

WHERE YOUR INCOME TAX MONEY REALLY GOES

U.S. FEDERAL BUDGET 2022 FISCAL YEAR

TOTAL OUTLAYS
(FY 2022 FEDERAL FUNDS)
\$3,543 BILLION

MILITARY: 48% AND \$1,704 BILLION



HOW THESE FIGURES WERE DETERMINED

“Current military” includes Dept. of Defense (\$743 billion) and the military portion (\$222 billion) from other departments as noted in current military box above. “Past military” represents veterans’ benefits plus 80% of the interest on the debt.^{*} For further explanation, please go to warresisters.org.

These figures are from the FY2022 column in the *Analytical Perspectives* book of the *Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2021*, issued last year, as the new budget with Covid relief has yet to be released this year. The figures are Federal funds, which do not include Trust funds — such as Social Security — that are raised and spent separately from income taxes.

What you pay (or don’t pay) by April 15, 2021, goes to the Federal funds portion of the budget. The government practice of combining Trust and Federal funds began during the Vietnam War, thus making

the human needs portion of the budget seem larger and the military portion smaller.

^{*}Analysts differ on how much of the debt stems

from the military; other groups estimate 50% to 60%. We use 80% because we believe if there had been no military spending, most of the national debt would have been eliminated.

Government Deception

The pie chart (right) is the government view of the budget. This is a distortion of how our income tax dollars are spent because it includes Trust Funds (e.g., Social Security), and most of the past military spending is not distinguished from nonmilitary spending. For a more accurate representation of how your Federal income tax dollar is really spent, see the large graph.

Source: 1040 Instructions 2020
Federal Outlays for FY 2019

