

Understanding the Pentagon Budget



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Quick Facts About Pentagon Spending

- ◆ Sequestration cuts discretionary spending to reduce the deficit. The military accounts for over half of all discretionary spending (57%)
- ◆ Military spending has grown by 35% since 2002, 48% if you include war costs. Domestic discretionary spending grew by only 8% over that period
- ◆ Despite a very modest 2.6% decrease projected in FY2013 – the first in over a decade – Pentagon spending will continue to grow over the next five years
- ◆ U.S. military spending accounts for 43% of the global total, 5 times more than China, the second largest
- ◆ A \$1 billion federal investment in health care would create 2.4 times more jobs than investing it in the Pentagon
- ◆ Cutting Pentagon spending will not affect veterans' benefits

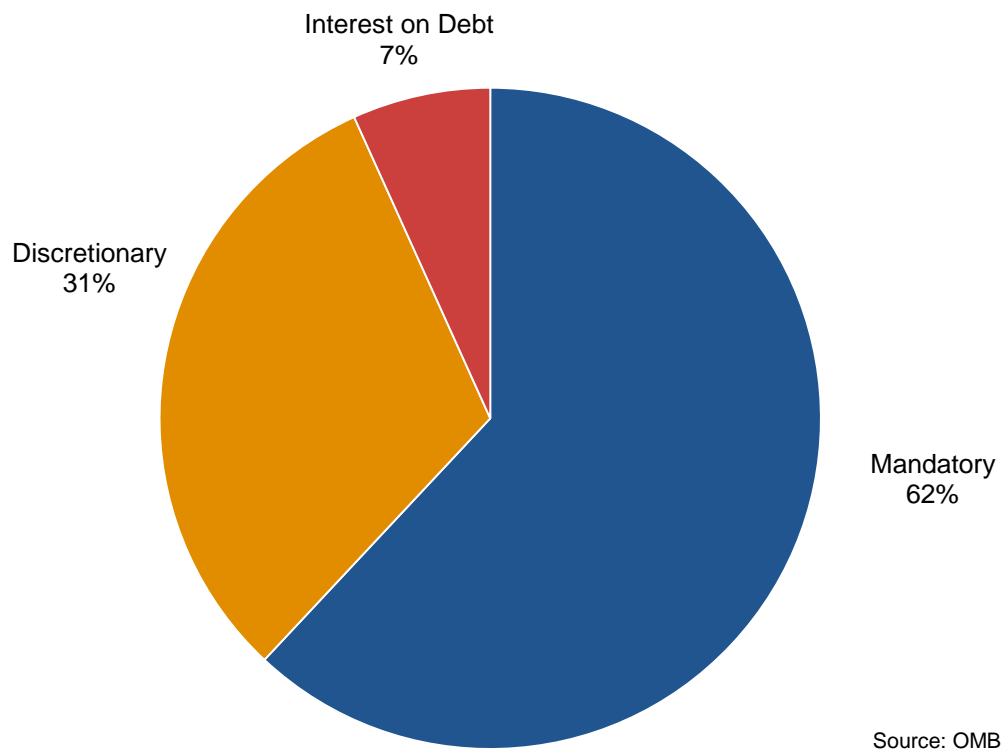
Discretionary vs. Mandatory

FY2013 Total Request – \$3.7 Trillion

Discretionary Spending:

