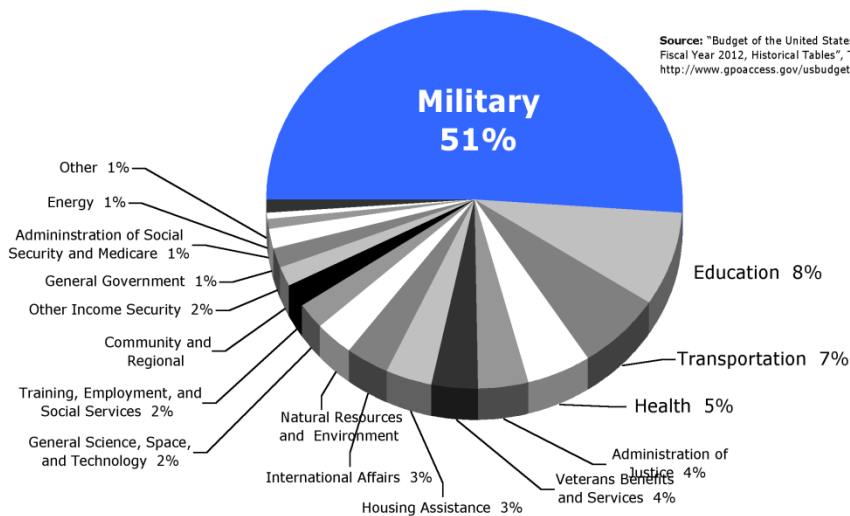


Where Do Your Federal Tax Dollars Go?

U.S. Discretionary Spending: Fiscal Year 2010

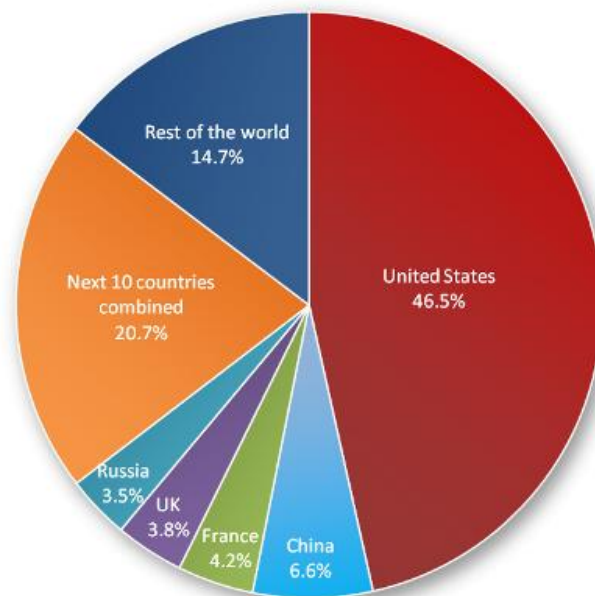


In 2010, Congress allocated \$689 billion, 51.1% of all discretionary funds, to the military. This figure represents about **\$5,862 from each US household.**

“Does Our Country Spend This Much Money To Protect Us From Adversaries?”

NO! The US spends **more than any other country in the world** on its military, and accounted for almost 50% of the entire world’s military expenditures in 2009.

Global Distribution of Military Expenditure in 2009



Source: Stockholm International Peace Research Institute Yearbook 2010, (US figures from Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation, May 2010)

