National defense is a vital priority and a fundamental responsibility of the federal government. It is also a significant part of the federal budget.

Defense spending accounts for 12% of all federal spending in 2022.

AND IS THE SINGLE LARGEST CATEGORY OF DISCRETIONARY SPENDING.

The U.S. spends more on defense than the next 10 countries combined.

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.

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