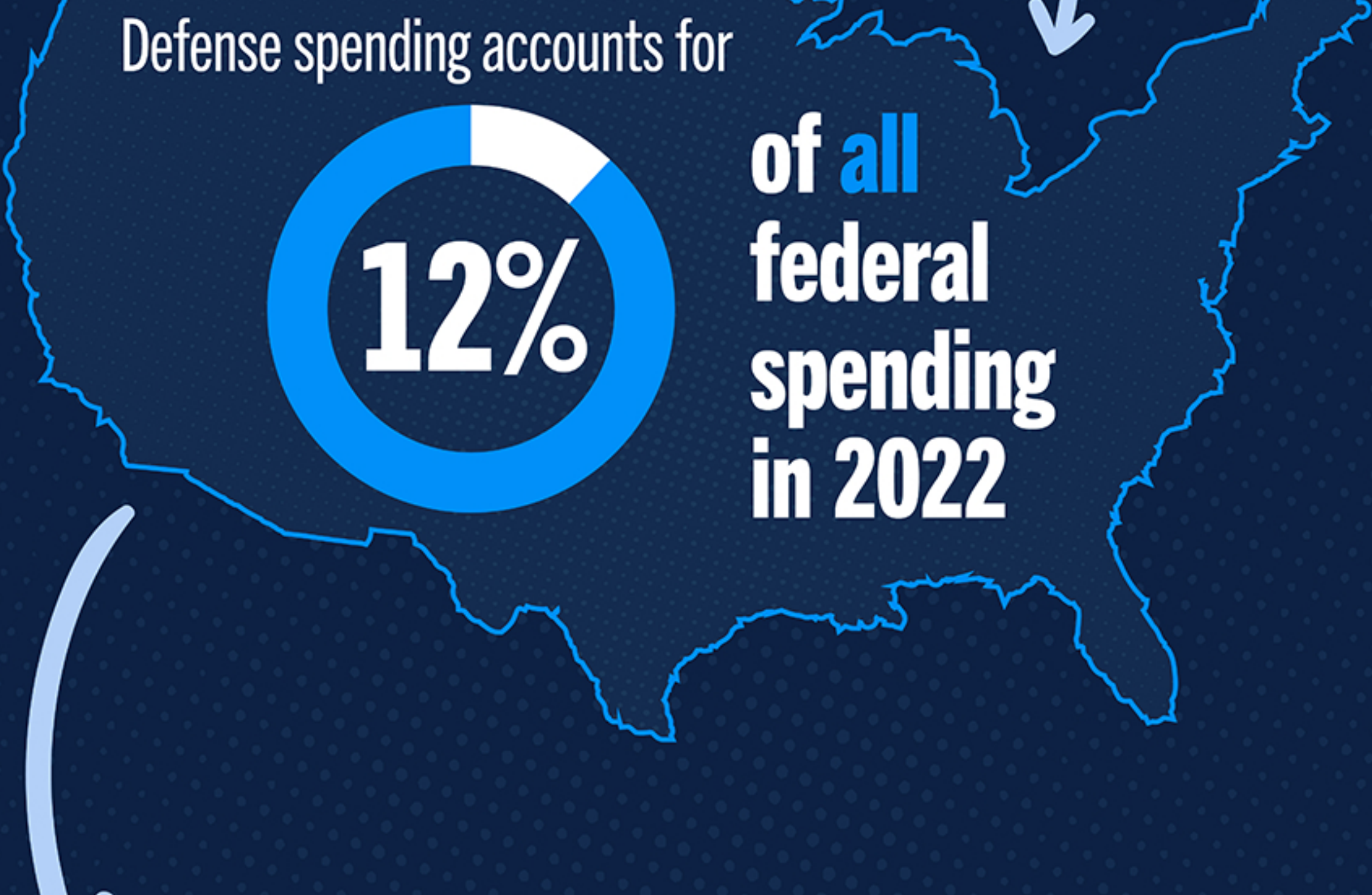




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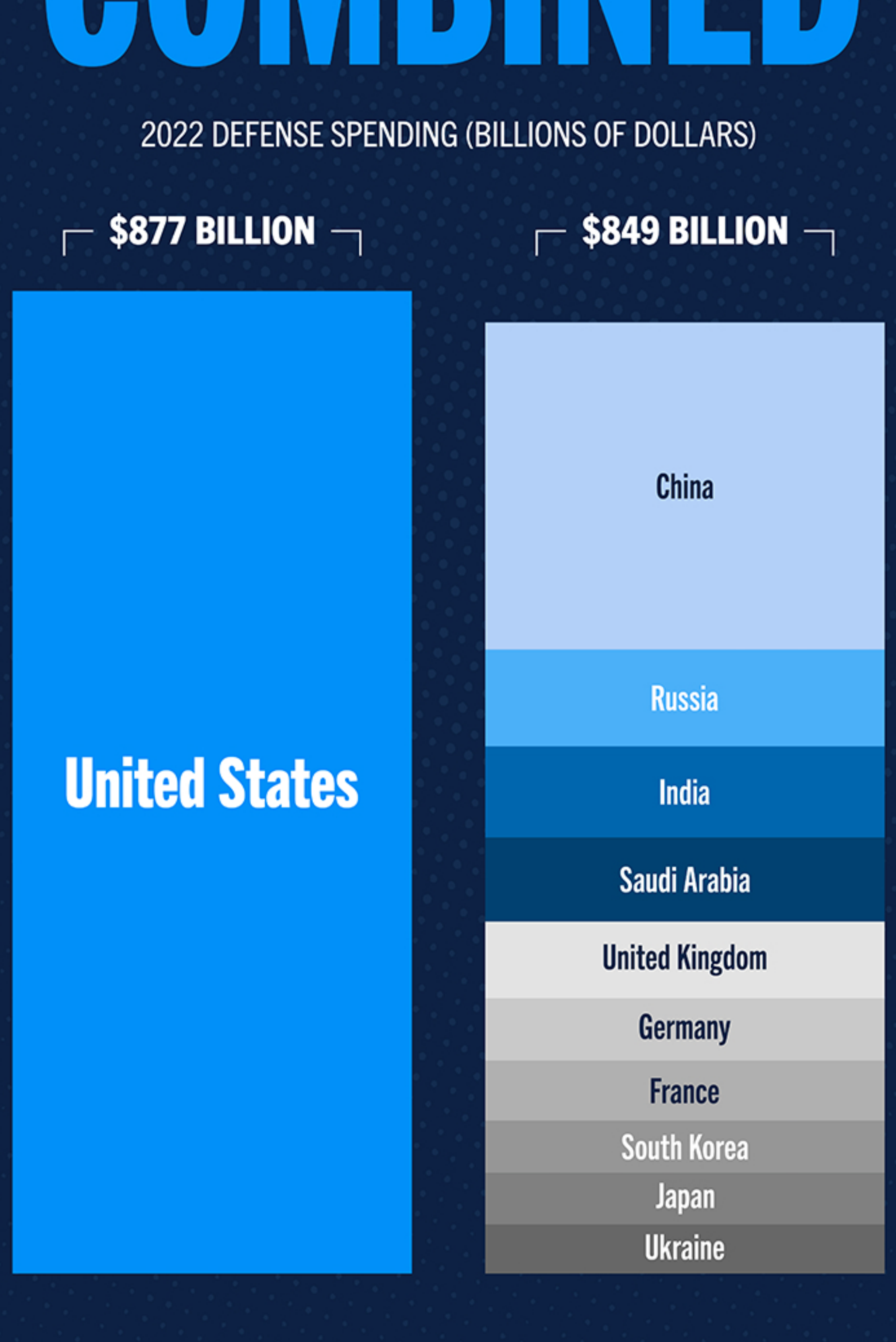
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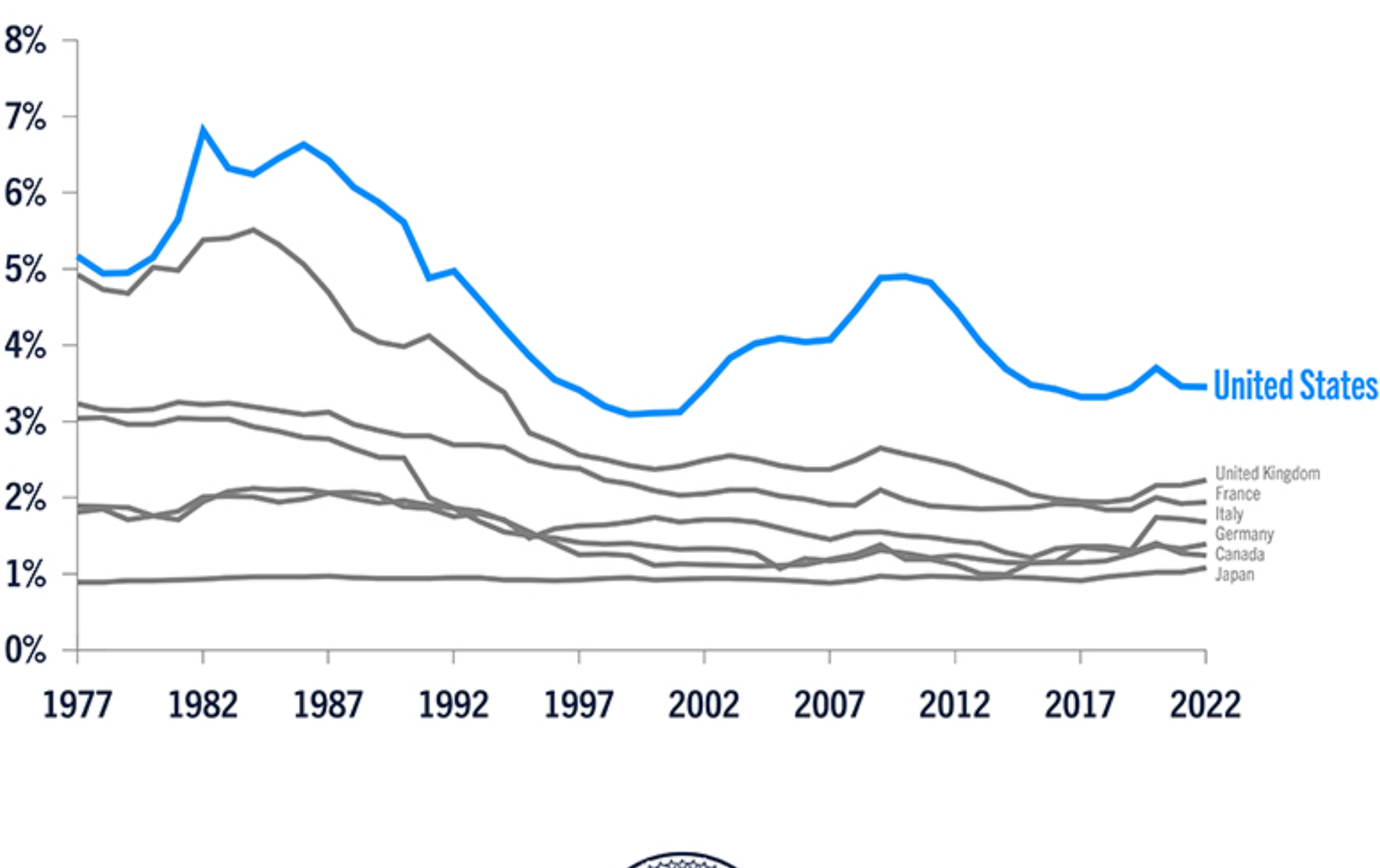
