

# No More Tax for War

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How do you feel knowing that **nearly 60% of your tax dollars this year will pay for our present and future wars**, not for your family's or communities' needs?

Consider: **the combined debt of our fifty states is \$140 billion**. That's a lot of money, about what we spend annually for the endless "wars of choice" in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Our nation has lost its way, and its people are in trouble. While our government spends nearly 60% of your tax dollars on the military, it only allocates **6% of the Federal discretionary spending for education**, and **7% for health care and human services**.

Our government spends roughly as much for war and war preparations as the rest of the world combined. **Does that buy real security?**

- We suffer the highest infant mortality rate of any industrialized developed nation.
- Almost 1 in 4 children in this country lives in poverty.
- We've suffered a tsunami of housing foreclosures.
- We have yet to find our way out of the "jobless recovery" from the country's greatest economic crisis since the Great Depression.

The Pentagon's budget has doubled since 9-11. Between **tax cuts for the rich** and **continuing increases in military spending**, our communities have been set on the path of de-development, with catastrophic consequences.

Fifty years ago, outgoing **Republican President Dwight Eisenhower** warned that the "**subversive tentacles**" of the "**military industrial complex**" created to fight two world wars **were undermining U.S. democracy**. A half century later they are undermining our real security as well.

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