

## Pentagon 101

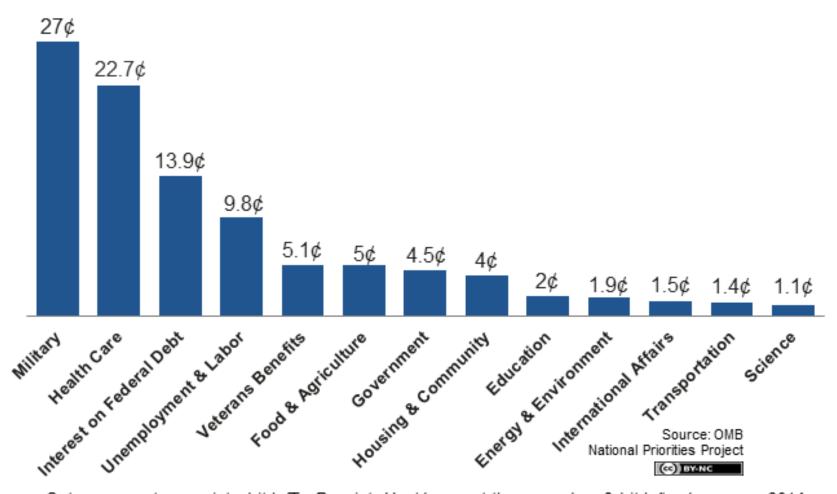




Peace Action National Priorities Project



# Where did your 2013 federal income tax dollars go?



Get your own tax receipt: bit.ly/TaxReceipt How'd we get these numbers? bit.ly/taxdaysources2014



# The Budget Process As It's Supposed to Go: Five Steps

 Every February the president submits a budget request to Congress for the upcoming fiscal year



2. Congress carries out a series of evaluations to pass a budget resolution

February



Early Spring





# The Budget Process: Five Steps

Congressional subcommittees "markup" appropriation bills



 The House and Senate vote on appropriation bills and reconcile differences



5. The president signs the bills passed by Congress, and the budget is enacted

Late Spring



Early Fall



September 30th





## 2015 Federal Budget

## What's happening?

What's at stake?

How do we make the \$?

How do we spend the \$?

Who's winning?

Who's losing?

#### What can we do?



## **Proposed 2015** revenue & spending

Total Tax Revenue \$3.34 trillion 84% of total revenue

#### Federal Funds \$2.2 trillion 66% of tax revenue

Individual Income Taxes \$1.53 trillion Corporate Income Taxes \$448 billion Other \$146 billion Customs Duties \$35 billion Excise Taxes \$50 billion

#### Trust Funds \$1.12 trillion 34% of tax revenue

Social Security & Medicare Taxes \$1.05 trillion Excise Taxes \$60 billion Customs Duties \$1.7 billion Other \$3.3 billion

> Total Borrowing \$561 billion 16% of total revenue

#### Total Spending \$3.97 trillion

#### Discretionary Spending \$1.16 trillion 29% of spending

Military \$640 billion Other \$284 billion Education \$72 billion Housing & Community \$61 billion International Affairs \$38 billion Energy & Environment \$38 billion Transportation \$26 billion

#### Mandatory Spending \$2.56 trillion 64% of spending

Medicare & Health \$999 billion Social Security \$900 billion Other \$506 billion Food Assistance \$106 billion Unemployment \$47 billion

> Interest on Debt \$252 billion 6% of spending

Source: OMB National Priorities Project

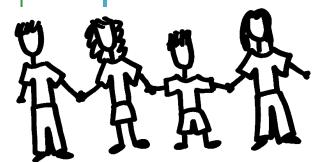




**Federal Budget** 



**State Budget** 



You and me



**Towns** 



**Businesses** 



## Budget = off the rails

- For past 10 years, no budget on Oct. 1
- For past 10 years, only 1 year with 12 spending bills (2006)
- In past 10 years, 3 yrs. funded entirely by CRs (FY 2007, FY 2011, FY2013)
- FY2014 Gov't shutdown followed by a closed committee deal "The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013" and an omnibus