Energy, Environment, Science, Military, Education

Funding determined on an annual basis



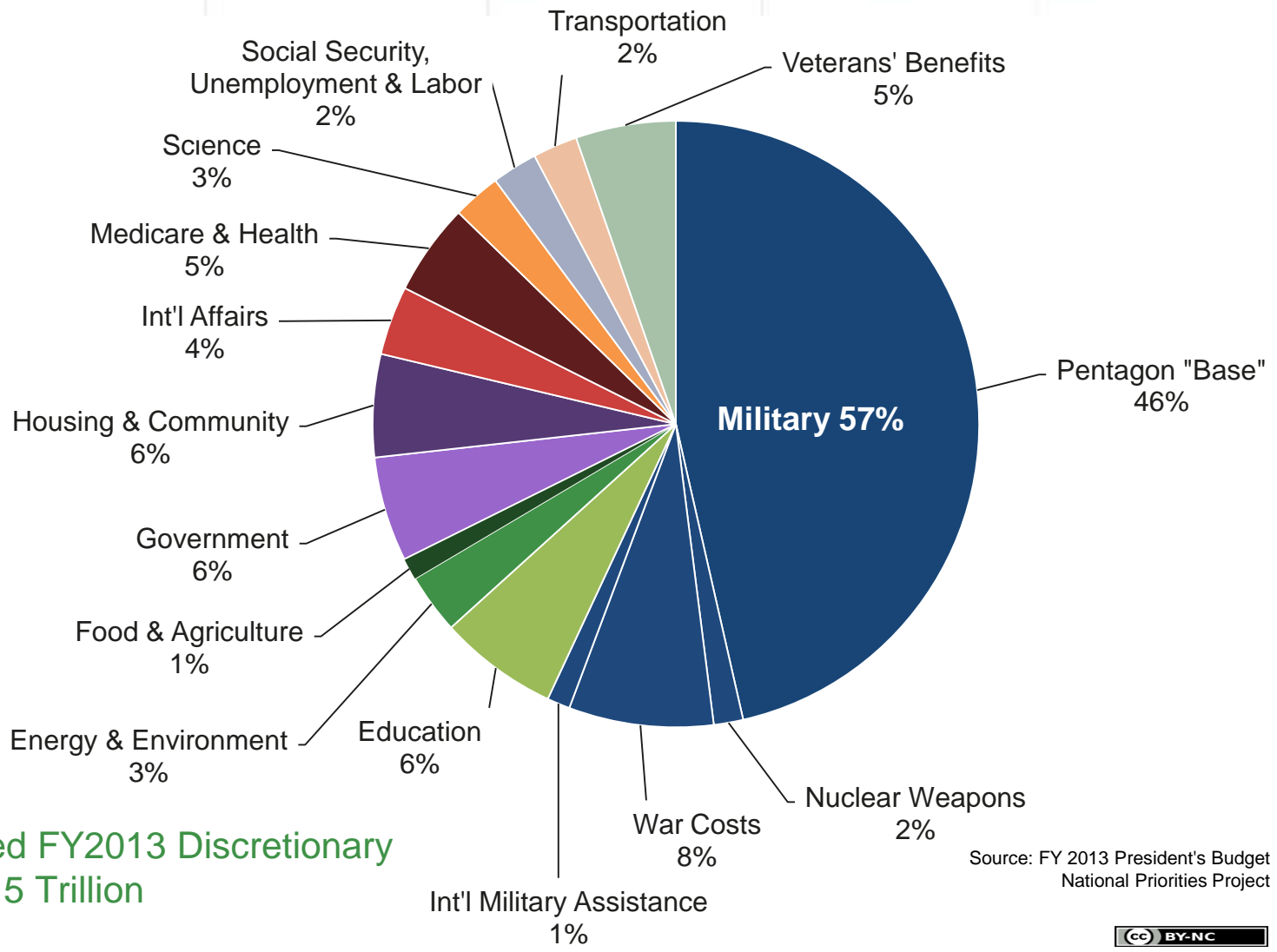
Mandatory Spending:

Social Security, Medicaid, Medicare, Food Stamps, CHIP

Funding is need-based & non-negotiable

Source: OMB

Why is the Discretionary budget important to you?

