

FY 2015 U.S. MILITARY SPENDING ACCOUNTS FOR 34% OF THE MILITARY SPENDING IN THE WHOLE WORLD!

WORLD RANK	COUNTRY	ANNUAL MILITARY BUDGET
1	U.S.A.	\$610 Billion*
2	China	\$216 B
3	Russia/USSR	\$ 84 B
4	Saudi Arabia	\$ 81 B
5	France	\$ 62 B
6	UK	\$ 61 B
7	India	\$ 50 B
8	Germany	\$ 47 B
9	Japan	\$ 46 B
10	South Korea	\$ 37 B

AND BY COMPARISON:

Canada	\$18 B	Sweden	\$ 7 B
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***Compare U.S. (\$610B) to Annual Budgets of our "enemies":**

North Korea	\$ 7 B	Iran	\$ 6 B
Pakistan	\$ 7 B	Syria	\$ 2 B

WE ARE A MILITARY GOVERNMENT!!

JUST FOLLOW THE MONEY: 54% of the FY2015 "Discretionary"*

Budget (\$610 B) will go to the Department of Defense and the other 21 Departments/Agencies will have to split the remaining 46%:

<u>DEPARTMENT/AGENCY</u>	<u>ALLOCATION</u>	<u>% OF TOTAL</u>
Defense (Pentagon)	\$610 BILLION	54%
Health/Human Services	\$ 78 B	6%
Dept. of Education	\$ 72 B	6%
Dept. of Justice	\$ 24 B	2%

*DISCRETIONARY BUDGET – Portion of the Federal Budget acted on by the President and Congress to spend each year.

ARE THE TRADE-OFFS WORTH IT??

Taxpayers in the U.S. will have paid **\$92.3 Billion** for the war in Afghanistan in FY 2015.

Here at Home that same \$92.3 B would have hired:

- 1.4 million Elementary Teachers for one year OR
- 1.3 million Police/Sheriff's Patrol Officers for one year

UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE or "PERPETUAL" WARFARE ?

The \$1.66 Trillion cost of war in Iraq/Afghanistan since 2001 (14 yrs.) would have provided Universal Healthcare for all Americans for the same 14 years. **OUR DISTORTED PRIORITIES ARE TAKING ITS TOLL!!**

WELFARE IS OK IF IT'S CORPORATE!

**Are we providing for the
"Common Good"?**

**If you make \$50,000 per
year, you pay in taxes:**

\$ 247.75 a year for Defense

\$ 235.81 a year for Medicare

\$ 36.82 a year for SNAP
(Food
Stamps)

\$ 6.96 a year for Welfare

\$ 3.98 a year for disaster
relief (FEMA)

\$4,000.00 a year for corporate
subsidies

**Are you sure you're mad at
the right people..?**

SOURCES:

www.whitehouse.gov/2013taxreceipt

www.commondreams.org

THE SHAMEFUL FACTS:

- In spite of the highest medical costs in the world (\$8,805/person) the U.S. ranks 37th in the world in "Quality" of Healthcare, 37th in life expectancy and 29th in infant/child mortality.
- In 2014 25% of America's Senior Citizens filed bankruptcy because of medical costs and 43% were forced to sell their primary residence.
- Student loan debt now exceeds \$1.3 trillion, average college cost is \$31,000 p/yr, yet U.S. ranks 17th in reading, 31st in math and 23rd in sciences of industrialized countries (PISA - Program for International Student Assessment).
- \$756 Billion for U.S. Wars in 2014...\$30 Billion would have ended HUNGER WORLDWIDE!
- The U.S. has the highest rate of childhood poverty in the industrialized world (1 of 6).
- One of our "honored" veterans commits suicide every 65 minutes, 69% are over 50 years old.
- Of the 500,000 people homeless in the U.S. every night, 200,000 are veterans.
- More than one half of all U.S. workers today have experienced unemployment, cut in pay or hours, or have been forced to go part-time.

**THE CHOICE: More War – OR –
PEACE, JOBS, EDUCATION AND HEALTH CARE AT HOME !!**

SOURCES: World Health Org., SIPRI, UNICEF, nationalpriorities.org., CIA world factbook



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