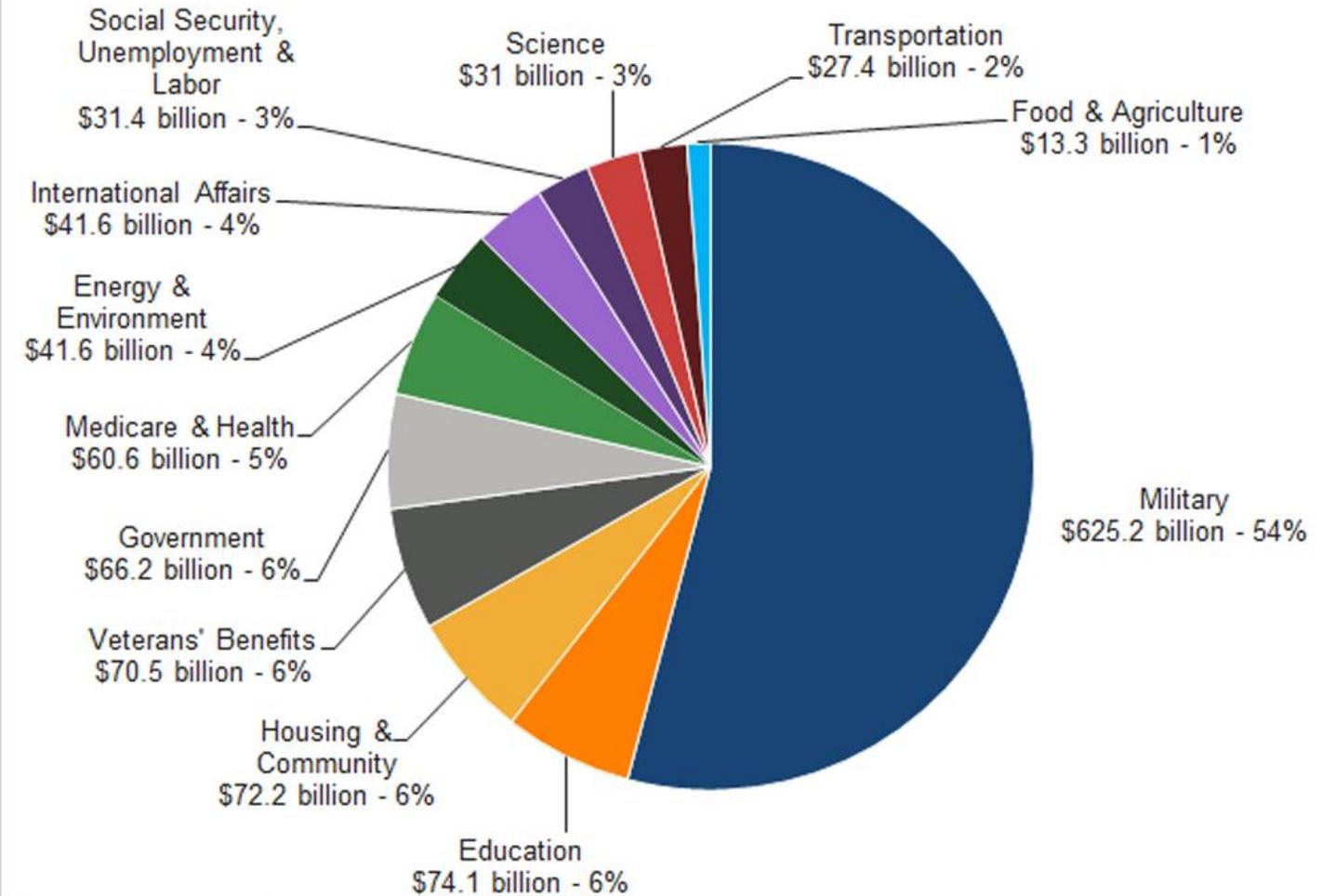


Where Are Your Tax Dollars Going?

