

FEDERAL BUDGET AS A MORAL ISSUE

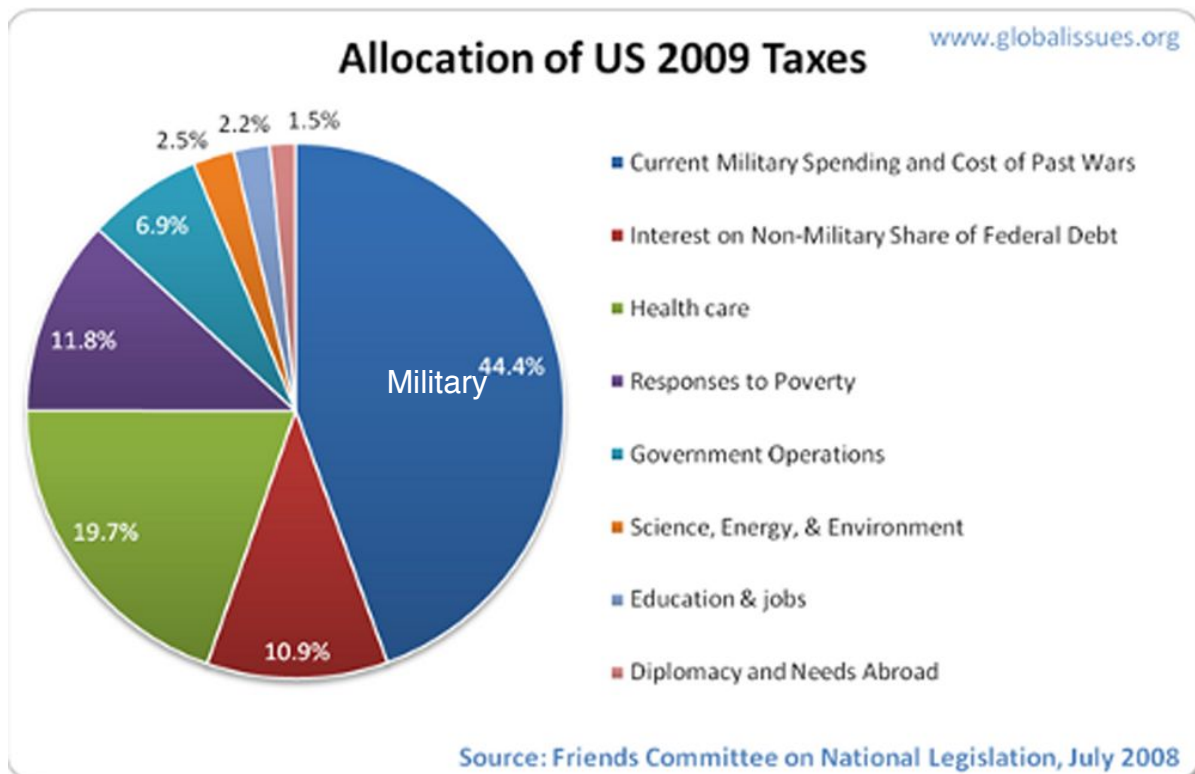
BUDGETS HAVE CONSEQUENCES

Consider the words of Jesus as recorded in Luke 12:34 “Where your treasure is so is your heart.”

Please scroll down to read Matthew 25: 37-40, analyze the allocation of federal taxes (treasure) pie chart, read Dwight D. Eisenhower’s paraphrase of Matthew with his prescient warning of the consequences of the Military- Industrial Complex, consider the sacred cow cartoon. Then ask.

What would Jesus cut?

Lord, when did we see hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you? And the Lord will answer, “I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to the least of [this family] of mine, you did it to me.” (*Matthew 25:37-40*)



Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed. This world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children...This is not a way of life at all, in any true sense. Under the cloud of threatening war, it is humanity hanging from a cross of iron.

(Dwight D. Eisenhower, April 16, 1953)



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