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PEACE CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER

If You Want Justice, Work For Peace

Second of four columns for Peace Connections by Muriel T. Stackley

Little did he know—this English manager. All he wanted to do was collect—from his Irish tenants—the rent that was due. The time was the 1880s. The man was Charles Boycott. His rent-collecting tactics so enraged the Irish tenants that they refused to harvest crops for him. The tenant farmers were successful; Mr. Boycott had to get 50 volunteers from Ulster, working under an armed escort of 900 soldiers, to harvest his crops.* So the first withholding of labor was used on the man whose name we now use for all forms of nonviolent intimidation.

Today (4 March 2010) is the day that students, nationwide, are protesting the cuts in funding public education. They are boycotting their classes to state their case: restore funding to public schools (for example, in Modesto, Calif.) Not all of their protest is nonviolent. But one leader is quoted as saying, History bears out: effective social change is better when it is done nonviolently. Change that lasts is change that is effected without violence. Look at Great Britain leaving India in the 1940s. Look at Civil Right in the United States in the 1960s and continuing. Look at democracy coming to South Africa in the 1990s.



Protesting school funding cuts

Today is also the day that "Boycott, Divest, Sanction" was launched to persuade Israel to conform to international law. Palestinian civil societies and Jewish peace groups are calling out to all people of conscience, calling on Israel to halt home demolitions and its racially discriminatory occupation of Palestine, calling on the United States to examine its annual \$5.6 billion subsidy of Israel. Critics of "Boycott, Divest, Sanction" say that this movement demonizes Israel, but supporters of the movement say that any country, any government, that breaks international law should receive the same treatment.

Today is the day that I wrote a letter to my senator, pleading for him to co-sponsor a not-yet-introduced bill that would reform our country's immigration policy. I anticipate resolution to this acute need for new legislation. Will "boycott" be a part of that? How can we persuade our elected officials that Asian and Central American documented workers are a new source of population for dying Western Kansas towns? How can we emphasize that immigrant families provide students for my city's schools (in stark contrast to Kansas City, Missouri, planning to close 26 schools)?

And, dear God, please help us to keep it nonviolent!

*Just Peacemaking: the new paradigm for the ethics of peace and war, Glen H. Stassen, editor, Pilgrim Press, 2008, page 44.

Muriel Stackly was director of the Newton Area Peace Center from 1992-1995.

Circles Update

In January, Circles began its 2nd year in Harvey County. Over the past couple of months much has been happening. Community meetings continue weekly on Tuesday nights at the First Methodist Church at 801 N. Main, Newton. Evenings consist of a shared simple meal together, followed by discussion, presentations, or meetings with various groups. The first Tuesday of each month (open to the public) features an educational topic – in recent weeks the focus has been on landlord and tenant issues. The second Tuesday is reserved for Ally and Circle Leader meetings, with 20 person serving as allies. The third Tuesday is reserved for the Guiding Coalition meeting; there are 19 community persons who have made a commitment to serve in this leadership capacity, including some Circle Leaders. The fourth Tuesday is the Big View meeting (open to the public), which explores and works on barriers that keep people right here in Harvey County from having enough resources.

A Poverty Simulation was held in early February. Twenty-five persons from the community participated and learned more about what life is like for those living on limited resources. Another simulation will be held at Bethel College in April.

The next Getting Ahead class will begin soon (start date was delayed from earlier this year due to confirming 12 participants that were a “good fit” for the class). The class will run for 15 weeks and graduates will then have the option of becoming Circle Leaders with Allies to support them. Ally training has taken place on Feb. 27 and March 20, and will conclude in May. More allies will be needed to support these

new GA students after they “graduate”; we plan to offer Ally Training again during June.

Circles was grateful to receive a major grant from the United Methodist Health Ministry Fund in January which will help support the Initiative over the next 18 months and allow Circles to hire additional part-time staff. Funding for half of the cost of one Getting Ahead class was received from Cargill.



