

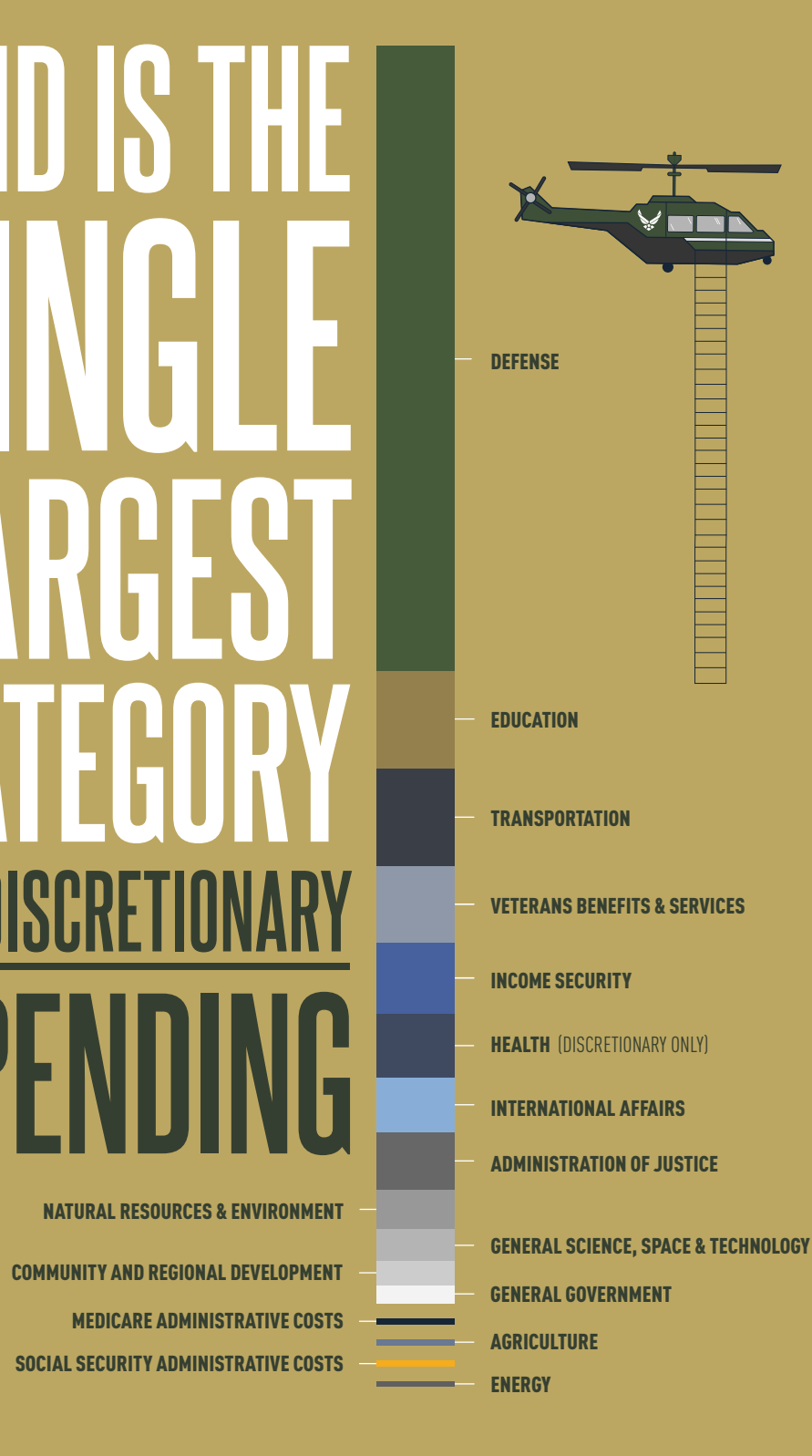
THE FACTS ABOUT U.S. DEFENSE SPENDING

NATIONAL DEFENSE IS A VITAL PRIORITY AND A FUNDAMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. IT IS ALSO A SIGNIFICANT PART OF THE FEDERAL BUDGET.

