

WHERE YOUR INCOME TAX MONEY REALLY GOES

U.S. FEDERAL BUDGET 2020 FISCAL YEAR

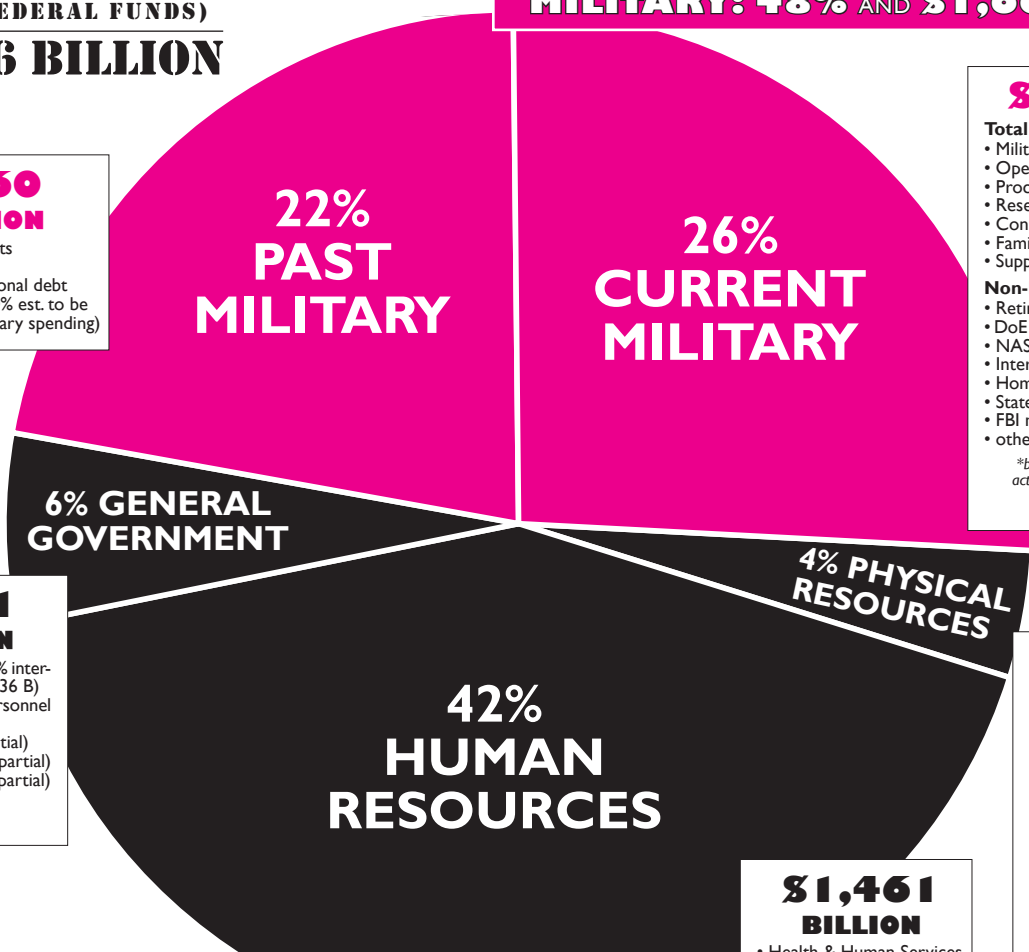
TOTAL OUTLAYS (FY 2020 FEDERAL FUNDS)

\$3,486 BILLION

MILITARY: 48% AND \$1,668 BILLION

\$760 BILLION

- Veterans' Benefits \$216 billion
- Interest on national debt \$544 billion (80% est. to be created by military spending)



\$908 BILLION

Total Outlays DoD \$704 billion:

- Military Personnel \$163 billion
- Operation & Maint. \$290 billion
- Procurement \$139 billion
- Research & Dev. \$100 billion
- Construction \$9 billion
- Family Housing \$1 billion
- Supplemental & Adj. \$2 billion

Non-DoD Military Spending*:

- Retiree Pay/Healthcare \$92 billion
- DoE nuke weapons/clean-up \$25 billion
- NASA (50%) \$11 billion
- Internl. Security Asst. \$14 billion
- Homeland Secur. (military) \$40 billion
- State Dept. (partial) \$7 billion
- FBI military \$10 billion
- other \$5 billion

