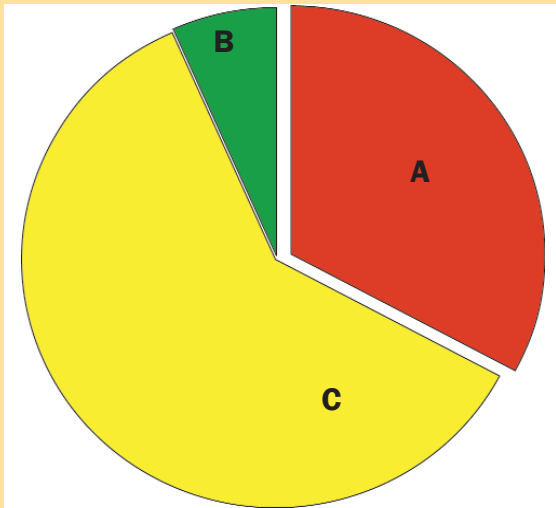


The Federal Budget

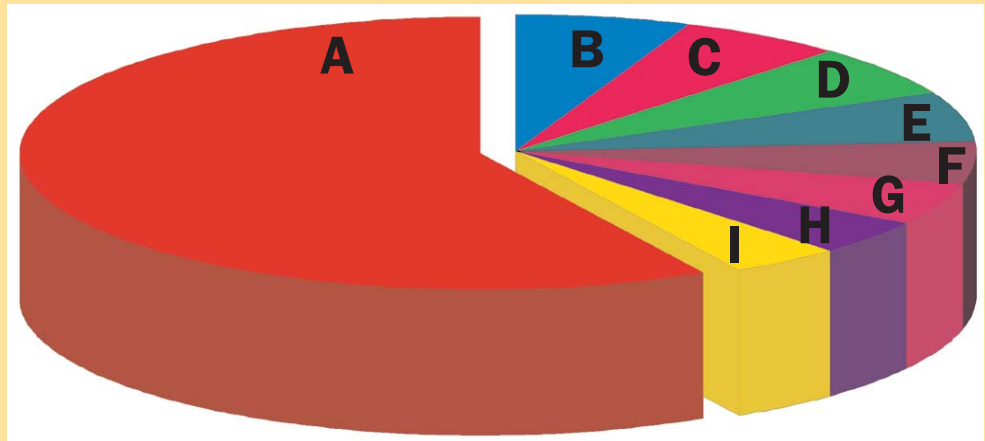
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Requested Total Budget FY2012 \$3.7 trillion



A Discretionary Spending \$1.242 Trillion	34%
B Interest on Debt \$242 billion	6%
C Mandatory Spending \$2.276 trillion Includes: Social Security (\$764 billion), Medicare (\$485 billion), Income Security (\$480), Health, Medicaid, CHIP (\$310 billion), And other mandatory spending across programs	60%

**Requested
Discretionary
Budget
FY2012
\$1.242 Trillion**



A Pentagon (\$696 billion) (Includes Iraq and Afghanistan wars, Atomic Energy Defense Activities and other defense activities)	56%
B Education, Training, Employment, & Social Services (\$103 billion)	8%
C Environment, Science, Agriculture, & Energy (\$ 79 billion)	6%
D Income and Social Security (\$72 billion)	6%
E Transportation, Community Development, & General Government (\$62 billion)	5%
F Health and Medicare (\$66 billion)	5%
G International (\$62 billion)	5%
H Veterans (\$59 billion)	5%
I Justice (\$45 billion)	4%

SOURCE: Office of Management and Budget Historical Tables, The President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2012 Table 5.6 Budget Authority for Discretionary Programs, Table 5.1 Budget Authority for Function and Subfunction: 1976-2016, Table 32-1 Current Services Budget Authority by Function, Category, and Program



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The Pieces of the Pie

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The first pie (on the top of the page) is the TOTAL Requested Budget for FY 2012 and includes:

A. Discretionary spending (about 34%), must be approved each year by Congressional vote.

B. Interest on national debt (6%).

C. Mandatory spending (about 60%), for existing programs that are not negotiated each year such as Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and pension programs.

The second pie, Requested Discretionary Spending, is the pie that Congress slices each year when it appropriates funds.

Here are sample ingredients that go into the different slices of the discretionary budget pie:

56%	39%	5%
<p>Military/Pentagon Spending 56% of discretionary spending and 19% of entire budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Department of Defense (\$553 billion): Operations & Maintenance; Procurement; Research; Military Construction. ● Overseas Contingency Operations - Wars in Iraq & Afghanistan (\$118 Billion): Approximately \$11 Billion for Iraq and \$117 Billion for Afghanistan. This is a placeholder request. ● Nuclear Weapons (\$18 Billion): Research, production, maintenance, cleanup, nonproliferation programs. ● Other Defense Activities (\$7 Billion): FBI and other. 	<p>Domestic Discretionary Spending 39% of discretionary spending and 13% of the entire budget <i>See pie slices B, C, D, E, F, H and I on the Discretionary Budget Pie.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Some specific examples of programs included: home heating assistance, Head START, community block grants, transportation projects, and much more. ● Proposed cuts and spending caps in this area will also cut from state contributions, adding pressure to already overburdened state budgets. 	<p>International 5% of discretionary spending and 2% of the entire budget</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Foreign Military ● Financing/Economic Support Fund ● HIV/AIDS ● State Department ● Development & Humanitarian Assistance

To learn more about the budget process and how Congress appropriates discretionary spending each year see the *All Our Dollars Action Guide*.

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SOURCE: Both pie charts use Budget Authority numbers. This is the allowance or allotment for spending in a particular year although actual obligations may arrive at different times. Office of Management and Budget Historical Tables, The President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2012, Table 5.6 Budget Authority for Discretionary Programs, Table 5.1 Budget Authority for Function and Subfunction: 1976-2016, Table 32-1 Current Services Budget Authority by Function, Category, and Program.