President's Proposed \$1.15 Trillion Discretionary Spending Budget (FY 2016)



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Source: OMB, National Priorities Project

In fiscal year 2016, military spending is projected to account for **54 percent** of all federal discretionary spending, a total of **\$625.2 billion**. Military spending includes: all regular activities of the Department of Defense; war spending; nuclear weapons spending; international military assistance; and other Pentagon-related spending.



**For further information, or to get involved, contact:
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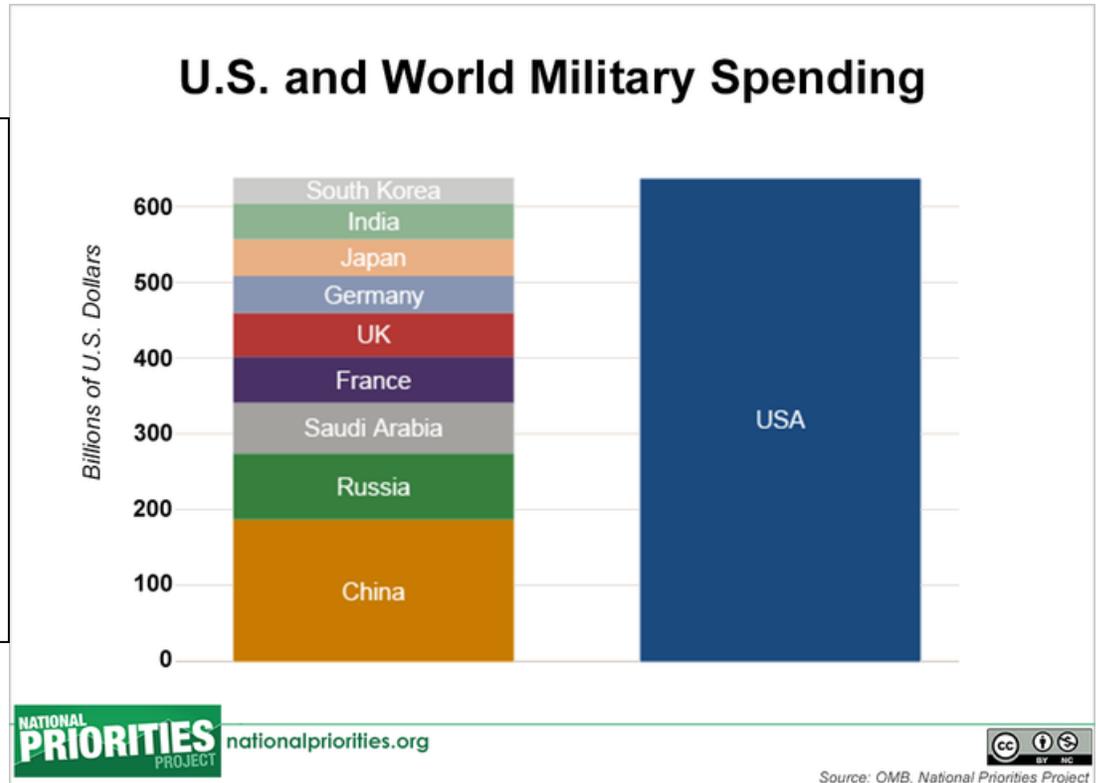
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Does the US need to spend this much money to defend our country from adversaries?

NO! The U.S. outpaces **all other nations in military expenditures.** World military spending totaled more than \$1.7 trillion in 2013. The U.S. accounted for **37 percent** of the total.

U.S. military expenditures are roughly the size of the **next nine largest military budgets** around the world, combined.



If this spending does not reflect YOUR priorities, you can do the following:

- **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 two US Senators are and their respective contact information at senate.gov, and who your US Representative is at house.gov. Use the script below when calling:

Hello, this is (your name) from (city, state) calling. As I think about how my federal tax dollar is spent, I am calling to urge Representative (insert last name)/Senator (insert last name) to urge them to significantly reduce the 54% of allocable federal spending that goes to the Pentagon, and instead prioritize urgent domestic needs such as job creation, education, infrastructure, and environment. Please let me know what Rep./Senator (last name) does on this important issue of federal budget priorities.

- **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 (see reverse).