

"The problem in defense is how far you can go without destroying from within what you are trying to defend from without."

*Dwight D. Eisenhower,
1953*

Americans have known for years that nuclear war would unleash catastrophic destruction. But we are less aware that the arms race itself threatens human life, even if the weapons are never fired. Every dollar we spend preparing for the wars of tomorrow is a dollar we could have spent meeting the human needs of today. For this reason, it is essential that we restore the balance between our country's military defense spending and spending on vital programs in health, education, housing, jobs and the environment.

Each year the world spends \$900 billion on arms — nearly \$30,000 per second. And every second, a child is crippled or killed by an illness that could have been prevented with only a fraction of the resources now spent on the arms race.

The immediate costs of the arms race can be measured in hunger, homelessness, unemployment and illness.

52 % of Your
Federal
Income Tax
Dollar Goes
to the
Pentagon

Fiscal Year 1989

Source:
Jobs with Peace
Campaign

