WHERE YOUR INCOME TAX MONEY REALLY GOES
U.S. FEDERAL BUDGET 2016 FISCAL YEAR

TOTAL OUTLAYS (FEDERAL FUNDS)
$2,928 BILLION

Non-MILITARY: 55% AND $1,628 BILLION

MILITARY: 45% AND $1,300 BILLION

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.

$1,251 BILLION
• Health/Human Services
• Social Security Administration
• Education Dept.
• Food/Nutrition programs
• Housing & Urban Dev.
• Labor Dept.
• Earned Inc/Child Credits
• Health Insurance Credits
• other human resources

$518 BILLION
• Veterans' Benefits $179 billion
• Interest on national debt $339 billion (80% est. to be created by military spending)

$1,35 BILLION
• Agriculture
• Interior
• Transportation
• Homeland Sec. ($98 partial)
• HUD
• Commerce
• Energy (non-military)
• NASA (20%)
• Environmental Protection
• Nat. Science Fdn.
• Army Corps Engineers
• Fed. Comm. Commission
• other physical resources

$242 BILLION
• Treasury incl. 20% interest on debt ($83 B)
• Government personnel
• Justice Dept.
• State Dept. (partial)
• Int. Sec. Assist. (partial)
• Judicial
• Legislative
• Allowances (proposals)
• other general govt.

$782 BILLION
Total Outlays DoD $586 billion:
• Military Personnel $118 billion
• Operation & Maint. $392 billion
• Procurement $103 billion
• Research & Dev $70 billion
• Construction $7 billion
• Family Housing $1 billion
• Revolving Management $5 billion

Non-DoD military spending includes:
• Retiree Pay/Healthcare $80 billion
• DoD nuke weapons/clean-up $20 billion
• Military Health Care $14 billion
• Homeland Secur. (military) $29 billion
• State Dept. (partial) $9 billion
• FBI military $8 billion
• HHS Atomic $8 billion
• National Science Fdn. $6 billion
• other $3 billion

*based on coding and the military nature of activities, such as armed border control, DoD space flights, etc.

$51 billion for Overseas Contingency Operations ("war on terror") is part of the $586 DoD budget

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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 2014, Federal Outlays for FY 2013

Social Security, retirement, Medicare 41%

Net interest 6%

Physical, human, community development 6%

Law enforcement, general gov. 2%

National defense, veterans, foreign affairs 23%

Social programs 22%
“You cannot simultaneously prevent and prepare for war.”

—Albert Einstein

**Broken Promises**

**The Promise:** Barack 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 supply 78% of the world’s weapons:

- USA 29%
- Russia 27%
- China 6%
- France 5%
- UK 4%

SIPRI Fact Sheet, March 2014, "Trends in International Arms Transfers" 2009-13; Amnesty International, Arms Trade, amnestyusa.org

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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-usa. 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 wartax boycott.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.

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**Unchecked climate change, global nuclear weapons modernizations, and outsized nuclear weapons arsenals pose extraordinary and undeniable threats to the continued existence of humanity, and world leaders have failed to act with the speed or on the scale required to protect citizens from potential catastrophe.”**

Moving the Doomsday clock to 3-minutes to midnight, Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists, 1/19/15, thebulletin.org

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**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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