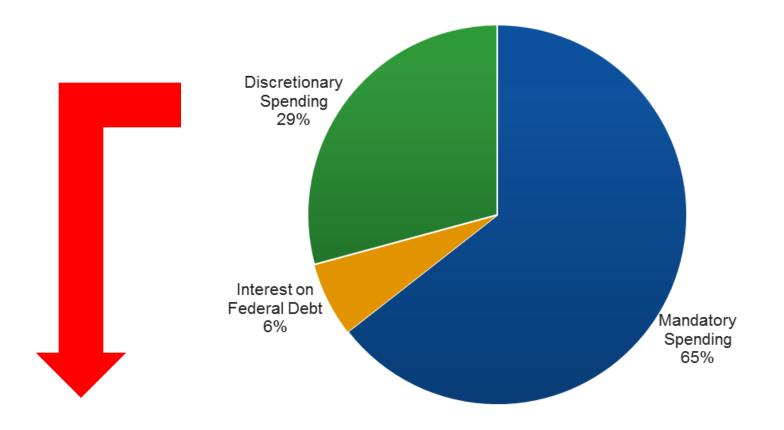


## What's at stake?

# How do we spend the \$ in 2015?

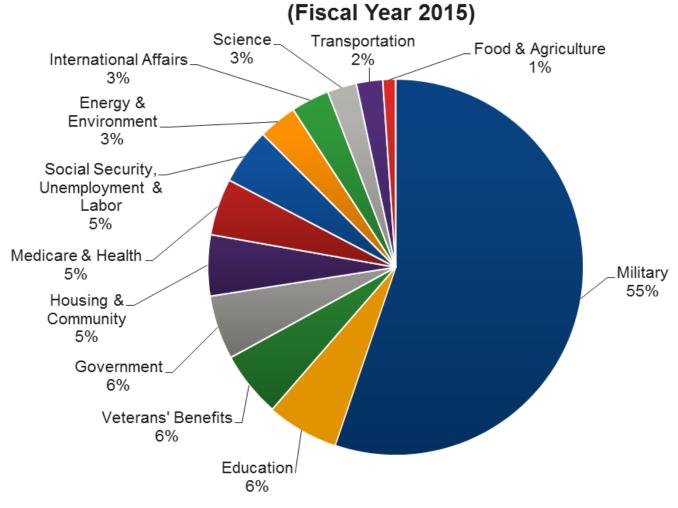


#### Projected Mandatory and Discretionary Spending and Interest on Federal Debt (Fiscal Year 2015)



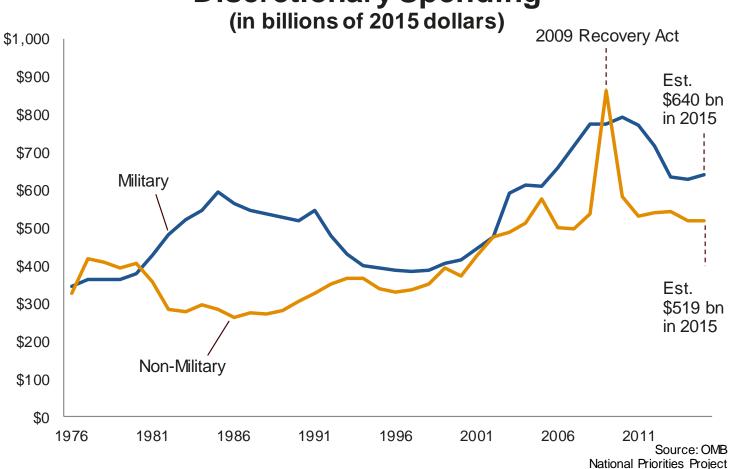


## President's Proposed Discretionary Spending





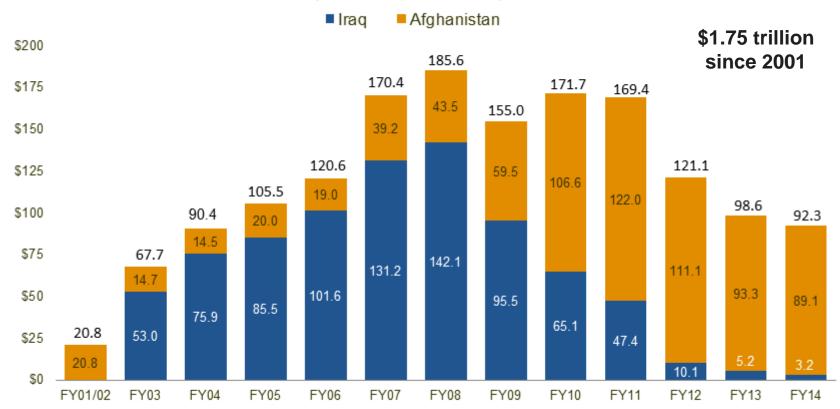
## Military and Non-Military Discretionary Spending





#### Annualized Costs of the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan

(In Billions of Current Dollars)



