

# NATIONAL PRIORITIES PROJECT 2015 At a Glance

## Building a federal budget that works for all



- In partnership with Americans for Tax Fairness and the National Women's Law Center, we released a ground-breaking report that tracks how anti-poverty programs like WIC, Head Start, Title I, and low-income housing assistance would be affected in each of the 50 states under the Congressional Republican's budget proposal to cut \$496 billion in domestic programs.
- Our Competing Visions 2015 analysis, comparing Republican, Democrat, and Progressive budget proposals, was cited in dozens of media outlets, including an opinion piece in *The Hill* authored by U.S. Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL).
- NETWORK Lobby used our budget data and infographics in support of advocacy for the Faithful Budget, a blueprint for federal spending grounded in justice and equality.
- We hosted three webinars on the President's 2016 budget proposal, competing budget proposals, and Tax Day, providing direct education to more than 100 individual and organization participants.
- Sen. Chris Murphy's (D-CT) staff used our numbers to bolster the Senator's new progressive foreign policy agenda. And our research has been called "phenomenal" by aides in the office of Rep. Raul Grijalva (D-AZ), the leader of the Congressional Progressive Caucus.
- Our research team spoke to hundreds of people at several events around the nation, such as the International Conference on Participatory Budgeting & a meeting of the legislators of the Women Legislator's Lobby and Women's Action for New Directions.
- NPP's data was used in a joint petition campaign asking Congress to support budget priorities that reflect what Americans want – and more than 70,000 citizen letters were delivered to Congress before lawmakers voted on a budget resolution.
- We filmed 8 new videos on key areas of the federal budget and published 100 posts to our Budget Matters blog.
- We partnered with Win Without War to collect over 20,000 signatures petitioning Congress to reject the Pentagon's 2016 slush fund budget.



## Working for peace

- We debuted a new Cost of Pentagon Slush Fund counter, tracking the dollars spent per hour this year on war overseas.
- Our Cost of Military Action Against ISIS counter has been used widely within the peace and security community, including by partners such as Win Without War, FCNL, AFSC, CodePink, WAND, the Center for International Policy, and Peace Action.
- Our signature trade-offs tool now includes the ability to trade-off the cost of the Pentagon Slush Fund, military action against ISIS, and 1% of the Department of Defense budget.
- In partnership with Peace Action, we conducted several trainings around the country focused on "Move the Money" from the Pentagon to communities. We provided localized resources for community organizers to build movements around reducing Pentagon spending.

