THE FACTS ABOUT U.S. DEFENSE SPENDING

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 15% OF ALL FEDERAL SPENDING

And is the single largest category of discretionary spending.

The U.S. spends more on defense than the next 7 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 and is projected to decline further.

America’s fiscal and national security are closely linked.

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