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It’s tax season again. Do you think you pay too much in Federal income taxes? If you do, blame military spending.

Forty-five percent of Federal income taxes go to support military spending, according to the War Resisters League.

And of course that is way too much. Did you know that the U.S. spends 3.8% of its GDP on its military, according to the World Bank? This is much more than almost any other country, and a third more than our most likely adversary, China, whose military spending amounts to 2.1% of its GDP.

Furthermore, the U.S. spends more on its military than the next eight highest spending countries *combined*, according to the Peterson Foundation. We could cut our military spending in half, and still spend about three times as much as China does.

Think what we could do with the money we saved from reduced military spending. In addition to reducing your taxes, we could also use it to help fund local schools whose financial troubles have been such a big topic of discussion in this newspaper lately.

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