

# WHERE YOUR INCOME TAX MONEY REALLY GOES

U.S. FEDERAL BUDGET 2015 FISCAL YEAR

**TOTAL OUTLAYS  
(FEDERAL FUNDS)**

**\$2,887 BILLION**

**Non-MILITARY: 55% AND \$1,580 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

**43%  
HUMAN  
RESOURCES**

**\$218  
BILLION**

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

**8%  
GENERAL  
GOVERNMENT**

**\$115  
BILLION**

- Agriculture
- Interior
- Transportation
- Homeland Sec. (\$8B, partial)
- HUD
- Commerce
- Energy (non-military)
- Environmental Protection
- Nat. Science Fdn.
- Army Corps Engineers
- Fed. Comm. Commission
- other physical resources

**4%  
PHYSICAL  
RESOURCES**

**18%  
PAST  
MILITARY**

**\$521  
BILLION**

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

**27%  
CURRENT  
MILITARY**

**\$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
- Revolving Management \$1 billion
- "Overseas Contingency" \$47 billion

Non-DoD military spending includes:\*

- Retiree Pay/Healthcare \$83 billion
- DoE nuke weapons/clean-up \$19 billion
- NASA (50%) \$9 billion
- Internl. Security Asst. \$14 billion
- Homeland Secur. (military) \$41 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.

**MILITARY: 45% AND \$1,307 BILLION**

## HOW THESE FIGURES WERE DETERMINED

Current military" includes Dept. of Defense (\$584 billion) and the military portion from other departments as noted in 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

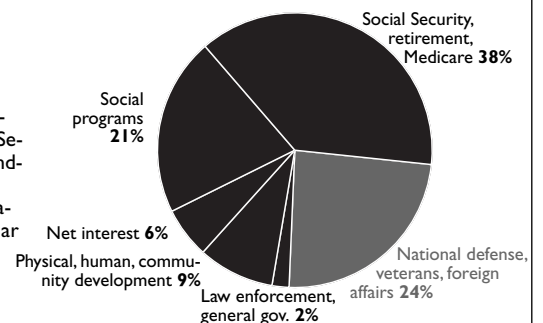
the military portion smaller.

\*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



# HOMELAND (IN)SECURITY

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.



DRAWING: Matt Heff, jytheloves.com

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

- 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.”

Mike Honda and Michael Shank, "Measuring the cost of violence," Institute for Economics and Peace

“They are using military weapons on our kids in our community — we need to take a lot more action.”

Cary Downs, father of James Rivera, 16, killed by police in 2010, Stockton, California

- **Arms merchants** are cashing in those DHS grants with heavy marketing and sales across the U.S.
- **Urban Shield**, a police training and weapons expo, invites your local cop to shop and train with police around the world from Bahrain to Brazil, courtesy of such companies as Lockheed Martin, Alliant Techsystems/ATK, and Safariland.
- **Customs and Border Protection (CPB**, part of DHS) is the largest law enforcement agency in the U.S. Investigations into **dehumanizing detentions**, intrusive searches, and killings at the border reveal an agency operating with impunity, whose policies are shrouded in secrecy.
- CPB owns **10 Predator drones** (operating cost: \$3,000 an hour). From 2010-12, they loaned 700 surveillance flights to local, state, and federal agencies.
- **U.S. taxpayers throw \$786 billion a year** at weaponized "security." Meanwhile food insecurity (hunger) is at record levels for the fifth straight year in the U.S.

SOURCES (more on our website): "Homeland Security: The Second Defense Department," [nationalpriorities.org](http://nationalpriorities.org); [urbanshield.org](http://urbanshield.org); "Secrecy at the Border," [onthemedia.org](http://onthemedia.org); *Rise of the Warrior Cop* by Radley Balko; "Little restraint in military giveaways," [bigstory.ap.org](http://bigstory.ap.org)

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

- **Leaflet** with this flyer year-round and on Tax Day, April 15, 2014, or on the Global Day of Action on Military Spending ([demilitarize.org](http://demilitarize.org)). Be part of the New Priorities Network, ([newpriorities-network.org](http://newpriorities-network.org)).
- Join WRL's **Facing Tear Gas** campaign to end the use of tear gas and related chemical weapons and police militarization in the U.S. and globally. The campaign is organizing against paramilitary training "Urban Shield" sites across the country. See [facingteargas.org](http://facingteargas.org).
- Call for your community to **opt out!** Stop local law enforcement from accepting military giveaways and DHS grants for weapons of war.
- **Write letters** to elected officials and local newspapers. **Send them copies of this flyer.** Demand that the Pentagon budget be slashed.
- 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. Contact us for information or referral to a counselor near you. Contribute resisted tax money to organizations that support the common good.

- Watch **Death & Taxes**, a 30-min. film featuring war tax resisters from across the country. Online at [nwtrcc.org/deathandtaxes.php](http://nwtrcc.org/deathandtaxes.php).
- 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, [nwtrcc.org](http://nwtrcc.org). Support the Peace Tax Fund bill: [peacetaxfund.org](http://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. Order online at [warresisters.org](http://warresisters.org), or order by phone or mail from the WRL National Office at the contact info below.
- Find us on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and read

the WRL Blog—click on the links at [warresisters.org](http://warresisters.org).

- For all our books and publications, including *War Tax Resistance: A Guide to Withholding Your Support from the Military* (\$10 plus \$5.60 priority mail; \$3 media mail), see [warresisters.org/store](http://warresisters.org/store).

### LOCAL CONTACT:

If no group is listed, check for a WRL chapter on the website below, or start your own. Contact WRL for more information.

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