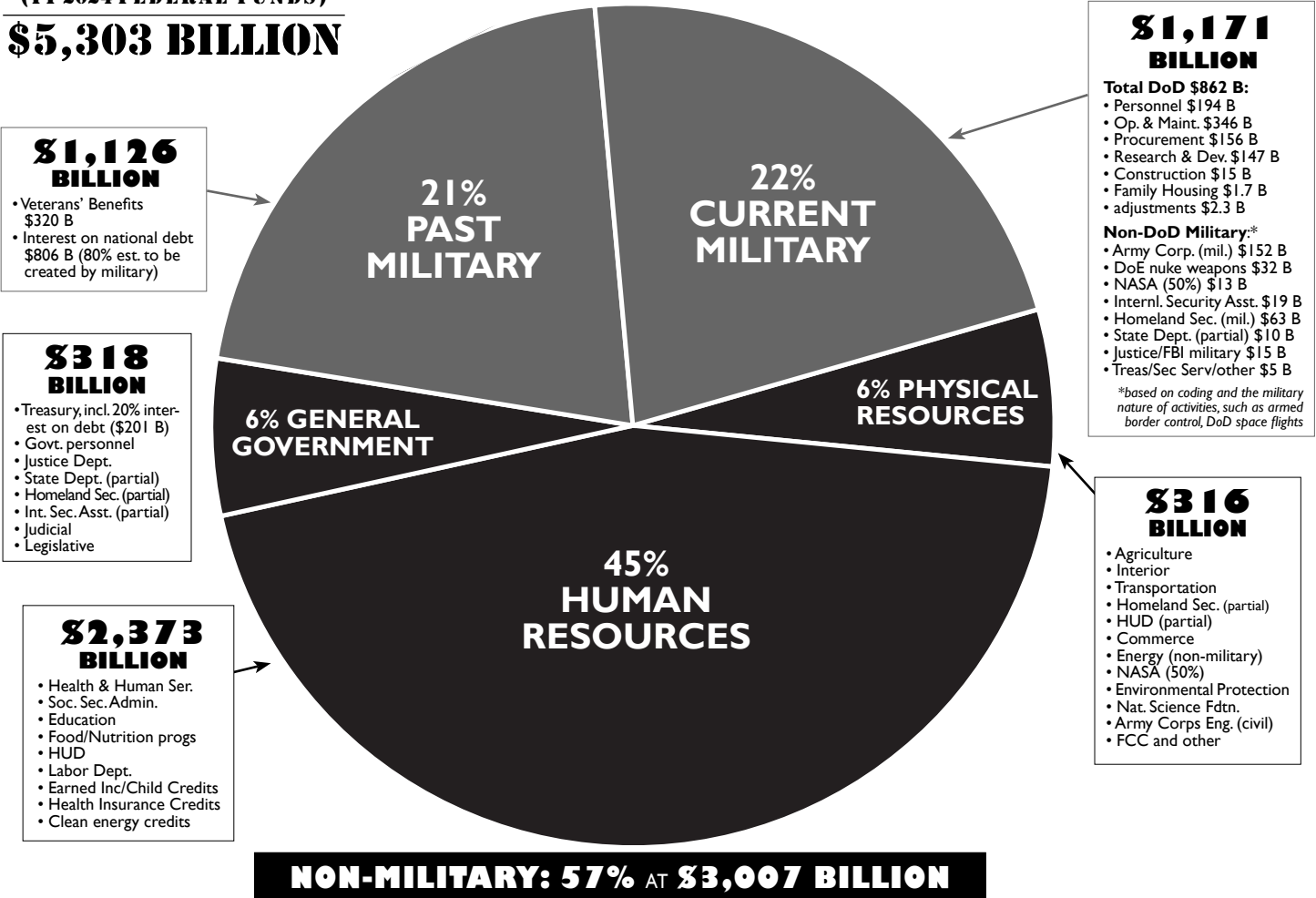


WHERE YOUR INCOME TAX MONEY REALLY GOES

U.S. FEDERAL BUDGET 2024 FISCAL YEAR

TOTAL OUTLAYS
(FY 2024 FEDERAL FUNDS)
\$5,303 BILLION

MILITARY: 43% AT \$2,297 BILLION



HOW THESE FIGURES WERE DETERMINED

“Current military” includes Dept. of Defense (\$862 billion) and the military portion (\$309 billion) from other departments as noted in current military box above. “Past military” represents veterans’ benefits plus 80% of the interest on the debt.* For further explanation, please go to warresisters.org.

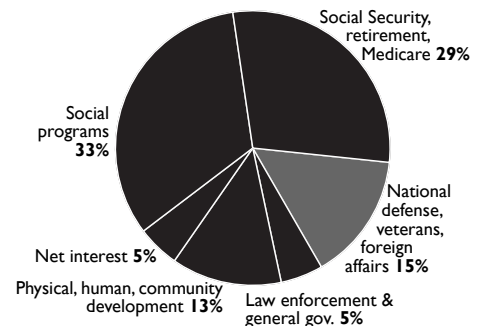
These figures are from the *Analytical Perspectives* book of the *Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2024*. The figures are Federal funds, which do not include Trust funds — such as Social Security — which are raised and spent separately from income taxes.