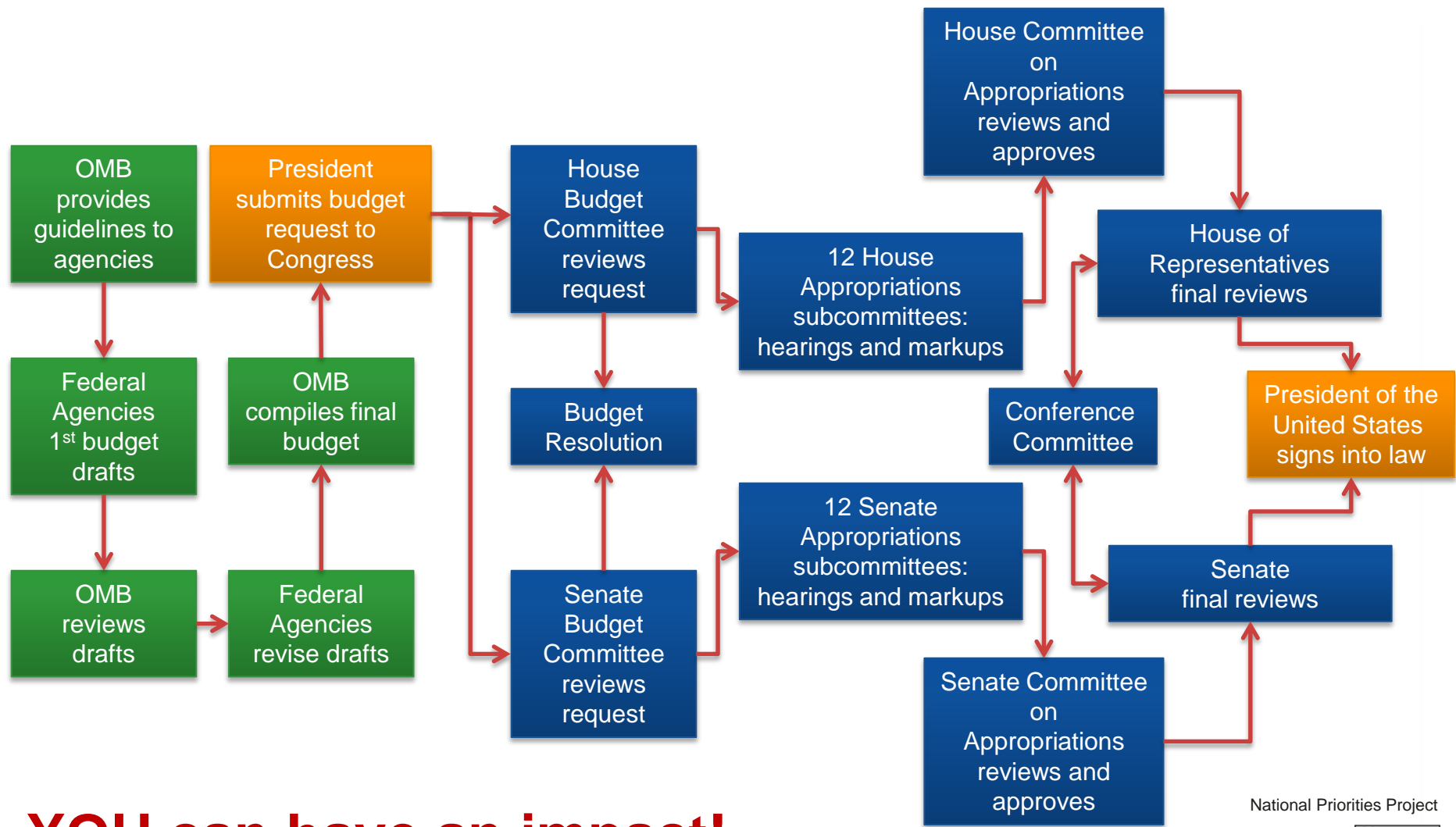


Total Requested FY2013 Discretionary Spending: \$1.15 Trillion

Source: FY 2013 President's Budget
