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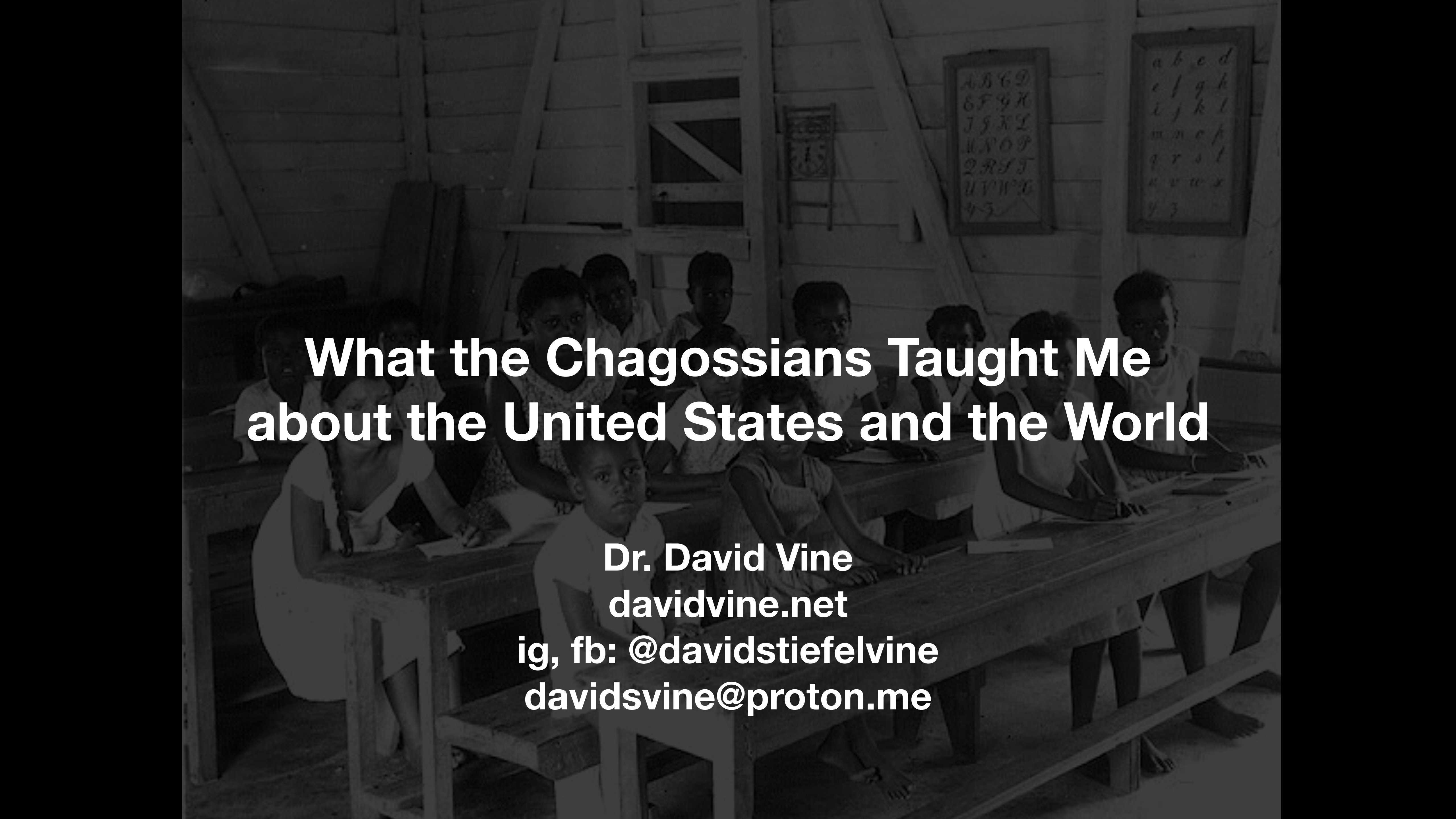
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A black and white photograph of a classroom. Several children are seated at long wooden desks. In the background, two framed charts of the alphabet are mounted on the wall. The text is overlaid on the image.