What you pay (or don’t pay) by April 18, 2023, 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 appear 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 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 Instructions 2022
Federal Outlays for FY 2021

STOP THE NEXT WAR BEFORE IT STARTS

“The last ‘war to end war’ should have taught us that we can’t end war that way. Wars pave the way for more war.”

JEANNETTE RANKIN, 1935

Only congressperson to vote against both World Wars I and II

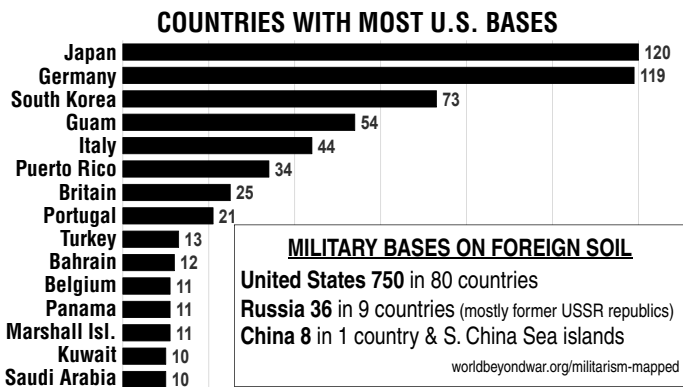
The massive militaries of the United States and NATO did not prevent Russia from attacking Ukraine. In fact, United States and NATO presence surrounding Russia fueled Putin’s aggression.

Tensions rise with China and North Korea as the United States adds more bases in Asia, including four in the Philippines. In Okinawa, Japan, there is strong local opposition to the 31 U.S. military installations.

About two-thirds of current conflicts involve one or more sides armed by the United States.

Diplomacy Not Militarism

Major U.S. wars, from Korea to Vietnam to the so-



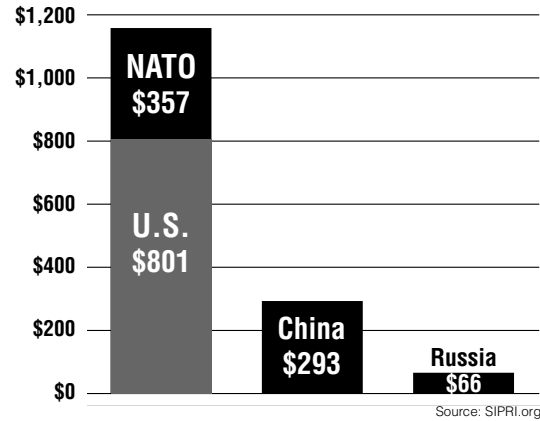
MILITARY BASES ON FOREIGN SOIL

United States 750 in 80 countries
 Russia 36 in 9 countries (mostly former USSR republics)
 China 8 in 1 country & S. China Sea islands

worldbeyonddwar.org/militarism-mapped

inkstickmedia.com/when-it-comes-to-defense-money-isnt-everything; nationalpriorities.org; aljazeera.com/news/2021/9/10/infographic-us-military-presence-around-the-world-interactive pewresearch.org.

MILITARY SPENDING (2021)
 U.S. & NATO versus China and Russia
 (billions of U.S. dollars)



Source: SIPRI.org

called “War on Terror,” all failed in their goals of peace and stability. The need is urgent to change priorities. A Pew Research poll in 2019 found that people around the world viewed the climate crisis as biggest threat — a crisis that cannot be solved by the military. In fact, the U.S. military is the world’s biggest polluter.

We must stop the next war before it starts. Demand drastic cuts to the military budget and a shift in U.S. foreign policy from militarism to diplomacy.

“I think that people want peace so much that one of these days government had better get out of their way and let them have it.”

PRESIDENT DWIGHT EISENHOWER, 1959

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Leaflet with this flyer year-round and on Tax Day, April 18, 2023, and throughout the Global Days of Action on Military Spending, April 13 - May 9, 2023, <https://demilitarize.org>.
- Write elected officials, letters-to-the-editor, and posts online. Send and share copies of this flyer. Explain your budget priorities for a better world.
- Divest from war! Refuse to pay all or part of your federal income tax. Though illegal, thousands of people openly participate in this form of protest. Whatever you choose to refuse—\$1, \$10, 43% or 100%—send a letter to elected officials and tell them why. Contact us for information or referral to a counselor near you. Contribute resisted tax money to groups that work for the common good.

- For more about refusing to pay for war, brochures, and other resources, contact the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee, (800) 269-7464 or see nwtrcc.org.



RESOURCES

- Additional copies of this leaflet are available for 17¢ each (20-199), 15¢ each (200 - 499), 13¢ 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. \$5 plus 20% postage at warresisters.org/store.

- WRL is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2023. For info and events, see warresisters.org/100years.

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