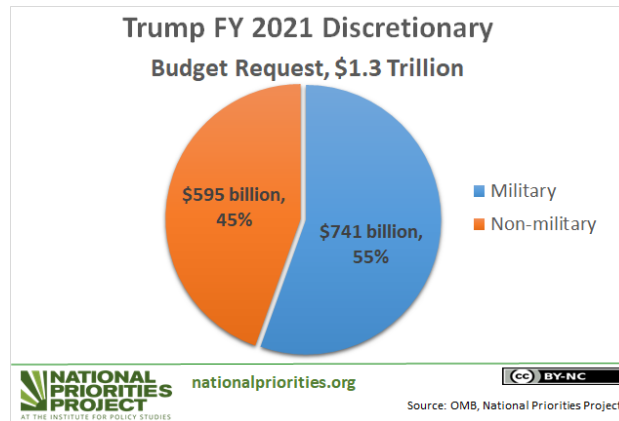
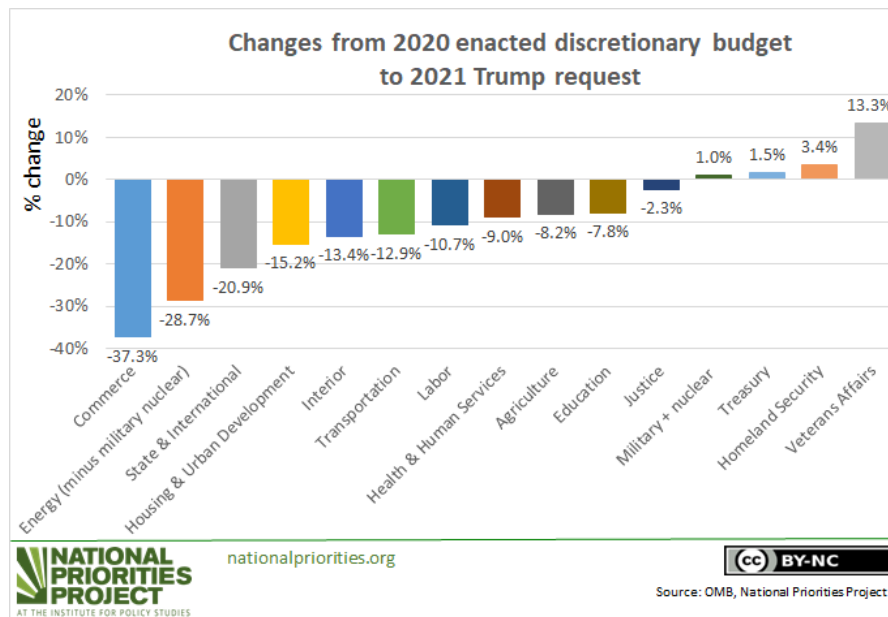


See how the Government plans to spend your Tax Dollars

April is usually the month Federal Taxes are due. However, because of the Coronavirus Pandemic you now have until July 15th to file your taxes. Still, it's a good time to consider how the government plans on distributing your tax dollars. As the chart below shows, the Trump Administrations FY 2021 Discretionary Budget (the non-mandatory spending) that Congress has to approve, calls for more Defense spending, up 22% from the increase in this year's (2020) budget. The majority of your tax dollars ends up going to the military.



And while the “defense” budget (military, Homeland Security, and the VA) is increasing under Trumps plan, everything else is being cut! Talk about your pro-war budget, this is it. And it's been this way for years. Republicans and Democrats vote for these enormous amounts of money to the military (about half of it going to the weapons contractors) while allowing draconian cuts for domestic needs.



So as the administration and Congress shovel more money to the military, things like diplomacy and foreign aid are being slashed that could be used to stop (our current 7 endless wars) and prevent war. And tightening the screws on the poor and working families even more, makes for a cruel and unjust budget.

See the Poor Peoples Campaign website for a moral budget proposal: *(continued on other side)*



<https://www.poorpeoplescampaign.org/resource/poor-peoples-moral-budget/>

After cutting the budget for the CDC last year and new cuts again (9%) in Health and Human Services budget, Trump shows he is not serious in providing the resources to stop the Covid 19 virus spreading among the American people. Unless Congress acts to severely reverse this budget, the values and priorities that polls show the majority of Americans favor, will not be upheld.

As President Dwight Eisenhower said, "Every gun that is made, every ship that is built, every rocket fired, signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who are hungry and not fed, and those who are cold and not clothed...."

What's the message of this budget to the nation and the world? Our government plans to continue to dominate the world and increase its hegemony that benefits only the wealthy and defense contractors. This budget would make us less safe at the expense of the common and social good. Diplomacy and cooperation with the rest of the world is cast aside for threats, sanctions, violence and war. Climate change, the homeless, the sick and the uninsured, decent housing, criminal justice, the poor, and the working class be damned under the cuts of this federal budget. Dr. Martin Luther King put it this way: "A nation that year after year spends more money on military defense than it does on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death".

We must demand our members of Congress stop voting for these extreme and cruel budgets every year and start cutting the military budget and increasing the programs that will help and take care of human and social needs, the environment, and a foreign policy based on mutual respect and diplomacy.

More information at: <https://www.nationalpriorities.org/> and <http://demilitarize.org/>.

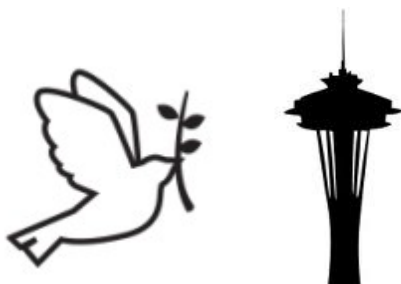
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On the first Tuesday of each month, 11am till 1pm: *For now, we will meet by videoconference on first Tuesdays at 11:00 am. To join us, sign up for our mailing list at: seattleantiwar@gmail.com*



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