

Re-Envisioning our **Federal Budget** Priorities

Introduction

Once you've looked at the War Resisters League Tax Day Flyer, you might be thinking: how did things get this way? And how can we make it better, so that out of control military funding that destroys communities abroad and at home doesn't take precedent over things like fair jobs, access to social services, and benefits for everyday people?

So, it's time to start asking yourself: If you could change the federal budget, what would it look like? Reconstruct the pie chart below and label the percentages accordingly (to the best of your ability). This will help you envision what you value, and how the nation's spending does or does not reflect your beliefs.

Your Dream Budget

Let's consider this one your dream budget. What would the federal spending look like if we lived in your perfect world? While you build this pie chart budget, try to ask yourself the hard questions by looking at the subcategories listed on the Tax Day Flyer. For example, if you cut down Past Military, would that cut out veterans benefits? How would you feel about that?

Best Case Scenario: 10 Years Down the Road

Let's look at this another way. What do you think federal spending might look like 10 years down the road, best case scenario? This is different than the above exercise because we want you to imagine what the budget could look like in reality, but not in a perfect world.

Food for Thought

How did your dream budget differ from the official pie chart? What does that say to you? Were there any tough choices you had to make for your dream federal budget?

How did your dream federal budget differ from your best case scenario? What does that say to you?

What do you think needs to happen in order for your best case scenario to be realized? Your dream federal budget?

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Assign these categories:

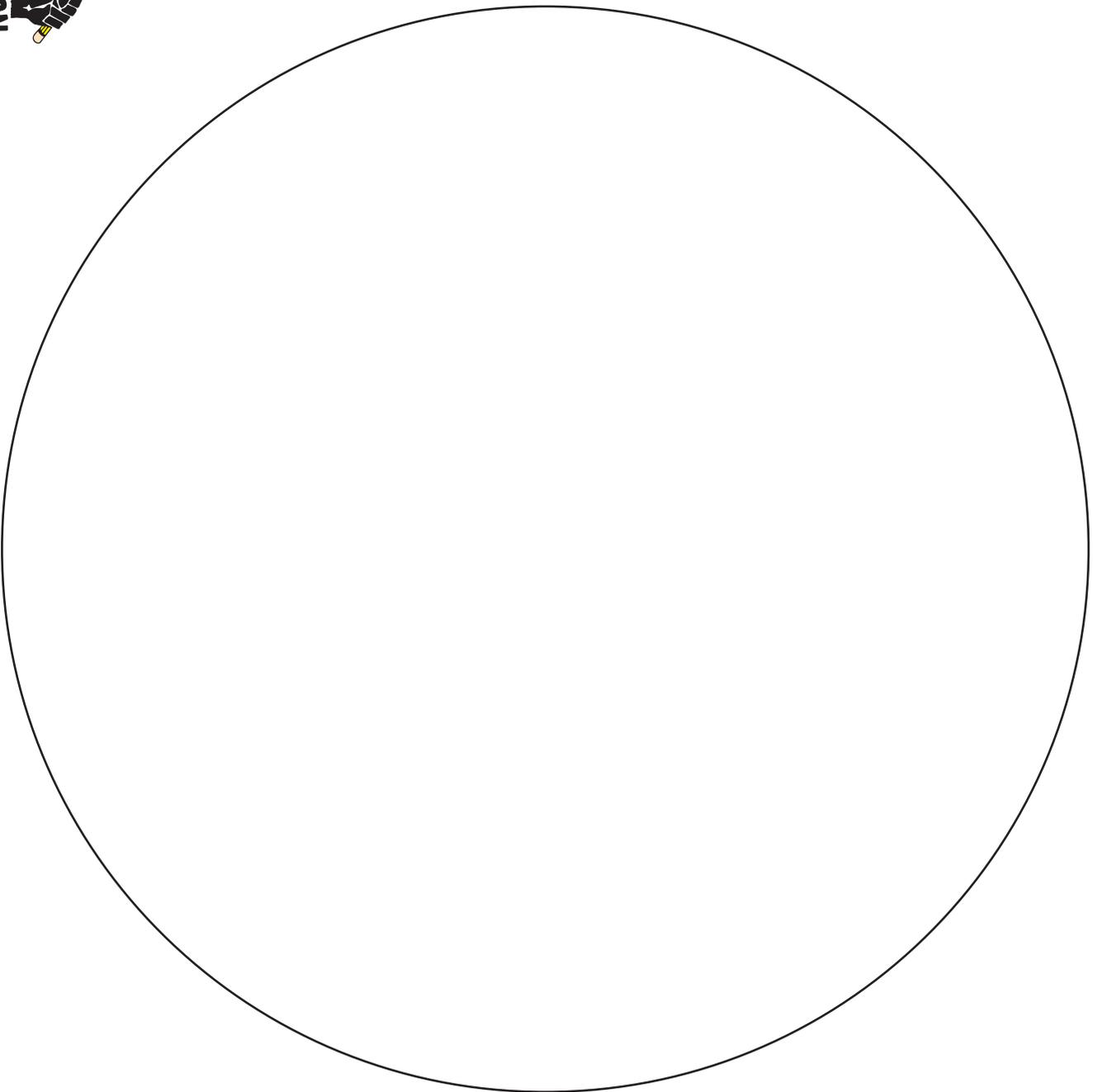
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Past Military

Current Military

General Government

Physical Resources



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