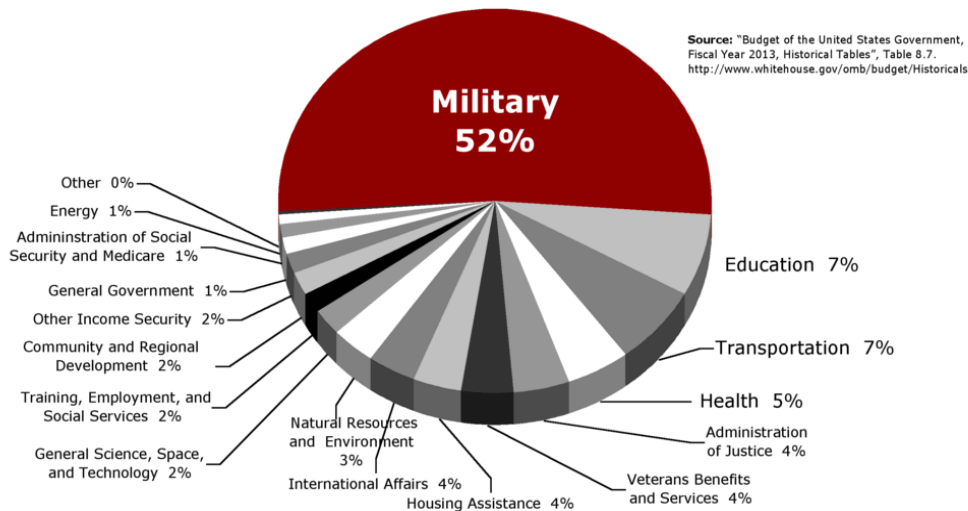


Where Are Your Tax Dollars Going?

U.S. Discretionary Spending: Fiscal Year 2011

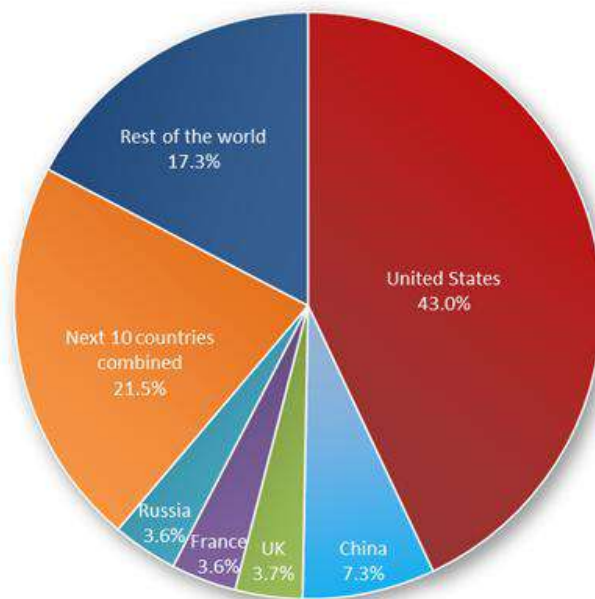


In 2011, Congress allocated \$699 billion, 51.9% of all discretionary funds, to the military. This figure represents about **\$5,894 from each US household**.

Does Our Country Need to 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 43% of the entire world's military expenditures in 2010.

Global Distribution of Military Expenditure in 2010



Source: SIPRI Military Expenditure Database 2011, <http://milexdata.sipri.org>

The Cost to Mercer County, NJ

Tax payers in Mercer County will pay **\$1.2 billion** for proposed Department of Defense spending for FY 2012. That same money could provide:

- 15,588 elementary school teachers for one year.
- 573,268 children receiving low-income healthcare for one year.
- 103,261 scholarships for university students for one year.
- 685,022 households with renewable electricity – solar photovoltaic for one year.
- 12,382 Police or sheriff's patrol officers for one year.

What Can I Do?

- **Call your US Representative and Senators** and urge them to cut the Pentagon budget! Call the Congressional Switchboard at 202-224-3121 to be connected to them. You can find out who your elected officials are by visiting congress.org
- **Utilize the media** (letters to editor, radio talk shows, public access television, social media sites) to demand cuts to the bloated Pentagon budget.
- **Make copies of this flyer** and distribute it to friends and family!
- **Contact the Coalition for Peace Action** for further information and resources (you can find many on our website's Peace Economy Campaign page; see below).



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