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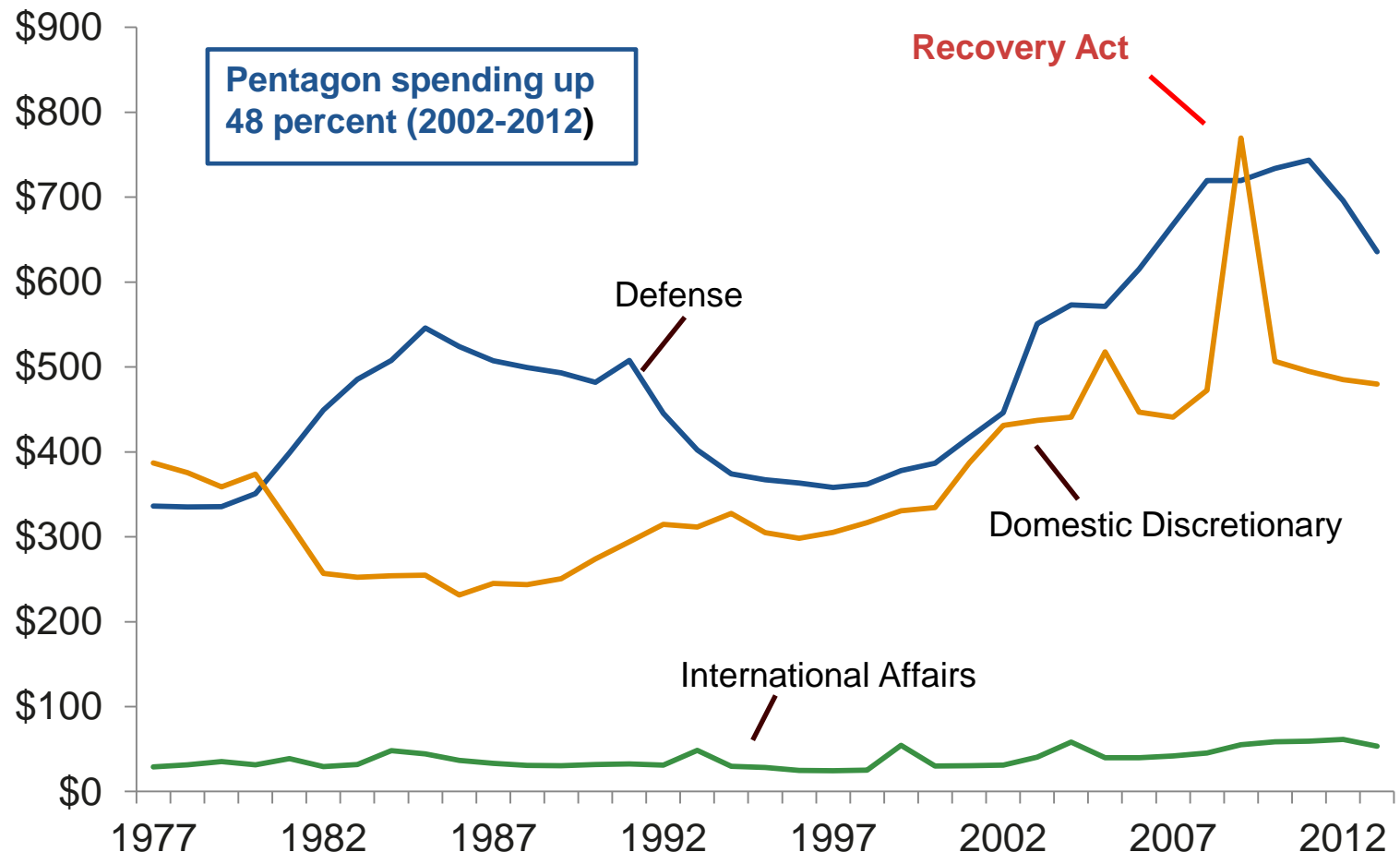
Putting It All Together



