

# 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**

**\$1,251  
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**

**\$242  
BILLION**

- Treasury, incl. 20% interest on debt (\$85 B)
- Government personnel
- Justice Dept.
- State Dept. (partial)
- Int. Sec. Assist. (partial)
- Judicial
- Legislative
- Allowances (proposals)
- other general govt.

**8%  
GENERAL  
GOVERNMENT**

**\$135  
BILLION**

- Agriculture
- Interior
- Transportation
- Homelnd Sec. (\$9 B, partial)
- HUD
- Commerce
- Energy (non-military)
- NASA (50%)
- Environmental Protection
- Nat. Science Fdn.
- Army Corps Engineers
- Fed. Comm. Commission
- other physical resources

**4%  
PHYSICAL  
RESOURCES**

**18%  
PAST  
MILITARY**

**\$518  
BILLION**

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

**27%  
CURRENT  
MILITARY**

**\$782 BILLION**

Total Outlays DoD \$586 billion:

- Military Personnel \$148 billion
- Operation & Maint. \$251 billion
- Procurement \$103 billion
- Research & Dev. \$70 billion
- Construction \$9 billion
- Family Housing \$1 billion
- Revolving Management \$5 billion

Non-DoD military spending includes\*:

- Retiree Pay/Healthcare \$80 billion
- DoE nuke weapons/clean-up \$20 billion
- NASA (50%) \$9 billion
- Internl. Security Asst. \$14 billion
- Homeland Secur. (military) \$39 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

**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.

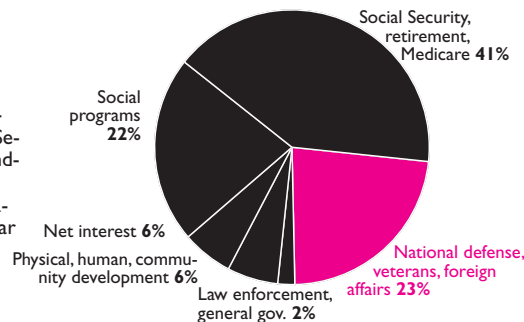
These figures are from an analysis of detailed tables in the *Analytical Perspectives* book of the *Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2016*. The figures are Federal funds, which do not include Trust funds — such as Social Security — that are raised and spent separately from income taxes.

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.

## 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

# “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

## ARMS TRADE

The 5 permanent members of the UN Security Council plus Germany supply **78% of the world’s weapons**

USA	29%
Russia	27%
Germany	7%
China	6%
France	5%
UK	4%

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

From bullets to bombers to ballistic missiles, from the local police to international weapons sales, U.S. tax dollars are heavily invested in military “solutions.” At the same time, the **Global Peace Index cites a 7-year trend of increasing violence worldwide**; top Pentagon contractors are setting stock price records; and the most powerful nations at the United Nations are the biggest weapons dealers. Take an action below for a turn toward peace.



Graphic by Leani Auxilio

“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

## 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

Source: Department of Homeland Security 2014 Preparedness Grants, <http://1.usa.gov/1iE60aM>; Trade Offs, [nationalpriorities.org](http://nationalpriorities.org)

## 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](http://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-uasi](http://warresisters.org/end-uasi). 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](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 [www.warresisters.org/store](http://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**, 144-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.*

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