

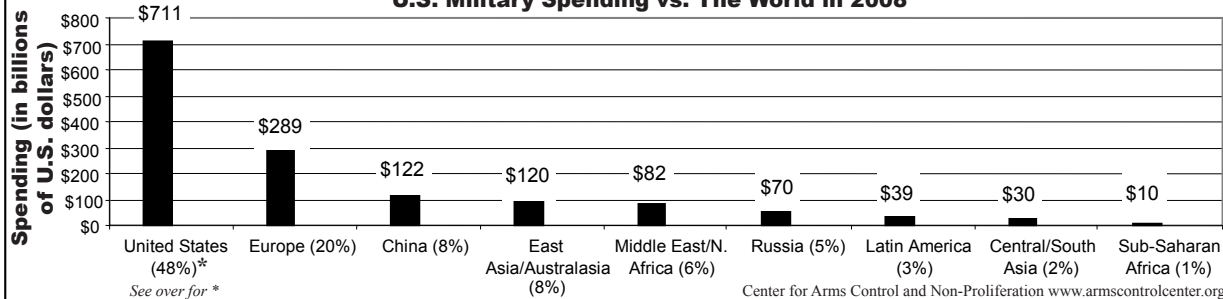
ARE THESE YOUR PRIORITIES?

For each dollar of federal income tax we paid in 2007, the federal government spent about:⁺



Note: The coins represent actual federal spending in Fiscal Year 2007, the year for which we file tax returns in 2008. For more information, visit www.fcnl.org/budget. Graphic and research courtesy of Friends Committee on National Legislation.

U.S. Military Spending vs. The World in 2008



⁺This shows where your income tax goes. It looks different from the IRS graph, as many items—Social Security, Medicare, highways, etc.—are paid for by earmarked taxes. The remainder is paid primarily from income tax.

THESE ARE YOUR REPS. HAVE YOU CONTACTED THEM?

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HOW MUCH DID YOU PAY FOR WAR THIS YEAR?

Total income tax: _____

Total x .43 = _____

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* This includes only direct military expenses. It doesn't include veterans' benefits, retirement pay, nuclear weapons, various security and intelligence expenses, foreign military assistance or the cost of interest on money borrowed for past military expenses.

Contact your Representative and Senators! Let them know your budget priorities! Here are some talking points for letters or calls.

The median income family in Missouri paid \$1,689 in federal income taxes in 2007. Here is how that money was spent:

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| ◆ Military | \$713 |
| ◆ Health | \$373 |
| ◆ Interest on Non-military Debt | \$173 |
| ◆ Anti-Poverty Programs | \$146 |
| ◆ Education, Training and Social Services | \$74 |
| ◆ Government & Law Enforcement | \$66 |
| ◆ Housing & Community Development | \$56 |
| ◆ Environment, Energy & Science | \$45 |
| ◆ Transportation, Commerce & Agriculture | \$26 |
| ◆ International Affairs | \$17 |

(Information from National Priorities Project www.nationalpriorities.org)

Columbia tax payers have paid \$107 million for the Iraq War thus far. For the same amount of money, we could have provided *all* of the following:

- Health Care for 5024 People
- 23,360 Homes with Renewable Electricity
- 1,831 Scholarships for University Students
- 3 New Elementary Schools
- 134 Affordable Housing Units AND
- 266 Elementary School Teachers

(Information from www.costofwar.com)

- The United States of America is the global leader in military spending. For FY 2009, the White House has requested \$711 billion* for the military.
 - The United States spends more than the next 45 highest spending countries in the world combined.
 - The United States accounts for at least 48 percent of the world's total military spending.
 - The United States spends on its military 5.8 times more than China, 10.2 times more than Russia, and 98.6 times more than Iran.
 - The United States and its strongest allies (the NATO countries, Japan, South Korea and Australia) spend \$1.1 trillion on their militaries combined, representing 72 percent of the world's total.
- (Information from Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation www.armscontrolcenter.org)