

Act Now to End the Moral Obscenities Paid for by Our Tax Dollars



At the beginning of last week, the President of the United States threatened Iran with the obliteration of its entire civilization “by midnight” if it did not agree to his terms.

People of conscience around the world and within the United States were shocked by this stated willingness to commit genocide against an entire population and to destroy the civilian infrastructure of an entire nation. The threat alone is an attempt to normalize the commission of acts which are war crimes under international law and are both immoral and illegal.

At the same time, the Trump government has requested a \$1.5 trillion dollar military budget for the next fiscal year- a \$500 billion increase from the current \$1 trillion- the largest year-over-year increase in a presidential military spending request since World War II. The current budget request includes funding for F-35 stealth fighter jets, new warships and President Trump’s “Golden Dome” missile defense shield. “It’s beyond the wildest dreams of the military-industrial complex,” says Robert Weissman, co-president of Public Citizen.

This \$1.5 trillion does not even include the \$2 billion the Trump administration will be seeking in funding for the current Iran war, which will have to come from an additional supplemental appropriation.

What could be done instead with that extra \$500 billion of our tax money?

The budget proposal includes deep cuts to social programs. “It’s not possible for us to take care of daycare, Medicaid, Medicare, all these individual things,” Trump stated. They can do it on a state basis; you can’t do it on a federal. We have to take care of one thing: military protection. We have to guard the country.”

Weissman says: “If we had the political will ...we could restore all of the cuts to Medicaid and food assistance in Trump’s prior bill. We could expand Medicare to cover dental, health and vision. We could have universal care for children zero to four. We could double the budget for the EPA. We could invest in affordable housing and end homelessness in the United States. We could restore and expand all of the foreign assistance that’s been cut, which public health experts say will lead to the deaths of millions by 2030. We could invest all of that and more — not one of those things, all of those things and more — with this \$500 billion. **So, [the budget] is a moral obscenity both for what it proposes to spend and for what it shows we could do but are refusing to do because we don’t have the political will.**”

(See https://www.democracynow.org/2026/4/7/trump_budget)

Silence is not an option!

Resist this endless war.

Resist fascism now (before it’s too late.)

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