

A look at the numbers...

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The US accounts for **43% of total global military expenditures** annually, which is more than 7 times what China spends, the next biggest spender.



50%

Percentage less Britain and France spend per capita than the US on their military budgets, while still maintaining robust and able military forces with the most modern equipment.

\$1 trillion

Amount that could be saved over 10 years by implementing the Sustainable Defense Task Force's recommended spending cuts.

The US maintains over 800 military bases and outposts around the world, with a total price tag of **\$102 billion annually**.



Worldwide, the US has:

800 military bases and outposts

Costing over:

\$102 billion annually

392

Number of US bases and outposts located in Japan and Germany, countries with their own modern militaries.

200–300

Number of military bases that Donald Rumsfeld acknowledged that could easily be closed, saving at least \$12 billion annually.

The **unemployment rate for veterans aged 18 to 24 is 21.1%**, compared to 16.6% for that age group as a whole.

21.1%

Unemployment Rate for VETERANS aged 18–24

16.6%

Unemployment Rate for ALL 18–24 year olds

The federal government is starting to help...

25%

Percentage of new hires in 2010 that were veterans. 8% of new hires were disabled veterans.

Between 2001 and 2010, there were more than **7,000 US military fatalities** and an estimated **150,000 civilians were killed** in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Iraq and Afghanistan Fatalities

Between 2001 and 2010

7,000
US Military

150,000
Civilians

76 years

Length of time that the concept of a federal Department of Peace has been considered, with more than 90 pieces of legislation introduced during that time.

71

Current members of the US House of Representatives who support the creation of a Department of Peace.

eleven

Numbers Pages Notes

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