A “Circle” meeting at the weekly community meeting

Kate McPheeters, Circles Coordinator, plans to attend Bridges Out of Poverty Training in Albuquerque, NM in late May. Funding for this project [trainings] was provided in part by the Sunflower Foundation: Health Care for Kansans, a Topeka-based philanthropic organization with the mission to serve as a catalyst for improving the health of Kansans.

The Peace Connections board, working as the lead agency for the Initiative, affirmed the Circles Budget for 2010 and continues to oversee recommendations from the Guiding Coalition.

There continue to be many ways to be involved:

- ◆ Provide a simple meal for Tuesday evening meetings – churches, organizations, restaurants, and individuals are being recruited to do so.
- ◆ Provide childcare on Tuesday nights.
- ◆ Learn more about becoming an Ally by attending the upcoming training.
- ◆ Make a contribution towards expenses.

We welcome you to contact us if you are interested in providing assistance or learning more about becoming involved!

Wednesday Evening with Alexanderwohl Kids Group

Children in grades 1-4 from Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church came to Peace Connections in February for their Wednesday



Children from Alexanderwohl put together heart puzzles with the help of Abby Schmidt

evening activity time. They spent about an hour learning a little about what Peace Connections does, listening to a story, hand-stamping Valentine cards for shut-ins in their congregation, and putting together heart puzzles while talking about Forgiveness (one of the 7 aspects of the Pledge of Nonviolence). We appreciated their desire to spread message of peace and love with their cards and were pleased to have them and their adult leaders visit!



“Thank you” from the kids group

Peace Connections Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of Peace Connections was held on February 25, 2010, and began with a meal of soup and bread. After the meal, Don Kehrberg gave a blessing, and introduced the board members, Peace Connections staff and Circles Initiative™ staff.

Outgoing Board President, Arnita Haury, presented an overview of the programs and activities Peace Connections was involved in during 2009, including Circles™ Initiative, the Summer Food and Activity Program and receiving a Compassion Kansas grant. Financially, she shared the good news that Peace Connections met its budget for the year.

Arnita then introduced incoming Board President, Bill Mason. He shared a little of his background and how he came to be involved in Peace Connections. Marilyn Helberg gave the financial report, thanking everyone who contributed for their support. Circles Initiative™ has been financially separated from the Peace Connections budget, so future gifts should be designated as to which program is being supported.

Don Kehrberg led the group in a rousing sing-a-long, which included actions for one song, and then Stan Bohn introduced the speaker for the evening, Dr. John Valusek.



Dr. Valusek speaking at the Peace Connections annual meeting

Dr. Valusek has been talking publicly about violence, particularly against children, since the 1960s, but first conceived the idea that “children are not for hitting” in the 1950s, when he was teaching special education. He was having difficulty controlling his class, and older, more experienced teachers advocated spanking the children as the only way to regain control. He followed their advice, but instantly regretted it, and later apologized to his students. It was in that apology, he says, that he first used the words “children are not for hitting.” When he started his crusade, one state had a law against corporal punishment in schools, now 28 do.

According to Dr. Valusek, there is no direct relationship between poverty and violence, but some of the same circumstances which cause poverty can lead to violence being an acceptable way of dealing with those circumstances. One reason people turn to violence is shame, and those living in poverty are often ashamed—violence becomes a way to avoid further shame. In addition, stress is often a part of

living in poverty and violent behavior is sometimes used as a way of coping with stress. People who haven't been loved, who have low self-esteem, and have been “knocked around” by life, have their perceptions skewed, and their choices are limited.

Not all children who are hit by their parents develop into violent individuals, Dr. Valusek noted, but hitting children plants seeds of violence that when acted on by other factors can cause a violent outcome. And the idea that “people are not for hitting” should be expanded to “people are not for hurting” in order to include mental and emotional violence. The only sure way to stop the cycle of violence is to stop hurting children and others—physically, emotionally or mentally—in the first place.

The meeting wrapped up with Myrna Krehbiel, Peace Connections director, who gave out thanks, prizes and awards, and a closing song from Don Kehrberg.



Marilyn Helberg, Arnita Haury and Steve Richards were given oil lamps as gifts for outstanding service to the Board of Peace Connections. The lamps were made by Dick Lehman.