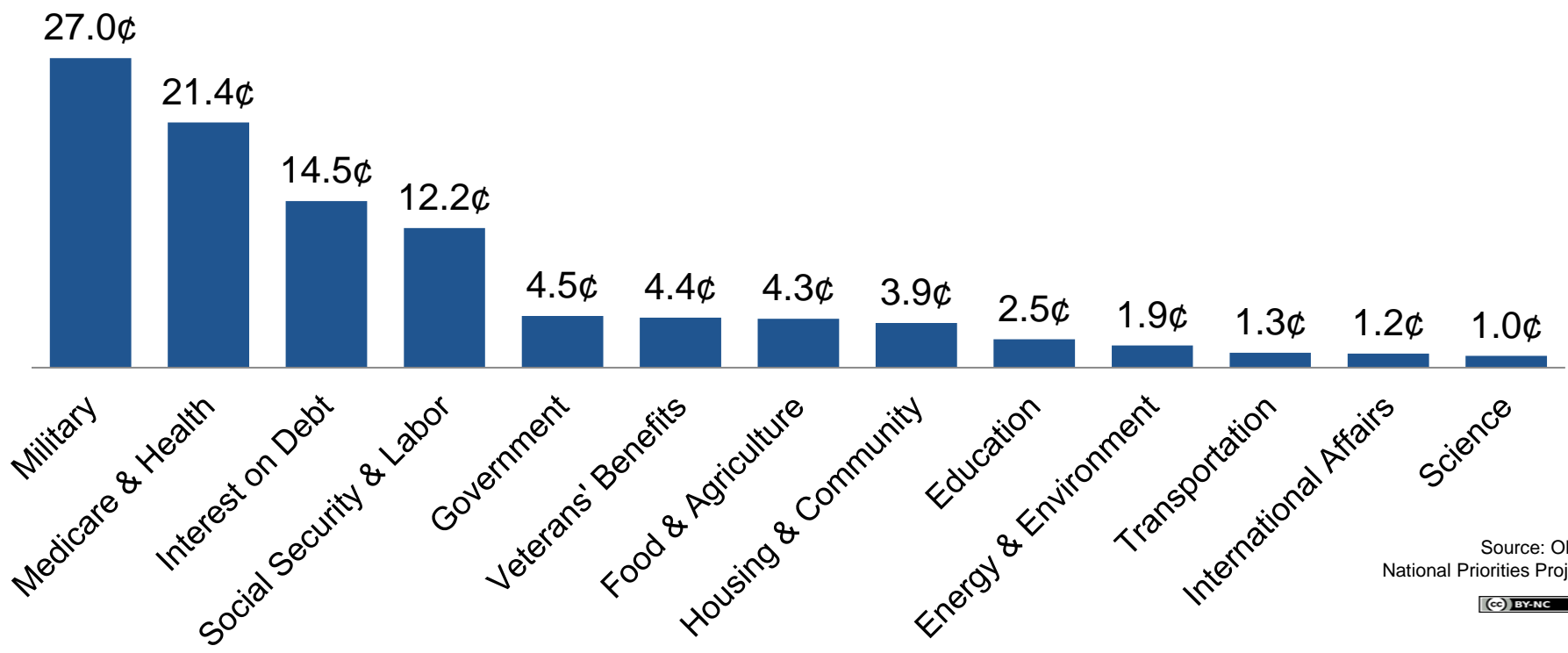
YOU can have an impact!

Impact: Discretionary Budget Crossroads

(In Billions of FY2013 Dollars)



