HOW THESE FIGURES WERE DETERMINED

Current military includes Dept. of Defense ($586 billion) and the military portion from other departments as noted in current military box above ($196 billion). “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 2016. 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, 2015, 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.
“You cannot simultaneously prevent and prepare for war.”

—Albert Einstein

**BROKEN PROMISES**

**THE PROMISE:** Barak Obama won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2009 for his commitment to a world without nuclear weapons.

**THE REALITY:** U.S. Nuclear Weapons Budget (2015-2024) of $348 billion or $95 million/day. This includes new bombers, submarines, intercontinental ballistic missiles, and increased production of nuclear materials.

“Projected Costs of U.S. Nuclear Forces, 2015 to 2024,” Congressional Budget Office, 1/2015

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**ARMS TRADE**

The 5 permanent members of the UN Security Council:
- USA 29%
- Russia 27%
- China 6%
- France 5%
- Germany 7%

Supply 78% of the world’s weapons:
- UK 4%
- China 6%
- Russia 27%
- USA 29%


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**WHAT YOU CAN DO**

- **Leaflet** with this flyer year-round and on Tax Day, April 15, 2015, or on the Global Day of Action on Military Spending (demilitarize.org).
- Organize with WRL's Demilitarize Health & Security: A Campaign to End Urban Areas Security Initiative and end police militarization. See warresisters.org/end-uaisi. Sign on to the demands, including calling for your community to opt out and redistribute resources for community needs! Challenge militarism, curb police power and lift up community resilience!
- Write elected officials and local newspapers. Send them copies of this flyer. Demand an investment in peace, not war.
- Protest with your money! Sign up at 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.
- 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. Support the Peace Tax Fund bill: 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 www.warresisters.org/store; phone or mail orders using the WRL National Office contact info below.
- For sample brochures and resources on war tax resistance, send a self-addressed stamped (70¢) envelope to War Resisters League at the New York address below.
- War Tax Resistance: A Guide to Withholding Your Support from the Military, 44-page handbook with history, methods and resources. $10 plus $5.60 priority mail; $3 media mail.

**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.

**MILITARIZATION OF THE POLICE**

$587 million Urban Areas Security Initiative Grants give tanks, military rifles, drones, surveillance cameras, and most of all militarized training to local law enforcement. Instead, $587 million could buy:
- 10,000 university scholarships
- 5,000 elementary school teachers
- 5,000 Head Start slots for children


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