Bumper stickers available

“People are not for hitting and children are people, too”

bumper stickers are available at Peace Connections for the special price of \$1.



Summer Food & Activities Program Gears Up

Plans are being made for the 5th year of the Kids Summer Food & Activities Program which will begin on June 7 and run through July 23. Peace Connections is eager to again coordinate plans and funding to provide meals for children during the summer of 2010. With 52% of children in Newton schools receiving free or reduced lunches this year and the current economic stress, the need for this community program continues to be great.

The Kids Summer Food & Activities Program offers free meals (breakfast and lunch daily) to all Newton children and youth ages 2-18 and four mornings of learning activities, as well as, provides summer jobs for cooks and coordinators. USD 373 of Newton is a key partner in this effort. Their staff plans and prepares the meals, coordinates USDA funding, and provides the site – Sunset Elementary school in 2010 - for the program's use. Along with the help of volunteers and donations from community members, churches and area businesses, over 10,660 meals were served in 2009!



Summer Food & Activities Program 2009

Over the past several years that the program has been offered, very few adults have asked to eat with their children. In 2009, we saw a significant increase in the number of adults (often single moms) that wanted to eat with their children (383 paid meals served to adults) - an indication that there are adults that are hungry as well as children. That number likely would have been higher if scholarships had been available. Our goal for the upcoming summer is to offer a number of scholarships each day for adult caregivers. A grant towards a portion of these scholarships has already been secured from the Women's Community Fund of Newton, for which we are very grateful.

Your help is requested to make this important community effort an ongoing success! This program supports families who otherwise will likely not have access to the nutritious food that can help their children maintain their physical health and academic skills through the summer months.

We would like to partner with you to help meet the needs of Newton's children and families through:

- Financial gifts – individual gifts, special offerings from churches, donations from community groups and businesses, etc.
- Volunteer – Share your time throughout the summer. The schedule is very flexible – sign up for what dates/times suit you best. (Training will be offered in May at Peace Connections and is required for volunteers.)
- Publicity – help us spread the word that this program is available in our community. Stop by or email us for some informational flyers to share with those you know. Encourage others to volunteer and share their time this summer!

Board Notes

Becky Kindy resigned from the Peace Connections board in February. We thank her for serving on the board for the past three years and on the Executive Committee.

As a part of the Compassion Kansas grant which Peace Connections is receiving in 2010, the board will receive training in April on the topic of Revenue Development from Joyce Webb of the Community Support and Research Center

Giving Garden

It's time to gear up for the 9th season of the Giving Garden – a community garden project overseen by

Harvey County Master Gardeners. If you are looking for some good exercise, the garden can always benefit from help with weed control! Contact Scott Eckert at the Harvey County Extension office to volunteer.



SPRING CALENDAR

APRIL

Circles community meetings are being held on **Tuesdays**, 6:30 -8 pm at the First United Methodist Church. The first Tuesday of each month features an educational topic, and the fourth Tuesday is the Big View meeting, which explores and works on barriers that keep people right here in Harvey County from having enough resources. (The second Tuesday is reserved for Ally and Circle Leader meetings and the third Tuesday is reserved for the Guiding Coalition meeting.)

A **Poverty Simulation** will be held on **April 13**, 9:15-noon, at Bethel College. Experience what life is like for low-income families seeking basic needs on a limited budget. Then reflect & discuss the experience and ways to move towards "making poverty history" following the simulation.

Peace Connections Board meeting will be **April 15**, 5:30 pm. This will be a special work session with the Center for Community Support and Research (Compassion KS grant).

Arts & Music in the Heart of Newton will be Thursday, **April 29**, 6-8:30 pm. Stop by Peace Connections to hear some great music from Don Kehrberg!

MAY

Circles community meetings will be held on **Tuesdays**, 6:30-8 pm at the First United Methodist Church. See info. under April.

Peace Connections Board meeting will be **May 6**, 7 pm. Meetings are open to the public.

The final session of **Ally training** (Allies offer friendship and support to Circle Leaders) will be on the topic of "What Is an Ally? & How Can I Be Involved;" date and time to be announced. Open to all who are interested in learning more.

