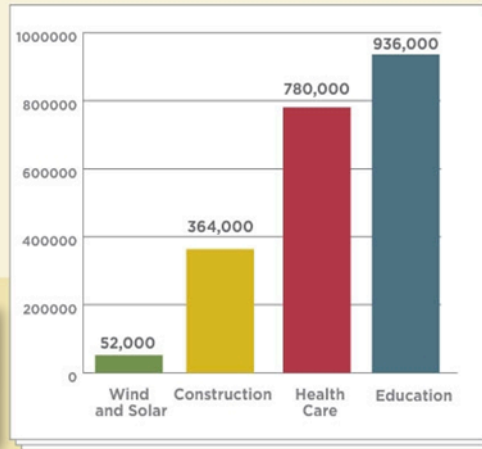


Potential Jobs Created by Spending \$130 Billion in Alternative Sectors Net Over War Spending

The estimated \$1.3 Trillion of Department of Defense war spending in the past decade averages to \$130 billion per year.



Did You Know?

The war economy has hindered U.S. job creation. This is because war spending reduces funds available for alternative job sectors and domestic programs. For example, \$1 million in military spending creates approximately 8.3 jobs, while \$1 million in alternative spending would create 15.5 jobs in public education, 14.3 jobs in healthcare, 12 in renewable technology, and 11.1 in construction.

*Source: www.costsofwar.org

\$121.1 Billion could have funded... Spent in Iraq and Afghanistan in 2012

The U.S. has spent approximately **\$1.3 Trillion** in the past decade on the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan

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Pell grants worth \$5,500 to 21.8 million US college students, or



Salaries for 1.7 million police or patrol officers for one full year, or



Healthcare for 62.1 million children who are receiving low-income healthcare, or



Salaries for 1.8 million elementary public school teachers

The average homebuyer had to make **\$600 more** in mortgage payments last year because of the rise in interest rates induced by war borrowing*



*Based on a \$250,000 home price, 10% down, at 5.00% and 5.35% interest.

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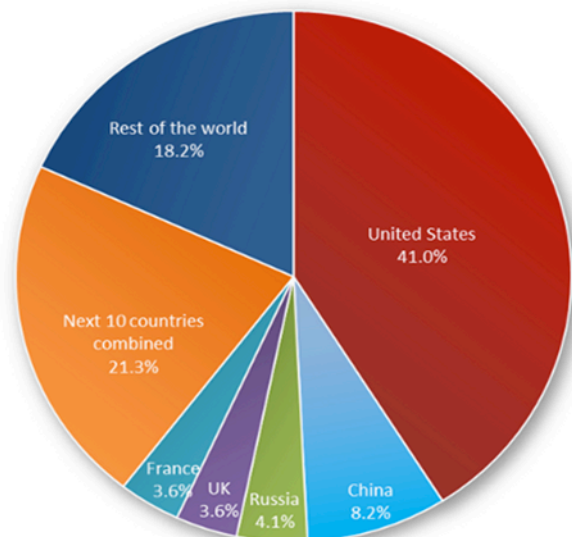
Did You Know?

- The U.S. accounted for **41% of total global military expenditure** in 2011, followed by China (8.2%), Russia (4.1%), UK and France (both 3.6%)
- U.S. taxpayers spend about **7 times as much** on the Pentagon and related military accounts as China spends on its military.
- Iraq and Afghanistan **do not even make the list** for the top 30 big spenders; Iran is 26th.

*Source: SIPRI Military Expenditure Database

Global Distribution of Military Expenditure in 2011

www.globalissues.org



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