# What the Chagossians Taught Me about the United States and the World

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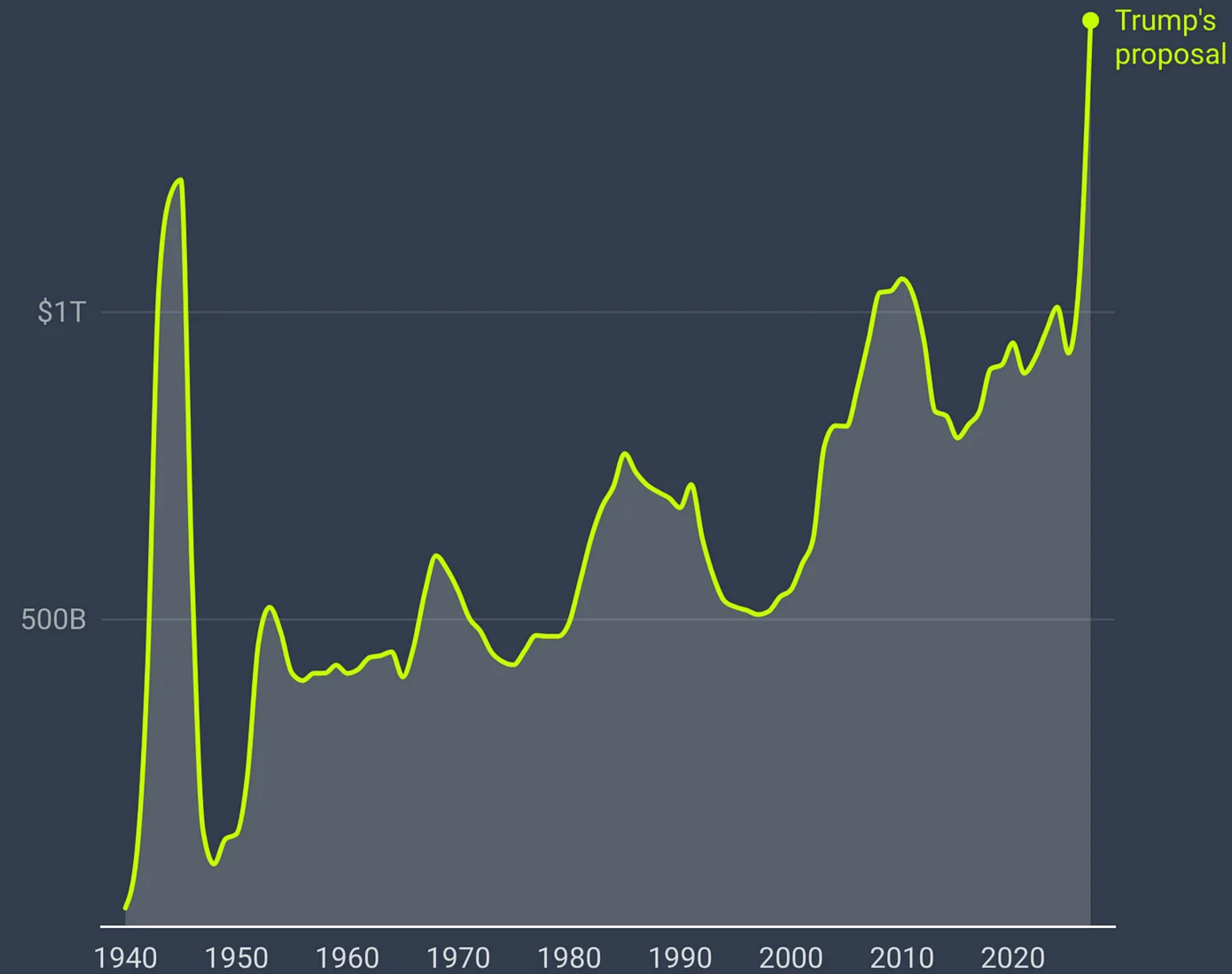
