



Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF) Resources for Military Budget Cuts

Over half of our tax dollars go to military programs.
Representative Barney Frank (D-MA) says let’s cut 25%!
What Can We Cut? And How Shall We Spend it?

Cut \$43.8 billion in costly, useless cold war weapons

Program	2008 Budget request	Change, 2007 to 2008
<u>Missile Defense</u>	\$8.8 Bil.	-6.2%
<u>F-35 Joint Strike Fighter</u>	\$6.1 Bil.	+23.0%
<u>F-22 Raptor</u>	\$4.6 Bil.	+15.0%
<u>Future Combat System</u>	\$3.7 Bil.	+8.1%
<u>DDG 1000 Destroyer</u>	\$3.5 Bil.	+2.7%
<u>Carrier Replacement Program</u>	\$3.1 Bil.	+117.7%
<u>F/A-18E/F Hornet</u>	\$2.6 Bil.	-13.5%
<u>Virginia class submarine</u>	\$2.7 Bil.	-1.1%
<u>V-22 Osprey</u>	\$2.6 Bil.	+23.9%
<u>MH-60R/S</u>	\$1.6 Bil.	+3.9%
<u>C-130</u>	\$1.6 Bil.	+7.3%
<u>Chemical Demilitarization</u>	\$1.5 Bil.	+16.6%
<u>San Antonio class amphibious transport dock</u>	\$1.4 Bil.	+263.5%
<u>Littoral combat ship</u>	\$1.2 Bil.	+30.4%
<u>Stryker</u>	\$1.2 Bil.	+29.6%
<u>Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle</u>	\$1.2 Bil.	+33.8%
<u>Space-Based Infrared System</u>	\$1.1 Bil.	+59.9%
<u>EA-18G Growler</u>	\$1.6 Bil.	+56.4%
TOTAL:	\$43.8 BILLION	

Institute of Policy Studies, Unified Security Budget 2008, <http://www.ips-dc.org/reports>

Cut from “\$31 billion spent each year to maintain and secure a nuclear arsenal of almost 5,400 nuclear weapons, with 1,500 still deployed on missiles ready to launch within 15 minutes.”

Cut at least “\$13 billion a year” from destabilizing missile defense programs that don’t even work. “If Obama were to continue the program as is, he would spend an estimated **\$62 billion** through 2012.”

“Further savings can be found by stopping a planned expansion of nuclear weapons production facilities pushed by contractors and government nuclear laboratories. The facilities would cost tens of billions of dollars and produce hundreds of new nuclear warheads.” “Need Cash? Cut Nuclear Weapons Budget.” Joseph Circione, Boston Globe, 12/3/2008 http://www.boston.com/news/nation/articles/2008/12/03/need_cash_cut_nuclear_weapons_budget

Cut from \$102 billion a year for U.S. military bases overseas. "These bases do not come cheap. Excluding U.S. bases in Afghanistan and Iraq, the United States spends about \$102 billion a year to run its overseas bases."

Bulletin of Atomic Scientists, Empire of Bases by Hugh Gusterson, March 20, 2009.

For maps and details on U.S. overseas bases see Global Research article on *The Worldwide Network of U.S. Military Bases* by Jules DuFour at <http://www.globalresearch.ca/index.php?context=va&aid=5564>

Cut billions more from expenditures for permanent military bases in Iraq and Afghanistan (actual figures unavailable from the Pentagon).

End the three trillion dollar war in Iraq. No More Wars for Oil or other resources.

See *The Iraq War Will Cost Us \$3 Trillion, and Much More* by Linda J. Bilmes and Joseph E. Stiglitz, *Washington Post*, Sunday, 3/9/2008; Page B01. <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/03/07/AR2008030702846.html>

Friends Committee on Legislation lists four ways to cut military spending in a hand out.

http://www.fcni.org/issues/item_print.php?item_id=3538&issue_id=19 .

- 1) Eliminate Outdated Pentagon Programs and Weapons
- 2) Introduce Accountability and Transparency to Department of Defense Spending.
- 3) Reduce U.S. Oil Dependence.
- 4) **Prevent More Wars.** Emphasize peace building and Prevention of Deadly Conflict, rather than war. (*And WILPF would add enable women to participate in both. Implement UNSCR 1325 and gender budgeting. Listen to the Women for a Change!*)

And How Shall We Spend It?

National Priorities Project lets you see the cost of the Iraq war to your own community, and then to find positive ways to spend that money! See http://www.nationalpriorities.org/costofwar_home . Click on "and more" (<http://www.nationalpriorities.org/tradeoffs>) for additional positive trade offs.

Funding Military Creates Fewer Jobs than Funding Other Sectors

Spending Area	Number of Jobs Created with \$1 Billion
Military	8,555
Health Care	10,779
Education	17,687
Mass Transit	19,795
Construction/Infrastructure	12,804

Numbers taken from a November 2007 report by the Political Economy Research Institute, www.peri.umass.edu

WAND has excellent materials on women and the military budget based in part on Jane Midgley's work and reminiscent of our Women's Budget. See the WAND Great American Pie Campaign at <http://www.wand.org/pie/pie%20home.htm> and the 2007 materials at <http://www.wand.org/csba/militarybudg.pdf> .