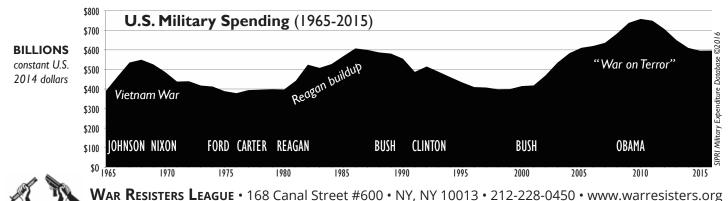


B ecause the Trump administration has not yet released its full budget proposal for fiscal year 2018 in time for production of this flyer, and Congress has not yet finalized the FY2017 budget, the figures here are based on the 2017 proposed budget altered to incorporate budget-related announcements, including at least \$54 billion more for the

Pentagon, increase in Homeland Security, and reductions for other slices of the pie.

Each year War Resisters League analyzes federal funds outlays as presented in detailed tables in "Analytical Perspectives" of the *Budget of the United States Government*. Our analysis is based on federal funds, which do not include trust funds — such as Social Security — that are raised separately from income taxes for specific purposes. What federal income taxes you pay (or don't pay) by April 18, 2017, goes to the federal funds portion of the budget.

See www.warresisters.org/piechart.htm for our complete 2018 budget analysis after it is **released in April or May.** On that page you will also find more details on our methodology and the assumptions behind it.



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hen it comes to military spending, it re-ally doesn't matter who's in office. The President and Congress are always willing to give the Pentagon more money. All those campaign contributions from military contractors pay off. Just keep the American public in fear — a terrorist around every corner — and convinced that the U.S. must police the world. Then taxpayers will turn over billions of their tax dollars - to an agency that has not passed an audit in 20 years



— for wars that breed more wars, weapons systems that even the Pentagon doesn't want, drones that kill hundreds of innocent children, and bases and troops in countries they've never heard of. While Lockheed Martin and their ilk cheer, cuts to programs that will help save the environment, rebuild infrastructure, negotiate peaceful settlements, and take care of people will be felt around the world. It's your money. Is this how you want it spent?

n didn't ask for (2017) \$10 billion for secretive Joint Special Op Forces who are active in 138 coun \$20 billion for nuclear weapons and related costs \$22 billion more for border wall plus \$13 billion for U.S. Border Protection plus \$6 billion for Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Overseas Contingency Operations \$65 billion (2017 budget) and a Pentagon slush fund \$70 billion black budget ("classified" spending), for CIA, NSA, DoD plus 9 other agencies \$150 billion for 800 U.S. military bases in 70 countries. *Just some of* what \$850 billion buys you

• Leaflet with this flyer year-round and on Tax Day, April 18, 2017, and throughout the Global Days of Action on Military Spending, April 18-28, demilitarize.org.

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RESOURCES

 Additional copies of this leaflet are available for 15¢ each (1-199), 12¢ each (200 - 499), 10¢ each (500+) plus 20% postage. Order online at warresisters.org/store, or mail orders to the WRL address on this flyer.

• War Tax Resistance: A Guide to Withholding Your Support from the Military, 144-page handbook with history, methods and resources. \$6 postpaid at warresisters.org/store.

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