### Information is power

**\$5.8 billion**

Amount spent on military action against ISIS since June 2014

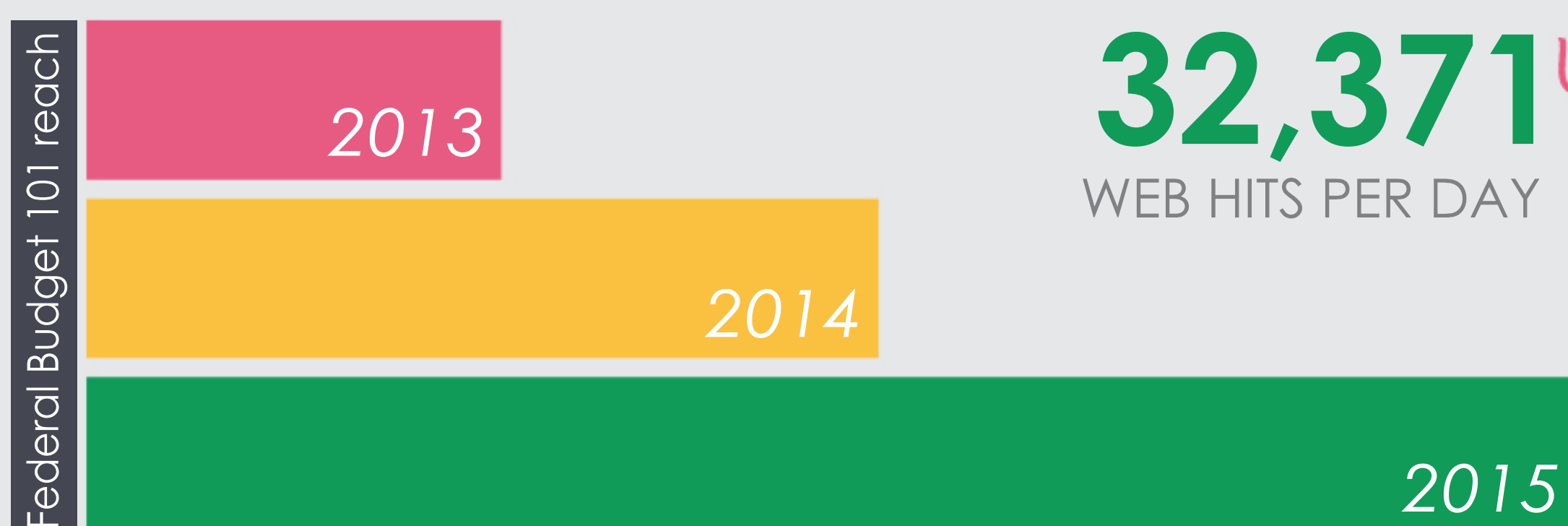
**\$3.4 million**

Per-hour cost of the Pentagon Slush Fund since 2001

**\$1.6 trillion**

Total cost of wars since 2001

## 2015 usage skyrocketed



**32,371**

WEB HITS PER DAY



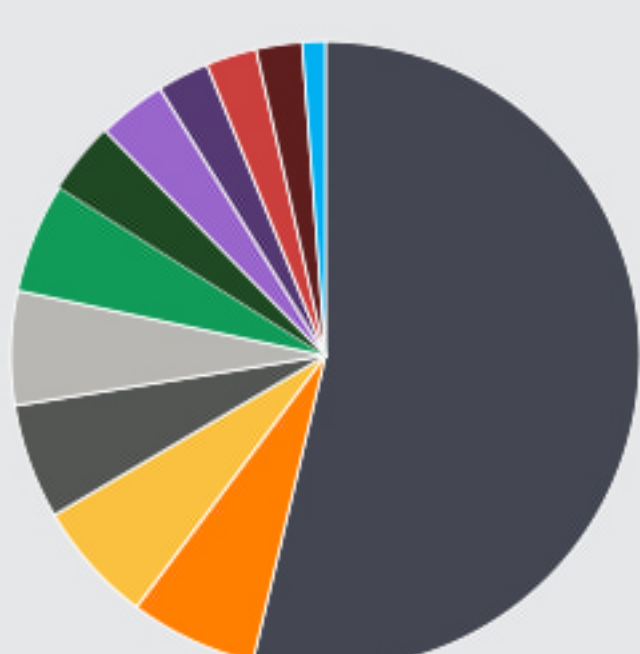
**7.1 million**

Twitter users reached during #TaxChat with Moms Rising, Americans for Tax Fairness, & National Women's Law Center



**9.1 million**

Twitter users reached during #StopTheCuts tweetchat with CHN, MomsRising, Children's Defense Fund, FRAC, MoveOn, & NETWORK Lobby



**1.7 million**

Facebook users who saw our pie chart depicting U.S. discretionary spending



**Over 1,000**

Articles citing NPP data. Outlets include BBC World, CNN Money, Fox Business & the Washington Post

## NPP works for our constituents

We really appreciate the work of NPP and have cited your research in a number of our publications.

--Patrick Guyer, Social Science Research Council



I can always count on @natpriorities. Love the work you all do. Thanks for your commitment to real people.

--Tiffany Dena Loftin via Twitter

When it comes to educating oneself about the federal budget, NPP is a must-follow organization...their importance to an educated citizenry can't be overstated.

--Rick Widen via Facebook



Worth both time and money to follow--best overall explanation of the national budget I have found.

--James R. Richburg via Facebook