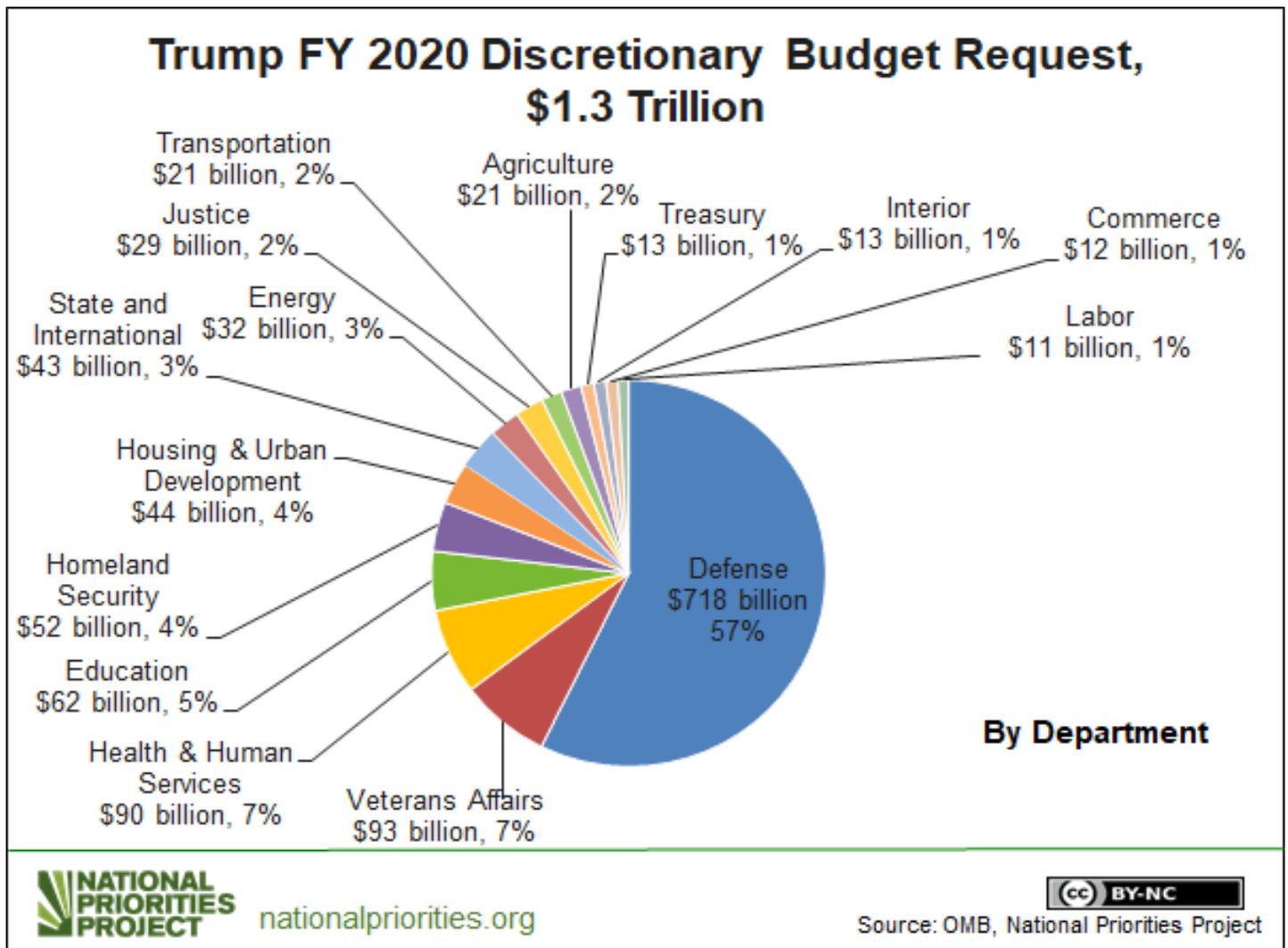


YOUR FEDERAL TAXES ARE DUE ON APRIL 15. See How the Government Plans On Spending Your Tax Dollars



Simply put: The majority of taxes raised are spent on the military. If Trump gets his way, 57% (750 Billion) of the 1.3 Trillion discretionary budget request will go to the Pentagon, as the pie chart above indicates. That's up from 54% in 2018 and an increase of \$34 billion from the 2019 year budget.

For many years, the military has commanded a majority of the yearly spending under Democrats and Republicans. But, under Trump, increases of military spending have become even more extreme and cruel. Under this administration's budget request, every other agency will be cut, except for Homeland Security, Veterans Affairs, and money for nuclear weapons.

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Unless Congress acts to revise this budget, there will be a 31% cut in the EPA, 16% for education, and 23% for the State Department, showing Trump's preference for war over diplomacy to settle world conflicts. Overall, this is a 9% decrease in spending for human and social needs.

Further, this budget will increase inequity, speed up the spread of poverty, and exacerbate the racial disparities in this country. With cuts in Health and Welfare (12%, income assistance to families), Housing (16%), Agriculture (15%, food stamps), this is a very cruel and dangerous budget.

Trump is also proposing cuts to Medicare, Medicaid, and Social Security. All this will hit especially hard low and middle income families with children.

It will also fund the border wall.

A budget shows what our values and priorities are as a country. Polls show that the majority of Americans prioritize education, the environment, and helping the needy, not extreme amounts of money going to an already bloated military.

As President Dwight Eisenhower said, **“Every gun that is made, every ship that is built, every rocket fired, signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who are hungry and not fed, and those who are cold and not clothed....”**

Dr. Martin Luther King put it this way: **“A nation that year after year spends more money on military defense than it does on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death”.**

We must demand our members of Congress stop voting for these extreme and cruel budgets every year and start cutting the military budget and increasing the programs that will help and take care of human and social needs, the environment, and a foreign policy based on mutual respect and diplomacy.

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