

We have a unique opening for change in this country offered by the dramatic shifts in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe. The Cold War era has ended, and almost everyone is talking about cutting military spending. But instead of seriously considering these cuts, troops are increasingly being deployed in regional conflicts, like Panama and the Persian Gulf. This shift in emphasis not only fuels regional crises and instability, but diverts attention from the desperate need for major military cuts.

In the U.S., as in the Soviet Union, the traditional way of doing things doesn't work anymore. We all see signs of it. Basic health care is beyond the reach of millions of citizens. Housing programs have been slashed, and our streets are crowded with homeless and desperate people. Lack of funds for education has resulted in crowded classrooms, children who cannot read, and students who cannot attend college for lack of grants and loans.

And still our tax dollars are buying Trident submarines, space weapons, cruise missiles, and Stealth bombers. We don't hear our leadership calling for an end to military spending and the creation of a new national security that is not based on armies and tanks. Instead we hear talk of



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drug wars, protecting bases overseas, and rapid response forces.

Now is the time for massive cuts in the military budget. The **Alternative Revenue Service (ARS)** calls for new priorities and a shift in thinking away from a militarized society. The ARS focuses attention on how our federal tax dollars are spent—and how we can have more control over them.

Our Goals Are:

- To create a demand for dramatic cuts in military spending: 50-75% in five years, aiming for total disarmament in the U.S.;
- To demand that cuts in military spending provide funding for education, jobs, housing, health care, environment, and other areas of social spending;
- To increase public debate about U.S. foreign policy, national security, and conversion;
- To shift military-related research and development funds to research and development of nonviolent conflict resolution and alternative defense strategies;
- To encourage people who do not believe in high military spending to take control of some of their tax dollars.

When you fill out your 1040EZ approximately 35% of the money you pay goes directly to the already bloated military budget. On top of this, another 25% finances other military-related expenditure—including the enormous National Debt. Combined, that's over 50% of your tax dollars. If that's more than you want to spend for "security," then this year use the ARS's EZ PEACE form—it helps you redirect your taxes from areas of military to social spending. Order a copy now and file early for peace! ARS, 339 LAFAYETTE ST., NY, NY 10012, 1-800-955-PEACE (1-800-955-7322)

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☐ \$500 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$100

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☐ I wish to endorse the ARS Campaign.

☐ Please send me _____ copies of the EZ PEACE form.

☐ Please send me more information on the ARS.

☐ Please send me the ARS local organizers packet (\$5 each, \$8 with poster).

☐ Please send me _____ copies of this brochure.

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The Alternative Revenue Service (ARS) is an action program and public education campaign designed to focus attention on how our federal tax money is spent—and how we can have more control over it. The ARS's EZ PEACE form calls attention to the disproportionate amount of federal taxes used to fund the military and helps individuals redirect a portion of their federal taxes from the military to social needs.