JUNE

Circles community meetings will be held on **Tuesdays**, 6:30-8 pm at the First United Methodist Church. See info. under April.

Kids Summer Food & Activity Program begins on June 7 and runs through July 23. See article on p. 4 for information on how you can help!

Peace Connections Board meeting will be **June 3**, 7 pm. Meetings are open to the public.

We are grateful to the following people for their gift of time during January, February and March, 2010:

- ◆ Anita Bohn, Marlene Smucker, Cindy Regier, Susan Jantzen, Gerry Epp, Don Kehrberg, Rachel Epp Buler, Gregg Friesen, Joe Smucker and Shafiq Hasan for providing wonderful soup, bread, and dessert for the Annual Meeting
- ◆ First Presbyterian Church for the use of their facilities for the Annual Meeting
- ◆ Denise Rhoades for writing up articles about recent Getting Ahead graduates for the Kansan
- ◆ St. Mary's School for the use of their gymnasium for the Poverty Simulation
- ◆ Pandeia Smith for directing the Poverty Simulation
- ◆ Steve Richards for speaking at Southwestern College on Martin Luther King, Jr. day on the Circles Initiative
- ◆ Alexanderwohl Mennonite Church Wednesday evening kids program for visiting Peace Connections
- ◆ Newton Lion's Club for the donation from their Pancake Supper
- ◆ Marlene Smucker, Jeanette Stucky, Corinne Kehrberg, Bev Baumgartner and Henry Ewy for help on Saturdays
- ◆ Ruby Moore, Stan Bohn, Marilyn Helburg, Rachel Poling, Marlene Smucker, Carol Kirshmer, Cay Siebert, and Leann Toews for help with staffing while Myrna was visiting a new grandchild.

WattSaver

A Emerson Wiens stopped by Peace Connections to alert us to an opportunity reduce energy consumption. Westar Energy is currently offering the WattSaver program which will help balance the increasing demands with the supply of electricity in Kansas – receive a free, professionally installed programmable thermostat for your home or business. Find out more at www.WestarEnergy.com/WattSaver or 1-888-753-6523.



Suzanne Shops

Making Connections...

Across the country

Suzanne Daughton started shopping at Peace Connections several years ago when visiting family in Newton with her husband, Nathan Stucky. Dr. Daughton is a professor of speech communication at Southern Illinois University Carbondale who teaches a college course in nonviolent communication that she calls “compassionate communication.” She also teaches nonviolent communication to elementary school children and teachers. Daughton finds much of her best material when shopping at Peace Connections. She says, “I especially enjoy the unique collection of children’s books at Peace Connections (as well as the different games, buttons, postcards, magnets and shirts). As I read to the kids, we pause regularly and talk about what various characters are feeling and needing. And I love supporting a local business that gives back to the community. I am always touched and inspired to see the outreach and social justice work that Peace Connections helps foster, both through the products on the shelves and the activities that get coordinated and organized through that collective.”



Suzanne Daughton and Nathan Stucky

Across time

On a recent visit to Peace Connections, Nathan brought in several copies of *The Doctrine of Love and Nonresistance*, written by his father, Harley J. Stucky (1920-2005). This slender volume establishes love as the central motif of the New Testament and traces both theological and historical understandings of love and nonresistance in the Christian church, showing how God’s love is fundamental for the mission of peace is at the core of Christ’s message. Ruby Stucky is happy to donate copies of her late husband’s book to Peace Connections with the hope that it will inspire readers today.

“Where Your Income Tax Money Really Goes” insert is provided by Heartland Peace Tax Fund group. This group meets monthly – contact Stan Bohn for more information.

BOOK & GIFT SHOP

I Will Trust God: Mediations for Recovery from Loss and Grief by Paul F. Keller. Booklets with 60 days of meditations for those experiencing losses of any variety. On-line orders from places such as North Carolina and Michigan keep coming in to Peace Connections for this helpful resource! **\$3.99**

Hands Are Not for Hitting by Martine Agassi. Hands are for saying hello – and for paying, making music, counting, helping, and more. With simple words and charming illustrations, this gentle, encouraging book teaches young children that violence is never okay, that they can manage strong feelings, and that they are capable of positive, loving actions. **\$11.95**



New supply of Mother Earth Therapeutic pillows just in!