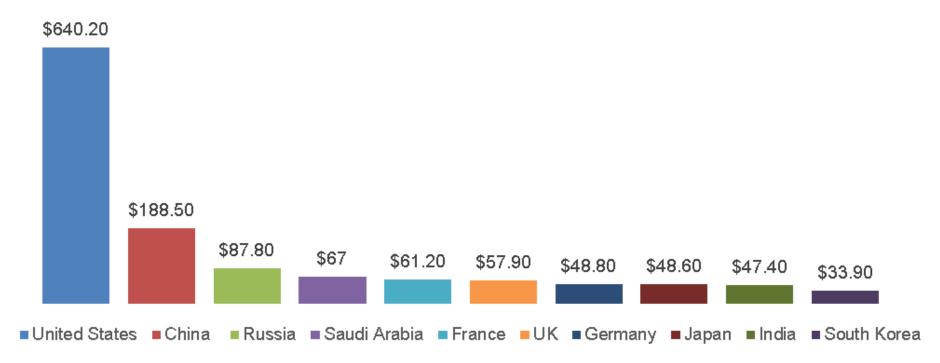
National Priorities Project Source: Government Printing Office, Congressional Research Service





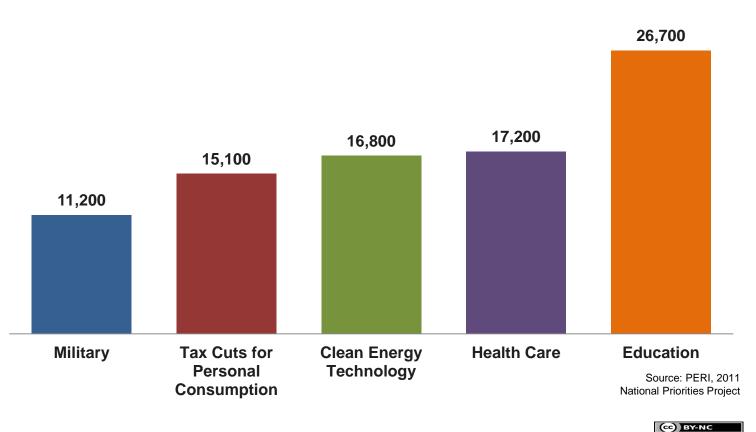
## Top 10 Countries Ranked by Military Spending, 2013

(dollars in billions)





#### **Jobs Created Per \$1 Billion in Federal Investment**





## What's at stake?

What can we do?



## 3 tracks: local, state, federal

- Organize grassroots coalitions to pass local resolutions to press your Congressional delegations to change national spending priorities and Move the Money!
- Work with state legislators to pass state legislation to create defense industry transition commissions
- Congressional pressure surrounding legislation

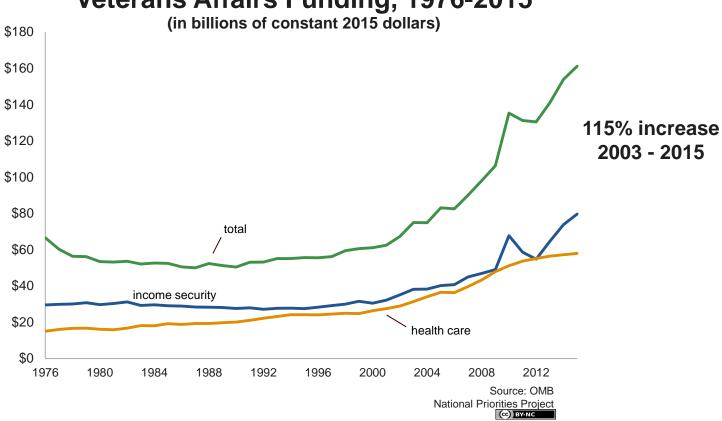


### 3 tracks: local, state, federal

- Office of Economic Adjustment
  - 2%-3% of city economy dependent on defense contracts
  - Plan "B" \$ available to support advanced planning
- National Emergency Grants (Dept. of Labor)
  - Assist in retraining and placement of laid-off defense workers

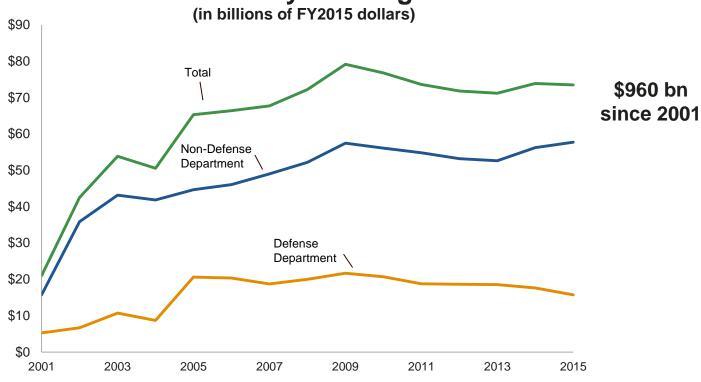


#### **Veterans Affairs Funding, 1976-2015**





#### **Homeland Security Funding Since 9/11**



Source: Budget of the United States Government, Homeland Security Appendix, assorted years National Priorities Project \$960 bn