Where Your 2011 Federal Income Tax Dollar Went

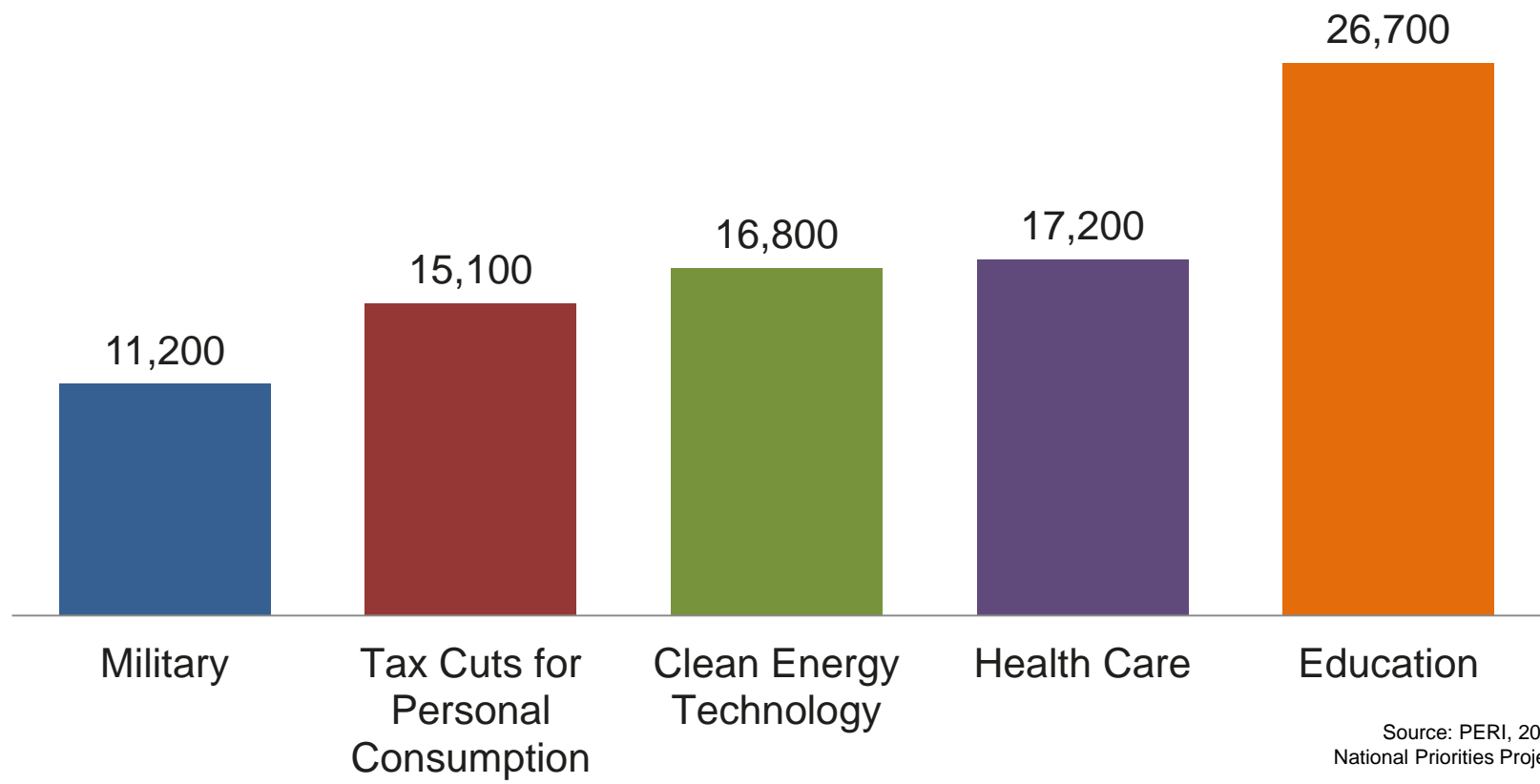


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Impact: Employment

What does \$1 billion get us in terms of jobs?