Warm or chill flax-seed filled pillows to relieve aches and provide comfort. A variety of sizes and shapes available: small hearts, large hearts, small rectangular, neck pillows, eye pillows, and light-weight travel pillows.



Ideas for...

Graduations: “Advice from” t-shirts & bookmarks

Mother’s Day: therapeutic pillows, jewelry, figurines

Father’s Day: windmills, CDs, books

Weddings & Anniversaries: candles, wind chimes, gift of a tree

Can’t decide? Give a **gift certificate** in the amount of your choice from Peace Connections

What will be your investment this year in...

- building resources within families and communities,
- teaching and practicing nonviolence, and
- nurturing personal and spiritual well-being?



Peace Connections board members and staff are excited about the successes in 2009, and especially launching the Circles™ Initiative of Harvey County! Many thanks to individuals and groups who chose to invest time and/or other resources in peacebuilding efforts coordinated by Peace Connections. We look forward to what can be accomplished in 2010 with your support.

Peace Connections depends heavily on contributions from our individual donors, as well as, supporting churches (approximately ¾ from individual & ¼ from churches). We were grateful to receive donations in 2009 that allowed us to meet our budget. Purchases from the gift shop also helped.

The Peace Connections operating budget for 2010 is \$49,300 or \$4,108 each month (this does not include special community projects, such as the Circles™ Initiative or the Summer Food Program.) This money goes a long way and offers a great return for your dollar, covering rent, utilities, salaries, resources, program expenses, and more! When you invest in Peace Connections' vision of thriving communities sustained by social justice and compassion, you are really making a big difference for many people in this community and beyond. Our important community programs, like the Circles™ Initiative, will only move forward if we have the foundation from which to work.

Please consider sending in your pledge using the form below; a donation envelope is included for your gift.

On-line donations are welcome! Just visit our website at www.peaceconnections.org and click on the donate button on our welcome page. Donate with your credit card through our PayPal account.

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____ Phone _____

I/We pledge an annual gift to support the **mission of Peace Connections** in 2010 in the amount of \$_____ to be paid as indicated below.

In full now (check enclosed).

Payable by December 31, 2010 as follows: _____ Semiannual; _____ Quarterly; _____ Monthly

I/We pledge to support Peace Connections **Endowment Fund** in 2010 in the amount of \$_____ to be paid as indicated below.

In full now (check enclosed).

Payable by December 31, 2010 as follows: _____ Semiannual; _____ Quarterly; _____ Monthly

I/We pledge to volunteer our **Time** at Peace Connections in 2010 – my interests include _____.

Gifts are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Donors may be acknowledged in Peace Connections publications. **If you would prefer your donations to be anonymous, please check here** _____.



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Vision: Thriving communities sustained by social justice and compassion.

Our greatest danger in life is
permitting the urgent things
to crowd out the important.

--Charles E. Hummel

Peace Connections partners with others to:

- ▶ **build resources within families and communities**
- ▶ **teach and practice nonviolence**
- ▶ **nurture personal and spiritual well-being**

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WHERE YOUR INCOME TAX MONEY REALLY GOES

