military)
- Environmental Protection
- Nat. Science Fdn.
- Army Corps Engineers
- other physical resources

$218 BILLION
- Treasury, incl. 20% interest on debt ($91 B)
- Government personnel
- Justice Dept.
- State Dept. (partial)
- Inst. Sec. Assist. (partial)
- NASA (50%)
- Judicial
- Legislative
- Allowances (proposals)
- other general govt.

$786 BILLION
Total Outlays DoD $584 billion:
- Military Personnel $142 billion
- Operation & Maint. $228 billion
- Procurement $91 billion
- Research & Dev $63 billion
- Construction $10 billion
- Family Housing $2 billion
- Revolting Management $1 billion
- "Overseas Contingency" $47 billion
Non-DoD military spending includes:
- Retiree Pay/Healthcare $83 billion
- DoD nuke weapons/clean-up $19 billion
- NASA (50%) $9 billion
- State Dept. (partial) $5 billion
- FBI military $12 billion
- "Opportunity, Growth, Security Initiative" allowances $17
- other $1 billion
*analysis includes non-DoD activity based on coding and the military nature of activities, such as armed border control, DoD space flights etc.

$1,580 BILLION
Non-MILITARY: 55% AND $1,580 BILLION

HOW THESE FIGURES WERE DETERMINED
Current military includes Dept. of Defense ($584 billion) and the military portion from other departments as noted in the current military box above ($202 billion). Funding for the war on terror is listed as "Overseas Contingency Operations" and totals $47 in this breakdown. "Past military" represents veterans' benefits plus 80% of the interest on the debt.* For further explanation, please go to 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 2015. 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, 2014, 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 most of the past military spending is 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: 1040 Forms and Instructions 2013, Federal Outlays for FY 2012

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The attacks on 9/11 led to the U.S. government’s endless “War on Terror” abroad. The creation in 2003 of the Dept. of Homeland Security (DHS) — a second “defense” department — brought that war home. While military style policing, especially in communities of color, grew with the war on drugs in the 1980s, access to the weapons of war has proliferated through Pentagon and now DHS programs. “Current military” on the pie chart incorporates the variety of federal agencies that contribute to the militarization of our lives.

Under the Pentagon’s Excess Property Program, $4 billion of equipment has been transferred to state and local police departments since 1990, including grenade launchers, helicopters, military robots, bayonets, armored vehicles, battle fatigues, etc.

Even the smallest police departments can purchase new battle-gear and surveillance equipment with generous DHS grants — over $34 billion since 2003. Ohio State University will use their 18-ton Mine-Resistant Ambush-Protected vehicle “for a police presence at football games.”

AR-15 semi-automatic rifles have become a standard police weapon and school districts from California to Georgia are buying them by the dozens.

America’s tendency is to pursue policies that react to violence rather than prevent it. As a result, the country is not only less prosperous, but less peaceful.

Swat raids take place 100 times every day in the U.S.

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