

## Trump & GOP Stack the Deck Against Struggling Americans to Build a War and Mass Deportation Machine

The Republican-controlled House and Senate have both passed FY 2025 budget resolutions, the first step in the [budget reconciliation process](#). Both budgets would increase spending for the Pentagon, mass deportations, and war profiteers by **\$300-\$325 billion**. The House resolution also includes up to \$2 trillion in cuts to health insurance, food aid and other services for struggling families, while providing [\\$4.5 trillion](#) in tax giveaways for corporations and the ultra-wealthy.

### **\$100-\$150 Billion Topline Increase for the Pentagon**

- The House GOP [budget resolution](#), which Trump [endorsed](#), adds \$100 billion to the Pentagon’s near trillion-dollar annual budget over the next decade, though the new spending could be concentrated in fewer years. The Senate GOP [resolution](#) green-lighted a minimum \$150 billion increase for the Pentagon to be spent [over four years](#). Both increases come in the context of executive orders and actions setting a [dangerous new precedent](#) allowing domestic use of the military to facilitate mass deportations and detentions.

### **\$175-\$200 Billion Topline Increase for Mass Deportation and Detention**

- The [House resolution](#) contains a \$200 billion increase for mass deportations, detentions and border militarization over the next decade, though the spending could be concentrated in fewer years. The [Senate resolution](#) contains at least \$175 billion more [over four years](#).

The GOP’s Militarized FY 2025 Budget Resolutions				
	Senate		House	
	Committees	Budget Instruction	Committees	Budget Instruction
<i>Mass Deportation, Detention &amp; Family Separations</i>	Homeland Security & Gov’t Affairs	+ \$175 Billion	Homeland Security	+ \$90 Billion
	Judiciary	+ \$175 Billion	Judiciary	+ \$110 Billion
<i>Pentagon, Weapons &amp; War</i>	Armed Services	+ \$150 Billion	Armed Services	+ \$100 Billion
<b>Militarized Spending</b>	<b>Senate increase</b>	<b>\$325 Billion<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>House increase</b>	<b>\$300 Billion</b>

**The GOP’s extreme increases in militarized spending - at the expense of working people and the planet - will make us all less secure.** There are no militarized solutions to the greatest challenges plaguing American communities and workers. In fact, data show that high levels of military spending actually [worsens](#) economic inequality (which [erodes democracy](#)), exacerbates racialized [police violence](#), [fuels](#) the [climate crisis](#) (increasing the likelihood of [pandemics](#)), and [crowds out](#) funding for education and public programs that [effectively prevent](#) crime and improve health and education outcomes. House and Senate Republicans must still work out their [differences](#), and activists can still work to change these priorities.

<sup>1</sup> The [Senate budget resolution](#) instructs both the Homeland Security and Gov’t Affairs and Judiciary committees to increase spending by as much as \$175 billion each. However, reports indicate this amount is to be shared between the two committees, as both have jurisdiction in matters related to the border and deportations. Therefore, we combined the instructions to total \$175 billion intended for mass deportation and detention.

Key takeaways:

**Both House and Senate budget resolutions contain historic spending increases for war, weapons, and a disastrous mass deportation policy.**

- The U.S. already spends more than a [trillion dollars](#) on the war machine and domestic militarization each year. The Pentagon and war machine budget is already more than the next [eight](#) countries combined, despite many years of the Pentagon failing to account for [trillions](#) of dollars in assets.
- Congress authorized a record [\\$29 billion](#) for immigration enforcement and border militarization in FY 2024. The MAGA budgets are set to more than [double](#) this amount, doubling down on a cruel and ineffective policy that breaks apart immigrant families and communities.
- There are multiple [proposals](#) for sensible Pentagon [budget cuts](#) that would make our world and country safer and free up critical resources for other needs. Rather than consider those cuts, the Trump administration plans to [shift funding](#) from Pentagon programs, including those aimed at DEI (diversity, equity and inclusion) and the Pentagon's [climate costs](#), towards those “aligned with President Trump's priorities.”

**Militarized budget increases are directly tied to cuts for critical human needs.**

- To offset these budget increases and [\\$4.5 trillion](#) in tax cuts for the ultra-wealthy, the House resolution requires at least [\\$1.5-2 trillion](#) in spending cuts to critical public services.
- At-risk programs include Medicaid, which provides health insurance for [72 million](#) low-income adults and children, food assistance programs including SNAP (food stamps) which serves [40 million people](#), as well as school lunch programs, [student loan forgiveness, and higher education access](#).
- Federal funding is already heavily [skewed](#) towards [militarization](#). For example, in FY2023 the average U.S. taxpayer [paid](#) \$516 towards K-12 education vs. \$3,719 for the Pentagon war machine, including \$1,748 for Pentagon contractors. (*Learn more about what your tax dollars pay for [here](#).*)

**Alternative investments that build a more secure and equitable society are necessary and possible.**

- There are alternate [proposals](#) for immigration [approaches](#) that recognize the dignity and worth of all people and the contributions of all immigrants to our society.
- See our [previous analysis](#) on how policymakers could support affordable housing, substance use disorder treatment, healthcare for children, and early childcare - all for the cost of the Senate's massive budget increase for war, weapons, and mass deportation.
- Instead of a \$300 billion increase for militarization, policymakers could:
  - **Provide two years of Medicaid/CHIP health insurance** for the 21 million adults and 4 million children who were uninsured in 2023 (cost: [\\$233 billion](#)), OR
  - **Eliminate all medical debt**, which currently burdens 20 million Americans, nearly 1 in 12 adults across the country (cost: [\\$220 billion](#)), OR
  - **Build nation-wide high-speed rail** for faster, cleaner, and safer transportation to address the climate crisis and provide better access to jobs (cost: [\\$205 billion](#))