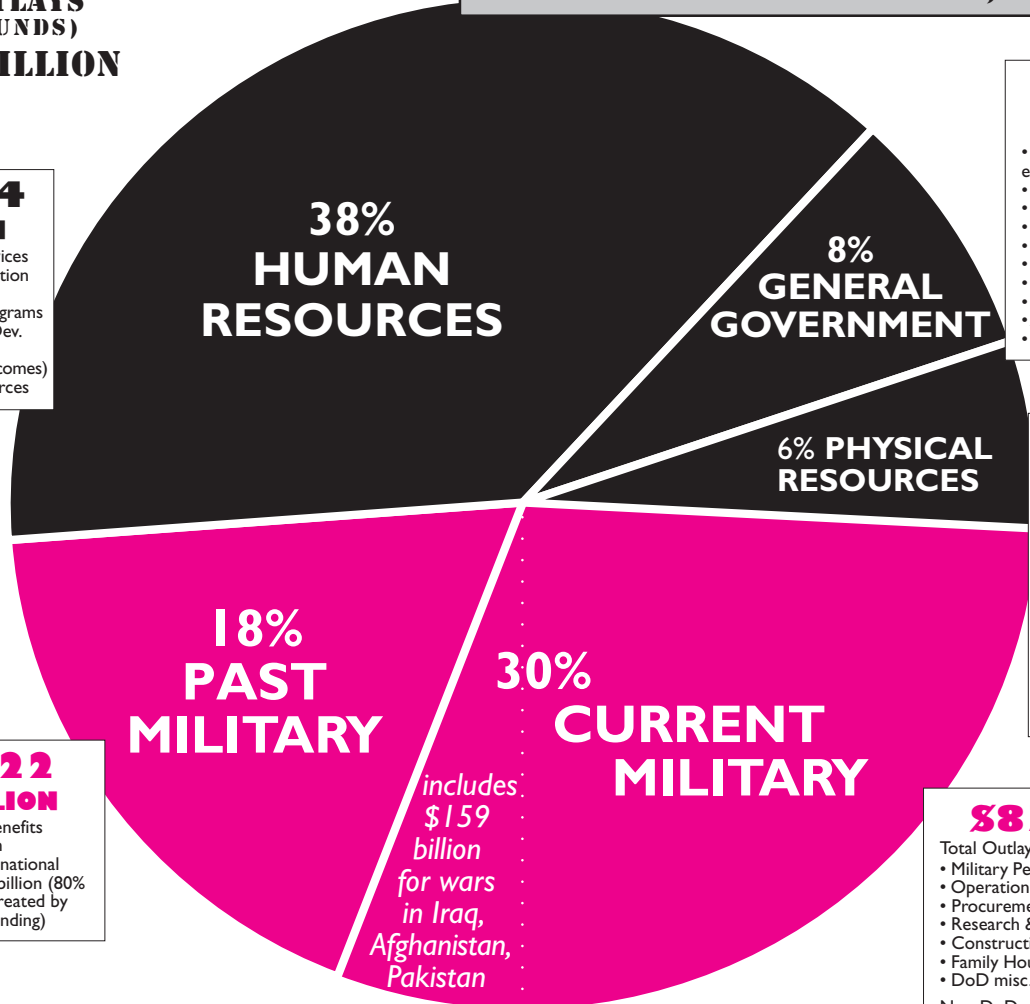
U.S. FEDERAL BUDGET 2011 FISCAL YEAR

**TOTAL OUTLAYS (FEDERAL FUNDS)
\$2,945 BILLION**

Non-MILITARY: 52% AND \$1,547 BILLION

\$1,134 BILLION

- Health/Human Services
- Soc. Sec. Administration
- Education Dept.
- Food/Nutrition programs
- Housing & Urban Dev.
- Labor Dept.
- Tax Credits (lower incomes)
- other human resources



\$241 BILLION

- Treasury, incl. 20% Interest on debt (\$100B)
- Government personnel
- Justice Dept.
- State Dept. (partial)
- International Affairs
- NASA (50%)
- Judicial
- Legislative
- Allowances (proposals)
- other general govt.

\$171 BILLION

- Agriculture
- Interior
- Transportation
- Homeland Security (42%)
- HUD
- Commerce
- Energy (non-military)
- Environmental Protection
- Nat. Science Fdn.
- Army Corps Engineers
- Fed. Comm. Commission
- other physical resources

\$522 BILLION

- Veterans' Benefits \$123 billion
- Interest on national debt \$399 billion (80% est. to be created by military spending)

\$876 BILLION

Total Outlays DoD \$721 billion:

- Military Personnel \$159 billion
- Operation & Maint. \$319 billion
- Procurement \$141 billion
- Research & Dev. \$78 billion
- Construction \$19 billion
- Family Housing \$3 billion
- DoD misc. \$2 billion

