

Pentagon Spending and Deficit Reduction

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How Much Since 9/11?

\$7.6 Trillion

\$7,600,000,000,000,000

PENTAGON: \$5.6 Trillion

WARS: \$1.36 Trillion

HOMELAND SECURITY: \$636 Billion

Pentagon “Base” Budget

\$5.6 Trillion

2000: \$303 billion

2011: \$545 billion

Increase: \$242 billion

Up 80%, 43% adjusted for inflation

Nuclear weapons: \$230 billion

Up from \$12.4B to \$19B, up 21%

Costs of War

\$1.36 Trillion

Iraq: \$869 billion

Afghanistan: \$488 billion

War costs are exempt from deficit deals

Homeland Security

\$636 Billion

2000: \$16 billion

2011: \$69 billion

Up 301 percent

Total Without Pentagon: \$472 billion

Budget Control Act of 2011

- ◆ Raises Debt Ceiling by \$900 Billion Instantly (\$2.1 trillion total)
- ◆ Requires \$917 billion in discretionary spending savings through caps in 2012/2013 and then cuts – Security Vs. Non-Security
- ◆ Creates a “Super Commission” of 12 Members of Congress and Senators
- ◆ \$1.2 Trillion to \$1.5 Trillion in **Deficit Reduction**
- ◆ Anything less than \$1.2 Trillion = **Sequestration**

Security Vs. Non-Security

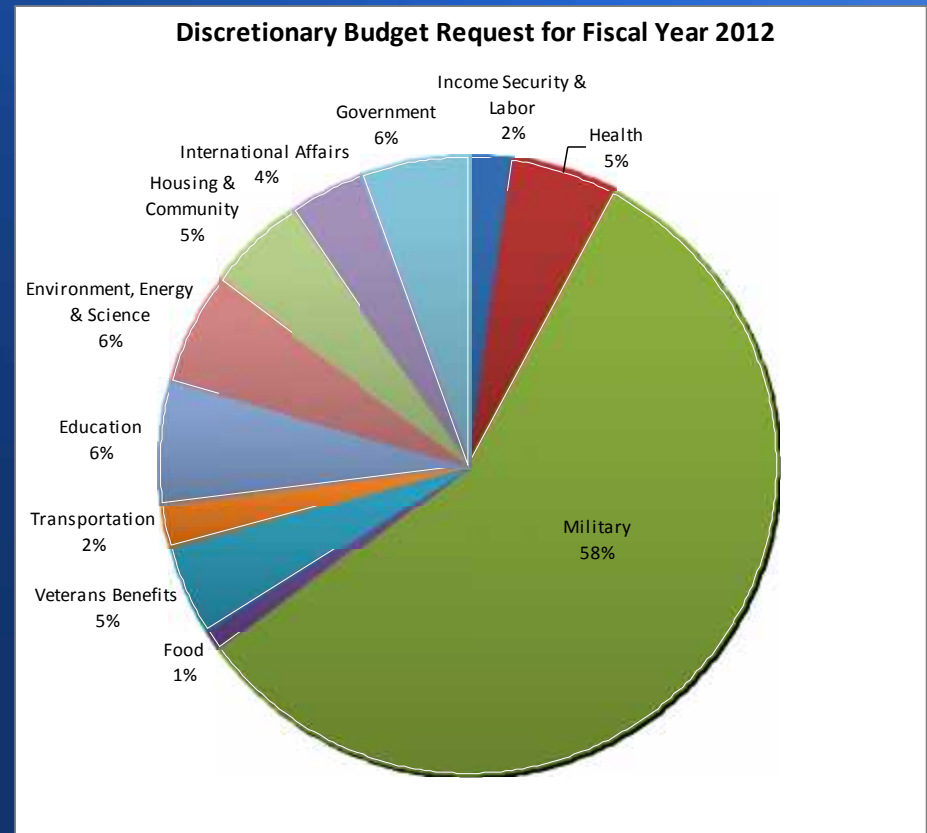
- ◆ Security – Pentagon, Homeland Security, International Affairs, Veterans Benefits
- ◆ The Rest – Education, Transportation, etc.
- ◆ Caps in 2012/2013

Sequestration

- ◆ If Committee recommends (and Congress approves) anything less than \$1.2 trillion
- ◆ Cuts split 50/50 between “Defense” and “Non-Defense”
- ◆ Sequestration is ONLY cuts, no revenues, no entitlement reform

Sequestration & “50/50?”

- ◆ Sequestration is only cuts
- ◆ The cuts are NOT “50/50”
- ◆ Bigger impact on Non-Defense



What's the Endgame?

- ◆ A Deal Congress Can Live With – Up/Down Vote, No Filibustering
- ◆ Sequestration
- ◆ A Third Option???

Thank you!

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