

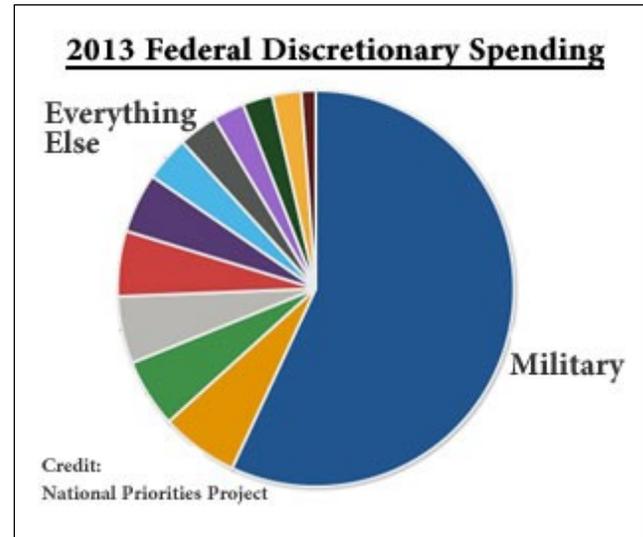
This is what peace supporters need to know about “sequestration.”

LAST YEAR’S FEDERAL BUDGET CONFRONTATION AND DEBACLE WILL RADICALLY DISTORT NEXT YEAR’S BUDGET **AFTER** NOVEMBER’S ELECTION.

BOTH PARTIES IN CONGRESS AND OBAMA INTEND TO PROTECT THE PENTAGON FROM MANDATORY CUTS AND SLASH DOMESTIC BUDGETS INSTEAD.

WE MUST PRESSURE CONGRESS AND OBAMA NOW TO CUT THE MILITARY AND PROTECT THE DOMESTIC BUDGET.

1. During this election campaign season we don’t hear much from candidates in either big party about how the Pentagon consumes more than its share of the federal budget.
2. Last year Congress deadlocked about the federal budget and created a small Super Committee to produce a compromise, with the threat that if the Super Committee failed, mandatory across-the-board cuts would occur in all federal budgets, both military and domestic alike. (A certain percentage of each budget would be “sequestered.”)
3. The Super Committee failed, so now the “sequestration” is set to go into place.
4. But many members of Congress in both parties and President Obama are warning that the US’s “national security” would suffer if the Pentagon budget were cut, even though it would still be much bigger than just a few years ago.
5. Instead, the politicians are implying – but not saying – that they will cut domestic spending even deeper.
6. Of course, the decision deadline is **AFTER** the November 6 election.
7. Look for horrible bi-partisan decisions to protect the military budget and cut domestic programs instead.
8. If we are to **PREVENT THIS DISASTER**, we must pressure candidates for Congress and the Presidency **NOW, BEFORE the election.**
9. They will listen to us now before the election while we still have some clout. **NOW is the time to demand a humane federal budget!**



This pie chart came from the National Priorities Project. See www.nationalpriorities.org for a lot of practical information about the federal budget.

The Olympia FOR website’s “Bring Our Billion\$ Home” page has a number of recent articles on this subject. Visit www.olympiafor.org and click on **“Bring Our Billion\$ Home Campaign.”**

The Friends Committee on National Legislation (FCNL) has worked for decades from an ethically principled perspective on federal government issues, including budget priorities. See their information at www.fcnl.org/issues/budget.

FCNL’s federal budget page includes this information about Congress passing a “continuing resolution” to defer the hard budget decisions: www.fcnl.org/issues/budget/congress_continues_the_story_with_a_continuing_resolution