Non-DoD military spending includes*:

- Retiree Pay/Healthcare \$65 billion
- DoE nuke weapons/clean up \$20 billion
- NASA (50%) \$9 billion
- International Security \$15 billion
- Homeland Secur. (defense) \$40 billion
- State Dept. (partial) \$7 billion
- FBI military \$4 billion
- Intrafund transfers -\$5 billion

*analysis includes non-DoD activity based on coding and on the military nature of the activity, such as armed agents on flights, border control, DoD space flights, etc.

MILITARY: 48% AND \$1,398 BILLION

HOW THESE FIGURES WERE DETERMINED

“Current military” includes Dept. of Defense (\$721 billion) and the military portion from other departments as noted in current military box above (\$155 billion). “Past military” represents veterans’ benefits plus 80% of the interest on the debt.* For further explanation, please go to www.warresisters.org.

These figures are from an analysis of detailed tables in the *Analytical Perspectives* book of the *Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2011*. The figures are federal funds, which do not include trust funds — such as Social Security — that are raised and spent separately from income taxes. What you pay (or don’t pay) by April 15, 2010, goes to the federal funds portion of the budget. The government practice of combining Trust and Federal funds began during the Vietnam War, thus making the

human needs portion of the budget seem larger and the military portion smaller.

*Analysts differ on how much of the debt stems from the military; other groups estimate 50% to 60%. We use 80% because we believe if there had been no military spending most (if not all) of the national debt would have been eliminated.

The Government's Deception

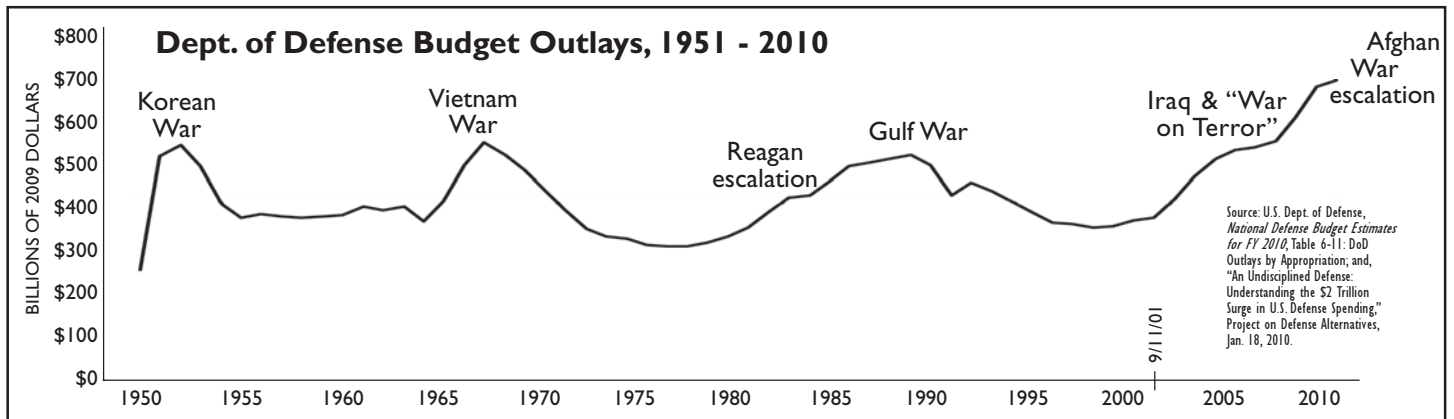
The pie chart (right) is the government view of the budget. This is a distortion of how our income tax dollars are spent because it includes Trust Funds (e.g., Social Security), and the expenses of past military spending are not distinguished from nonmilitary spending. For a more accurate representation of how your Federal income tax dollar is really spent, see the large graph.

