

Or Is This National Security?



A 25% cut in military spending will give us \$175 billion a year for our communities.

We could have these choices:



Schools: Build or renovate 20,000 schools



Health Care: Insurance for 40 million people



Green Jobs: 9 million earth-friendly jobs



Veterans' Service: A 3.5-fold increase in the VA budget



College: 4-year scholarships for 8.5 million students



Housing: Affordable mortgages for 1.8 million families

The US Military Spends \$22,000 per second.

“Education and Human Services in our towns and cities have been cut to the bone.”

–Bev Droz, Department of Human and Volunteer Services, City of Newton

We have a choice.

**Take Action Today.
Call your elected officials.
Talk to your neighbors.**

See www.25percentsolution.com to learn more.

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The 25% Solution

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How ?

Reduce Military Spending

“If we are not able to get military spending under control, we will not be able to respond to important domestic needs.”

– Congressman Barney Frank

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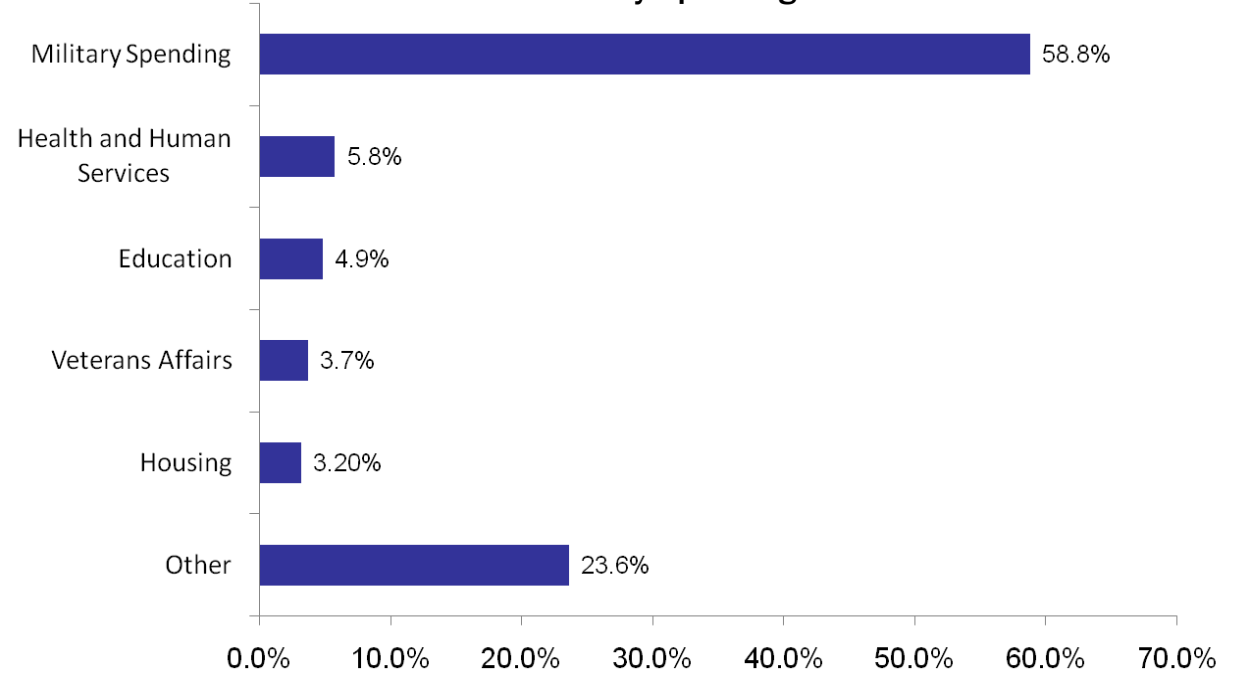
The US Military will spend more than \$700 billion this year.

What can be cut without compromising our security?

- **End the Iraq-Afghanistan Wars, \$170 billion and more than 1 million dead.**
- **Reduce active nuclear warheads, \$16 billion.**
- **Cut the F-22 and other unneeded weapons systems, \$33 billion.**
- **Close half the 800 military bases outside the US, \$51 billion.**

Military spending is almost half the federal budget

Federal Discretionary Spending FY 2009



The US accounts for half the world's military spending

Military spending in 2008, in billions of US dollars, with % of world total