★ LET'S LOOK AT THE NUMBERS BEHIND OUR NATIONAL DEFENSE SPENDING ★

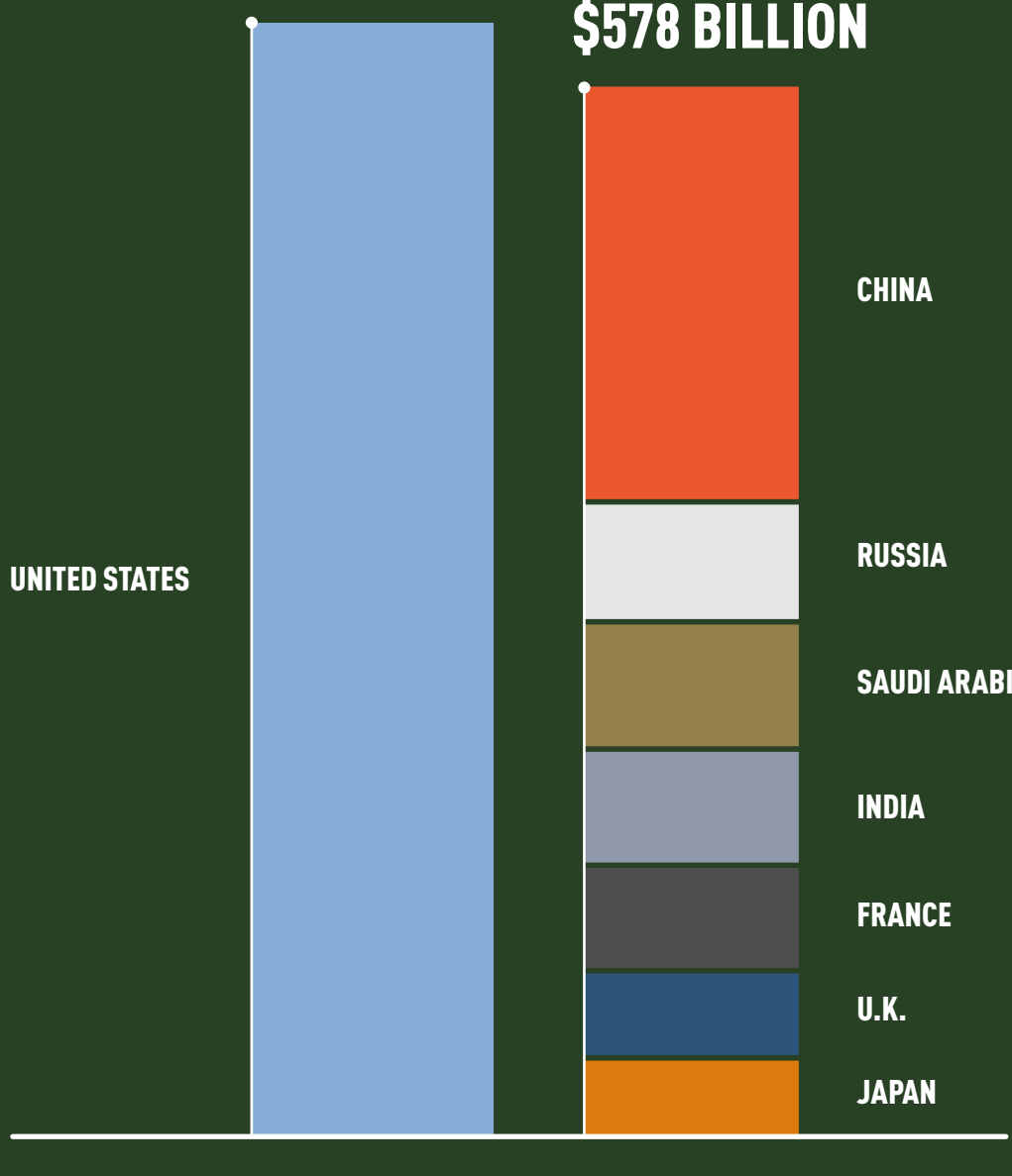
DEFENSE SPENDING ACCOUNTS FOR **15%** OF ALL FEDERAL SPENDING

AND IS THE SINGLE LARGEST CATEGORY OF DISCRETIONARY SPENDING

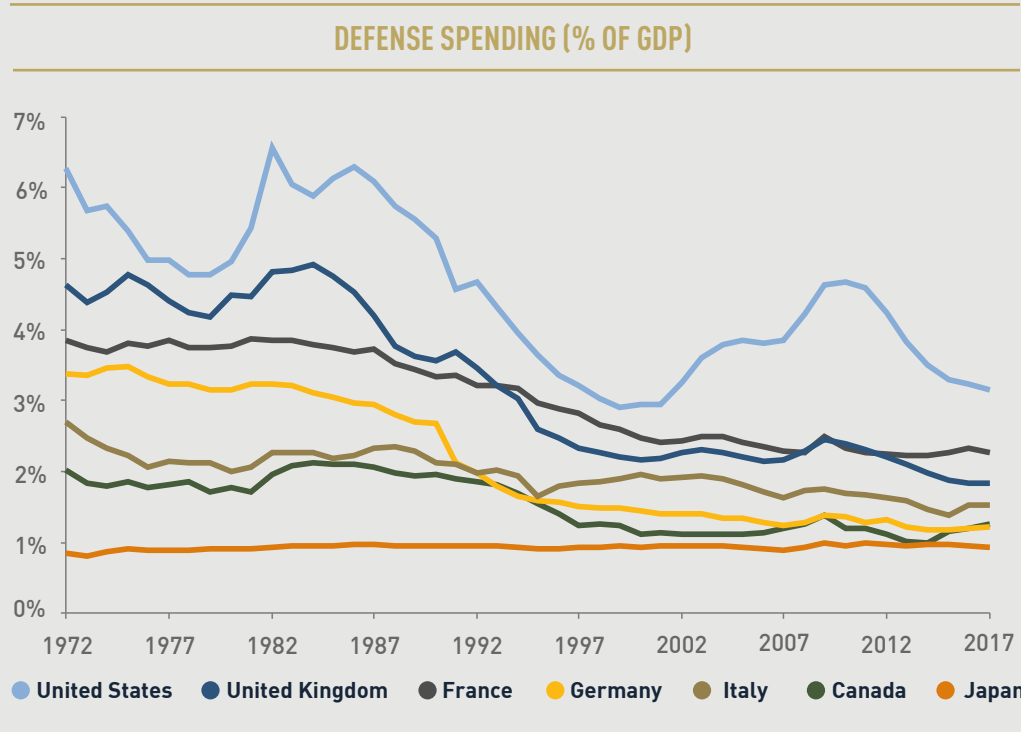


THE U.S. SPENDS MORE ON DEFENSE THAN THE NEXT 7 COUNTRIES COMBINED

★★★ 2017 DEFENSE SPENDING (BILLIONS OF DOLLARS) ★★★

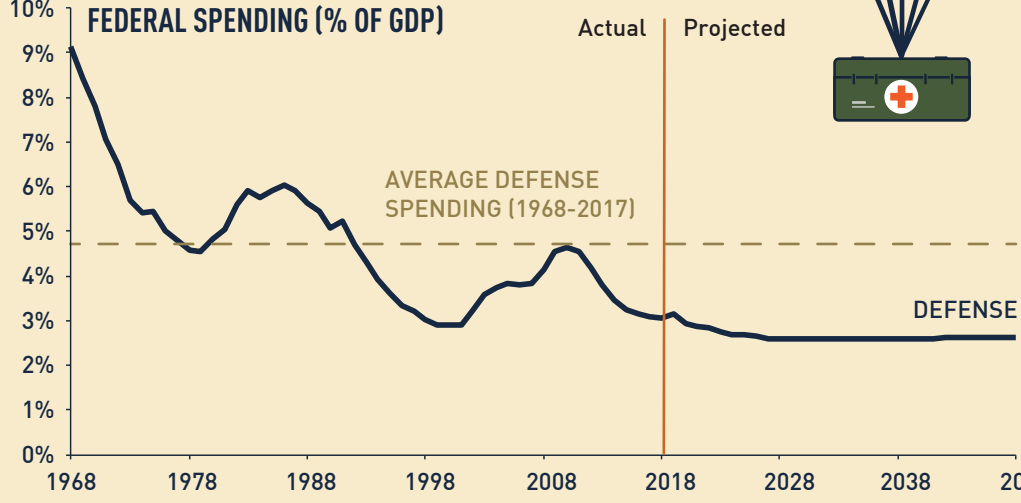


THE U.S. HAS HISTORICALLY DEVOTED A LARGER SHARE OF ITS ECONOMY TO DEFENSE THAN MANY OF ITS KEY ALLIES



NONETHELESS, TOTAL DEFENSE SPENDING IS CURRENTLY BELOW ITS HISTORICAL AVERAGE

AS A SHARE OF GDP AND IS PROJECTED TO DECLINE FURTHER



★ AMERICA'S FISCAL AND NATIONAL SECURITY ARE CLOSELY LINKED ★

“ 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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