

The U.S. Military will spend over 750 billion this year. It is time to fund human needs, not the war machine! America needs jobs, not war.

Ending the wars and reducing military spending will create security at home and abroad. Here are some ways to save:

- Withdraw in a timely fashion from Iraq - **\$50 billion**
- Withdraw from Afghanistan - **\$100 billion**
- Eliminate wasteful weapons systems - **\$33 billion**
- Reduce active nuclear warheads - **\$16 billion**
- Close half of overseas US bases - **\$51 billion**
- Trim unused air wings and sea forces - **\$5 billion**
- Eliminate waste in procurement and operations - **\$20 billion**

TOTAL SAVINGS - \$275 BILLION

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What can YOU do to help us achieve our goal?

... *or* ...

The Do-It-Yourself Grassroots Campaign ✓ Checklist

- 1) Make 10 copies of this brochure and give them to:
 - friends relatives
 - co-workers house of worship local politicians
 - groups
- 2) Have a meeting.
- 3) Join our network.
 - Individual Group
- 4) Write a letter to the newspaper.
- 5) Call your Congressman (Capitol Switchboard 202-224-3121)
- 6) Draft a resolution for:
 - your town, borough, etc.
 - your county
 - your state

(we can help)
- 7) Change the world!

Campaign for New Priorities: BECAUSE WAR ISN'T WORKING.

*Coalition For Peace Action
is a partner of the
New Priorities Network*

FUND OUR COMMUNITIES!

HOW?

25% Solution: 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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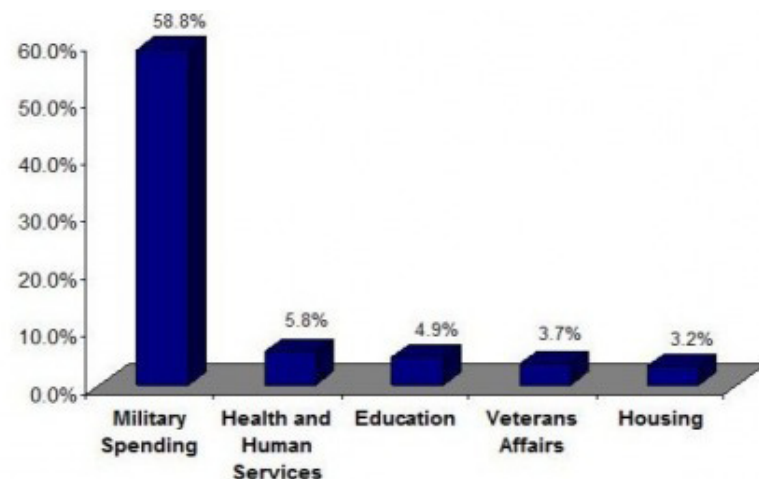
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Reducing the Military budget is even better than it sounds because, as this chart shows, money spent in the civilian sector would create more jobs.

Jobs Created through \$1 Billion in Spending within Each Sector				
	Total jobs created	Jobs with Wages below \$32,000	Jobs with Wages between \$32,000 - \$64,000	Jobs with Wages above \$64,000
Military	11,600	4,327 (37.3% of military)	6,194 (53.4% of military)	1,079 (9.3% of military)
Tax Cuts for Personal Consumption	14,800	7,148 (48.3% of personal consumption)	6,572 (44.4% of personal consumption)	1,080 (7.3% of personal consumption)
Clean Energy	17,100	5,557 (32.5% of clean energy)	9,987 (58.4% of clean energy)	1,556 (9.1% of clean energy)
Health Care	19,600	7,899 (40.3% of health care)	10,094 (51.5% of health care)	1,607 (8.2% of health care)
Education	29,100	10,650 (36.6% of education)	15,976 (54.9% of education)	2,474 (8.5% of education)

The chart above is from the document "The U.S. Employment Effects of Military and Domestic Spending Priorities: An Updated Analysis," by Robert Pollin & Heidi Garrett-Peltier, Political Economy Research Institute, October 2009. They conclude: \$1 billion spent on each of the domestic spending priorities will create substantially more jobs within the U.S. economy than would the same \$1 billion spent on the military. They show that investments in clean energy, health care and education create a much larger number of jobs across all pay ranges. Channeling funds into clean energy, health care, and education in an effective way will therefore create significantly greater opportunities for decent employment throughout the U.S. economy than spending the same amount of funds with the military.

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 billions of US dollars FY 2008