Source: 1040 Forms and Instructions 2009, Federal Outlays for FY 2008

MILITARY SPENDING SURGE

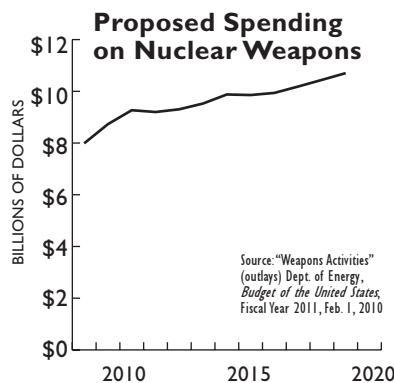
A \$2 trillion boost for base Pentagon spending since 1998. **Plus**, \$1 trillion for endless wars. **Plus**, thousands killed in wars, millions in need of food and shelter, the U.S. economy in tatters. How much longer will tax-payers continue funding the military-industrial complex at the expense of true security? Worried about jobs? The increase in military spending since 2000 could cost the economy close to 2 million jobs in the long run.*

*"Massive Defense Spending Leads to Job Loss," Dean Baker, Center for Economic and Policy Research, Nov. 2009, truthout.org/1109097

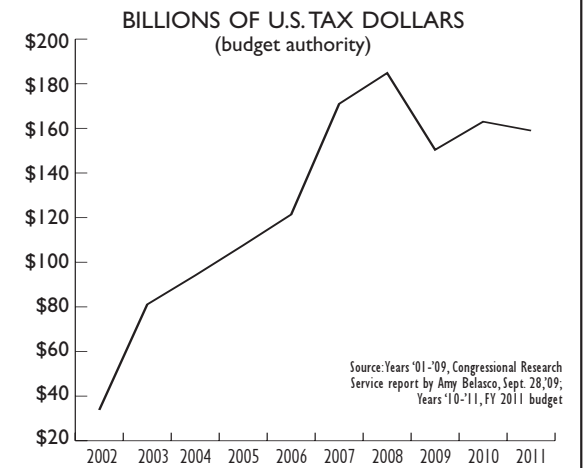


U.S. Nuclear Weapons: "WAR IS PEACE"

George Orwell's *1984* has arrived. President Obama was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2009 while waging two wars. The Nobel Committee cited Obama's commitment to work for a world without nuclear weapons. Obama's 2011 budget turns "peace" on its head: steady increases in nuclear weapons spending over the next 10 years, including a new plutonium facility for the Los Alamos National Laboratory (NM) and a uranium manufacturing plant at Oak Ridge (TN).



FUNDING THE GLOBAL "WAR ON TERROR"



WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Leaflet with this flyer now, on Tax Day (April 15), and in the months before a new budget is passed in October.
- Write elected officials and local newspapers. **Send them copies of this flyer.** Demand that the Pentagon budget be slashed.
- Protest with your money! Sign up at wartaxboycott.org. Refuse to pay all or part of your federal income tax. Whatever you choose to refuse—\$1, \$10, or a percentage—send a letter to elected officials and tell them why. Though illegal, thousands of people openly participate in this form of protest. Contact us for information or referral to a counselor near you. Contribute resisted tax money to organizations that support the common good.
- Get *Death & Taxes*, the new 30-min. DVD featuring war tax resisters from across the country, available at nwtccc.org/deathandtaxes.htm.

- For more about refusing to pay for war, contact the National War Tax Resistance Coordinating Committee, PO Box 150553, Brooklyn, NY 11215, (800) 269-7464, nwtccc.org. Support the Peace Tax Fund bill: peacetaxfund.org.

- Support military personnel who refuse to fight in Iraq and Afghanistan. For more information see ivaw.org or gირightshotline.org. Call the GI Rights Hotline if you are in the military and need help: (877) 447-4487.

RESOURCES

- Additional copies of this leaflet are available for 10¢ each (1-199), 7¢ each (200 - 499), 6¢ each (500+) plus 20% postage or call for exact amount.
- For sample brochures and resources on war tax resistance, send a self-addressed stamped (61¢) envelope to War Resisters League at the New York address below.

- *War Tax Resistance: A Guide to Withholding Your Support from the Military*, 144-page handbook with history, methods and resources. \$15 plus \$4.95 priority mail; \$3 media mail.

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