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Proposed increase for defense is just not a necessary priority

The proposed federal budget increases the military budget by 10 percent, or \$54 billion to \$594 billion. The United States already spends more on the military than the next seven largest countries combined.

China is number two at \$170 billion. This budget would cut foreign aid by 30 percent and eliminate funds for National Endowment for the Arts along with many other worthwhile programs.

I personally find a great deal of pleasure and valuable information on National Public Radio. I also believe that we should actually increase funding to foreign aid, which is now a very meager .07 percent of the federal budget.

Helping low-income countries increase access to health care and education would make the world a safer place for all of us. This will make my America great again. I have always felt our country was great and find it offensive that some believe that it will take billionaires to make it better.

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