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

\$231 BILLION

- Treasury, incl. 20% interest on debt (\$136 B)
- Government personnel
- Justice Dept.
- State Dept. (partial)
- Homeland Sec. (partial)
- Int. Sec. Assist. (partial)
- Judicial
- Legislative

\$126 BILLION

- Agriculture
- Interior
- Transportation
- Homeland Sec. (partial)
- HUD (partial)
- Commerce
- Energy (non-military)
- NASA (50%)
- Environmental Protection
- Nat. Science Fdtn.
- Army Corps Engineers
- FCC

\$1,461 BILLION

- Health & Human Services
- Soc. Sec. Administration
- Education
- Food/Nutrition programs
- HUD
- Labor Dept.
- Earned Inc/Child Credits
- Health Insurance Credits

NON-MILITARY: 52% AND \$1,818 BILLION

HOW THESE FIGURES WERE DETERMINED

“Current military” includes Dept. of Defense (\$704 billion) and the military portion (\$204 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 an analysis of detailed tables in the *Analytical Perspectives* book of the *Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2020*. 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, 2019, 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 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 2018, Federal Outlays for FY 2017

U.S. EXPORTING WAR

— Three Strategic Examples —

Military aid and sales to countries the United States is occupying, using as proxies for war, or cosigning on their violence means that the United States is not only building up its own war machine but is also subsidizing the war machines of other countries.

For example, U.S. arms to the **Philippines** preserve a strategic location in the South China Sea, and U.S. arms to **Saudi Arabia** and **Israel** help to maintain control over non-allied countries in Southwest Asia. In these countries, respectively, the United States is responsible for funding extrajudicial executions, the deaths of thousands of Yemenis, and the genocide of Palestinians.

However, War Resisters League's partners are doing incredible work to combat this. If you are interested in learning more, check out the International Coalition for Human Rights in the Philippines, U.S. Campaign for Palestinian Rights, and Win Without War.

The Philippines

Saudi Arabia

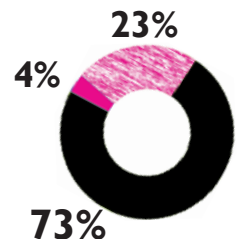
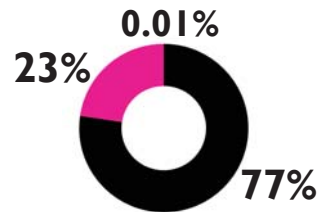
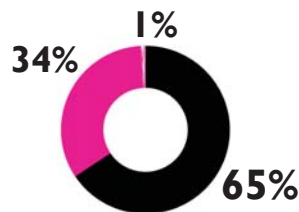
Israel

Unsubsidized Sales
Foreign Military Sales (FMS) Under DoD government-to-government sales
Direct Commercial Sales (DCS) Under U.S. State Dept. and private company sales

Loans & Grants
U.S. government loans that must be spent on either FMS or DCS

Remainder of country's military budget

The numbers may not include grant funding programs under Homeland Security, Treasury, Justice, State Department, or DEA for militarized law enforcement or border security activities in these countries. Sources include sipri.org, security assistance.org.



WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Leaflet with this flyer year-round and on Tax Day, April 15, 2019, and throughout the Global Days of Action on Military Spending, April 13-May 9, demilitarize.org.

- Get involved in **WRL's organizing and education work**: No SWAT zone: campaign to end police militarization, nonviolent direct action training, internationalism, counter military recruitment, airwars and more. Visit WRL's membership handbook at warresisters.org/joinwrl. Find resources to challenge militarism, curb police power, strengthen nonviolent action and lift up community resilience!

- 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. Sign up at wartaxdivestment.org. Whatever you choose to refuse—\$1, \$10, 48% 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**, sample brochures, and to watch the introductory film **Death & Taxes**, contact the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee, (800) 269-7464 or see nwtrcc.org. Support the Peace Tax Fund bill: peacetaxfund.org.

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. \$5 plus 20% postage at warresisters.org/store.

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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