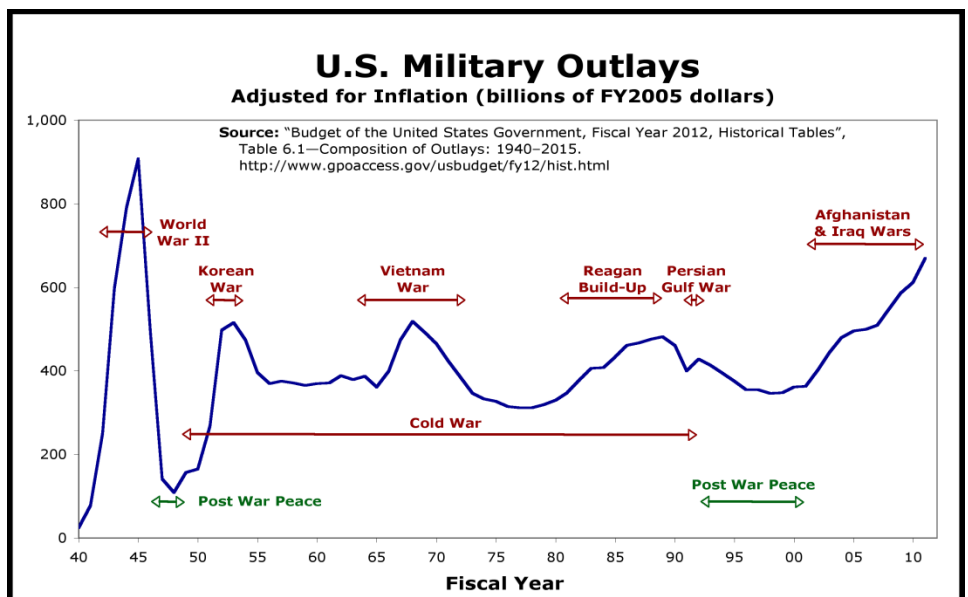
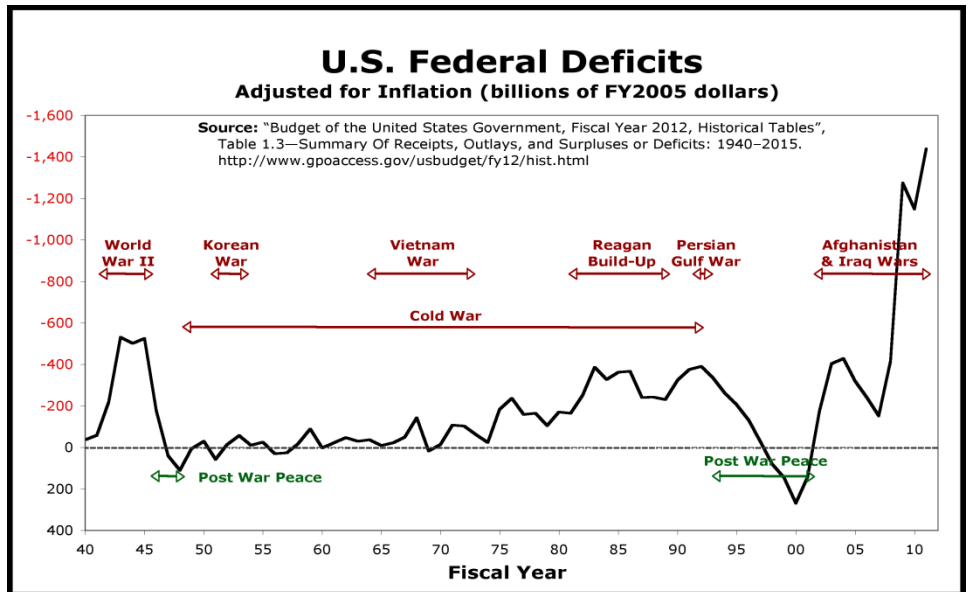
Is Military Spending Part of the Deficit?

YES!

The more our government spends on war, the worse our federal deficit becomes. The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities determined that since 2001, **security and military programs (including the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq) are responsible for 37% of federal government deficits.***

Compare the two charts on the right.

* Source: Daily Kos, "Our Taxes Are off to War"



What Can I Do?

- Contact media outlets in your area. Advocate that the Pentagon budget be significantly reduced.
- Call your Congresspersons and urge them to cut the Pentagon Budget! Call the Congressional Switchboard at 202-224-3121 to be connected to your Representative and/or Senators. You can find out who your Congresspersons are by visiting www.congress.org
- Make copies of this flyer and distribute it to friends and family!
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