

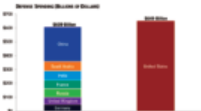
Pentagon Bloat Threatens Community Needs

The Pentagon Budget

The U.S. spends more on its military than the next seven countries combined. Over half of the U.S. Discretionary Budget goes to the military. These numbers don't include the budgets for the C.I.A., N.S.A., and Department of Homeland Security.



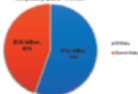
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U.S. military spending is based on the 2019 fiscal year. All other countries are based on 2018 data. Source: SIPRI, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute. <https://www.sipri.org/databases/military>

2019-2020

Trump FY 2021 Discretionary Budget Request, \$1.3 Trillion



National Endowment for Democracy



Source: 2020, National Endowment for Democracy

Skewed Spending Priorities

The discretionary budget, a portion of the total budget that Congress decides how to allocate on a yearly basis, shows you how skewed our government's priorities are. It also helps explain why there never seems to be enough money for education, healthcare, science, and other critical programs. Even a small reduction to the Pentagon budget would amount to a major boost for these other programs.