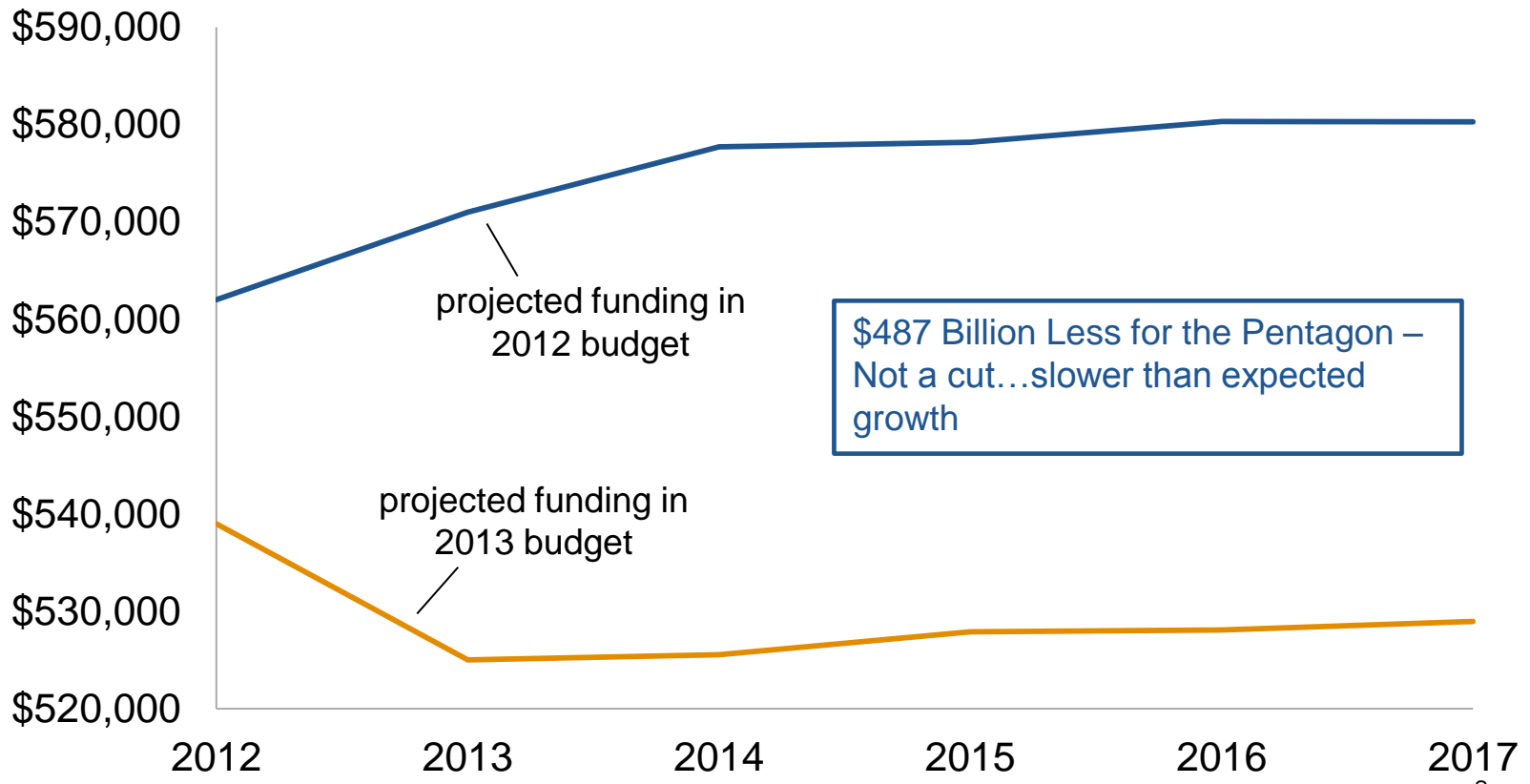


Source: PERI, 2011
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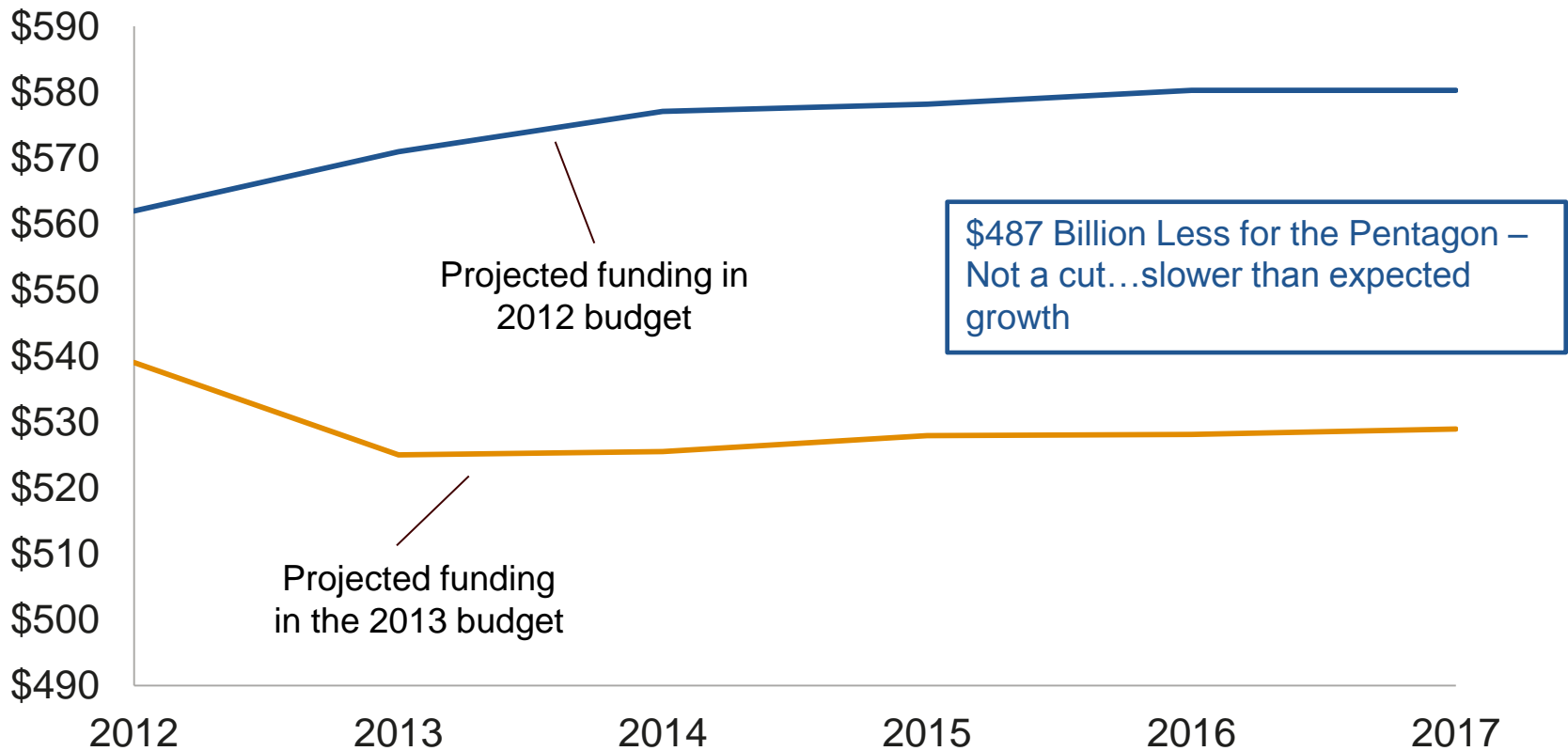
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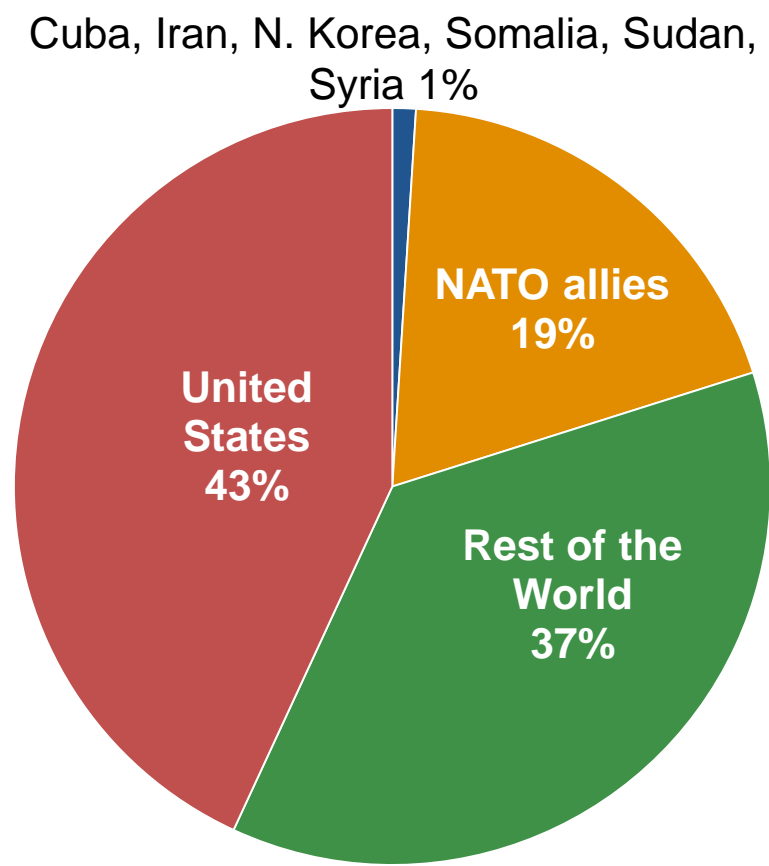
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Source: Budget of the United States Government, Fiscal Year 2012
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U.S. Military Spending vs. the World 2011



Source: SIPRI
National Priorities Project



How much Security Spending since 9/11? (FY2001-2011)

\$7,600,000,000,000

- ◆ Wars: \$1.38 trillion
- ◆ Pentagon: \$5.6 trillion **43% increase**
- ◆ Homeland Security: \$472.1 billion **301% increase**
- ◆ Nuclear Weapons: \$230.3 billion **21% increase**

Impact on Security: Sensibly Saving \$1 trillion



- ◆ Reduce number of nuclear weapons

\$194 billion

- ◆ Cancel Cold War and ill-performing weapons research, development and procurement

\$139 billion

- ◆ Reduce active-duty troops in Europe & Asia & similar cuts in Air Force and Navy

\$394 billion

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