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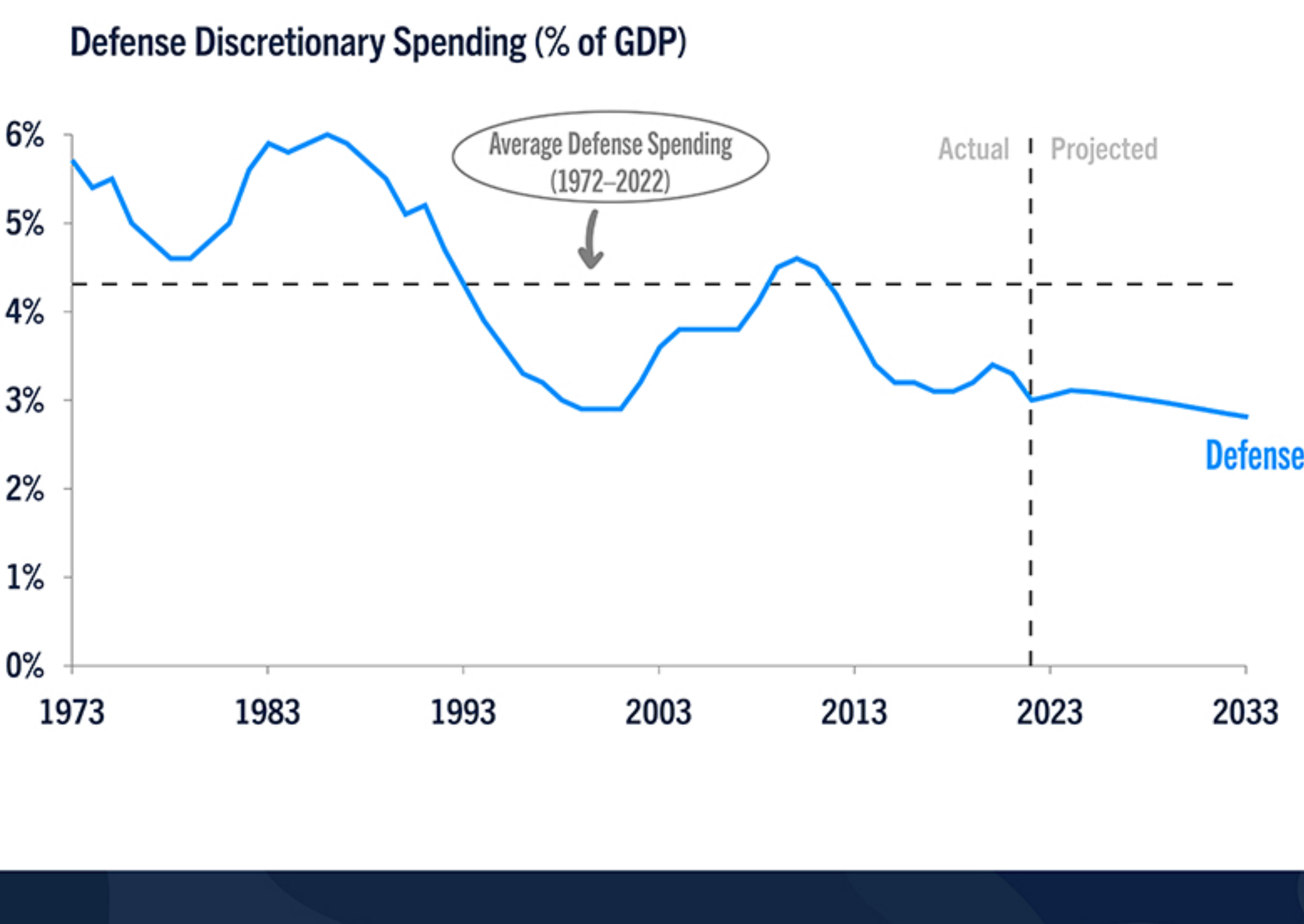
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The U.S. has historically devoted a larger share of its economy to defense than many of its key allies.



Nonetheless, total defense spending is currently below its historical average as a share of GDP and is projected to decline further.



“ Putting our debt on a sustainable course over the long term will lead to higher levels of economic growth, continued availability of resources to invest in our future, and a sustained leadership role for the United States in the world. ”

– The Coalition for Fiscal and National Security Chairman, Admiral Mike Mullen

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