

## ASK YOUR SENATORS & REPRESENTATIVES

- Will you vote to prohibit spending our taxes for mini-nukes?
- Will you vote against the ballistic missile defense program?
- Will you vote to end subsidies to weapons corporations for marketing arms around the globe?
- Will you vote to fund adequate childcare, education, housing, and health programs for real security?

## Find out for yourself

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Find bills, progress on legislation, committee rosters, links to officials & other government websites at <http://thomas.loc.gov>.

Get specifics on how Iraq & bloated war spending hurts your state from [www.natprior.org](http://www.natprior.org).

Check out campaign contributions & lobbying expenses of weapons corporations at [www.opensecrets.org](http://www.opensecrets.org).

Read analyses of nuclear weapons & arms industry exploitation of security concerns & conflicts around the world at [www.worldpolicy.org/projects/arms](http://www.worldpolicy.org/projects/arms).

## CONTACT YOUR ELECTED OFFICIALS

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Educating voters and politicians on peace issues and the war economy.

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# WILPF'S EYE ON CONGRESS



## DID YOU KNOW . . .

The U.S spends more on its military than the next 16 nations of the world combined? In FY 2006, our military budget of \$499 billion, a 25% increase over just 3 years ago, will use up more than half the government's discretionary funds? The Bush Administration plans to spend \$2.2 TRILLION over the next 5 years on war-making capacity, while our deficit is already more than \$477 billion and counting? The proposed FY 2006 budget will cut, not increase, funds for K-12 education, energy efficiency measures and health care programs?

## WHILE . . .

- **17.6% of children in the U.S live in poverty**
- **44 million people have no health insurance**
- **22 million Americans' tap water poses a health risk**
- **1/3 of our schools need significant repair**
- **50% of renters cannot afford fair market rate**

## WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT?

**ASK MORE QUESTIONS.**

**KEEP ON ASKING QUESTIONS.**

**ASK YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES IN CONGRESS.**

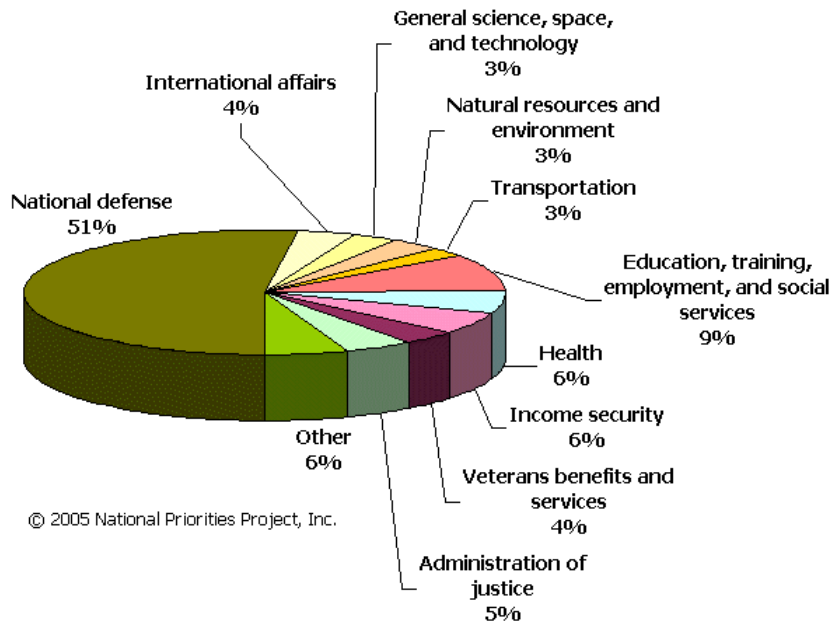
**AFTER ALL, THEY'LL BE ASKING YOU...**

**FOR YOUR VOTE IN 2006.**

# BUSH ADMINISTRATION FY 2006 DISCRETIONARY BUDGET REQUEST

**TOTAL MILITARY: \$499.8**

**TOTAL SOCIAL: \$340.7**



Other includes energy, agriculture, commerce and housing credit, community and regional development, Medicare and Social Security administration, general government and allowances. Source: National Priority Project

## US Military Spending vs. the World

**United States: \$420.7, Russia: \$65\*, China: \$56\*, Japan: \$45.1, UK \$49, France \$40, Germany \$29, Saudi Arabia \$19.3, Italy \$1705, India \$19.1, South Korea \$16.4, Brazil \$9.2, Taiwan \$7.5, Israel \$10.8\*, Spain \$9.9\*, Australia \$11.7, Canada \$10.1, Netherlands \$7.6, Mexico \$2.8, Turkey \$11.7\*, Ukraine \$5.5\*, Iran \$3.5, Singapore \$5.0, Sweden \$5.9, Egypt \$2.7\*, Kuwait \$4.0, Greece \$7.2\*, Poland \$4.4, Norway \$4.2, Argentina \$1.6, Vietnam \$3.2, Colombia \$3.2\*, Belgium \$3.3 (in billions of dollars)**

US data is FY06 request; other data for 2004, \* indicates 2003 data  
Source: Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation, February 2005

ASK: "DO YOU AGREE WITH THESE SPENDING PRIORITIES PROPOSED TO CONGRESS?"

## SOCIAL PROGRAMS TRADED AWAY...

In FY06, U.S. taxpayers will spend:

**\$17.5 billion for nuclear weapons**, for the same amount of money, we could provide:

- 2,316,418 children with Head Start programs
- 3,972,101 people with health care

**\$9.6 billion for ballistic missile defense**, for the same amount of money, we could provide:

- 165,625 elementary school teachers
- 1,853,209 scholarships for university students

**\$19.2 billion for the increase in military spending**, for the same amount of money, we could provide:

- 172,878 affordable housing units
- 330,892 Music and Arts teachers

**U.S. Taxpayers will pay 204.6 billion for the cost of war in Iraq**, for the same amount of money we could provide:

- 361,892,756 homes with renewable electricity
- 24,072 new Elementary schools

Source: National Priorities Project and [www.costofwar.com](http://www.costofwar.com), May 2005

**Ask: "Which of these programs would you vote to expand? Which would you vote to limit?"**