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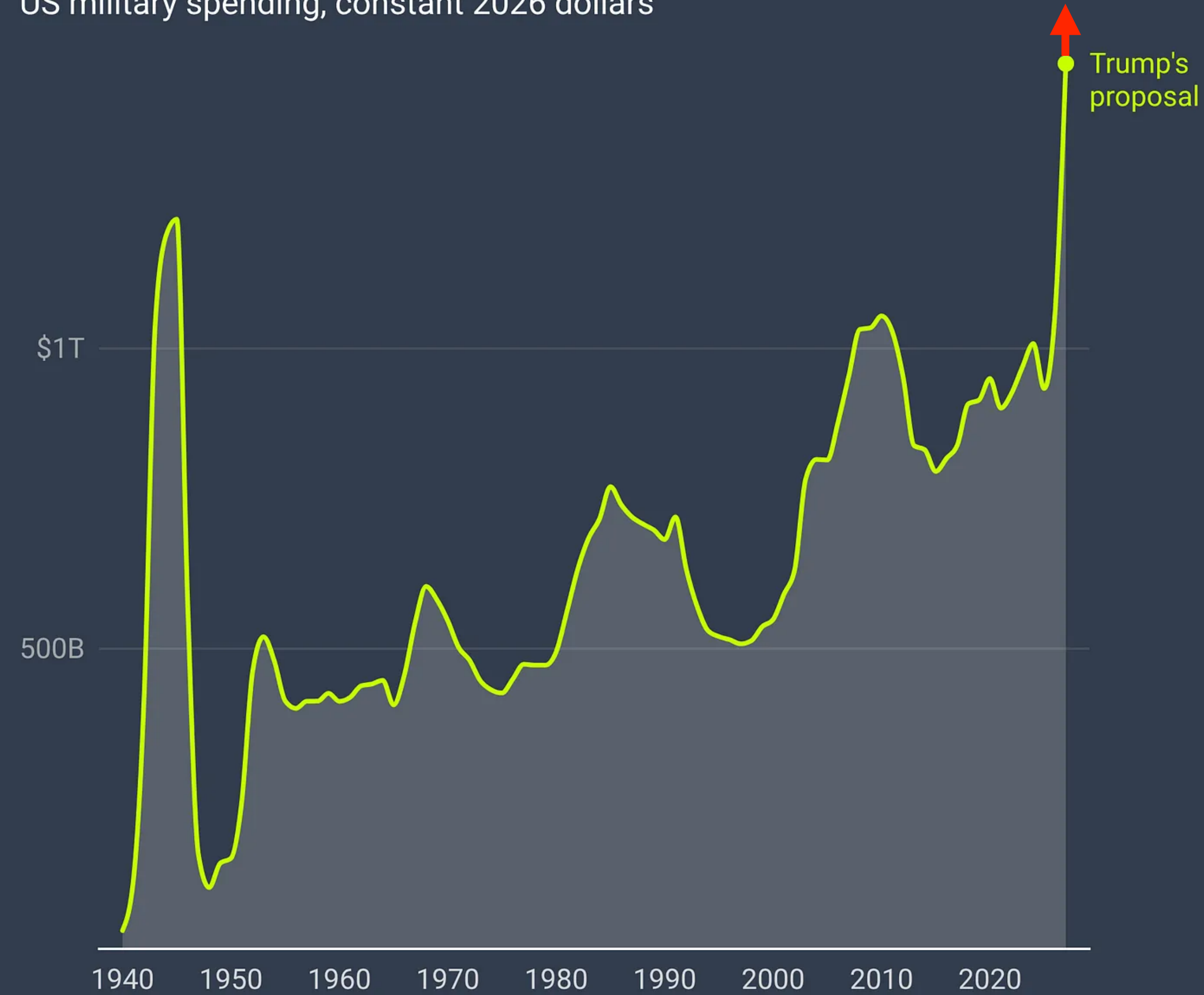


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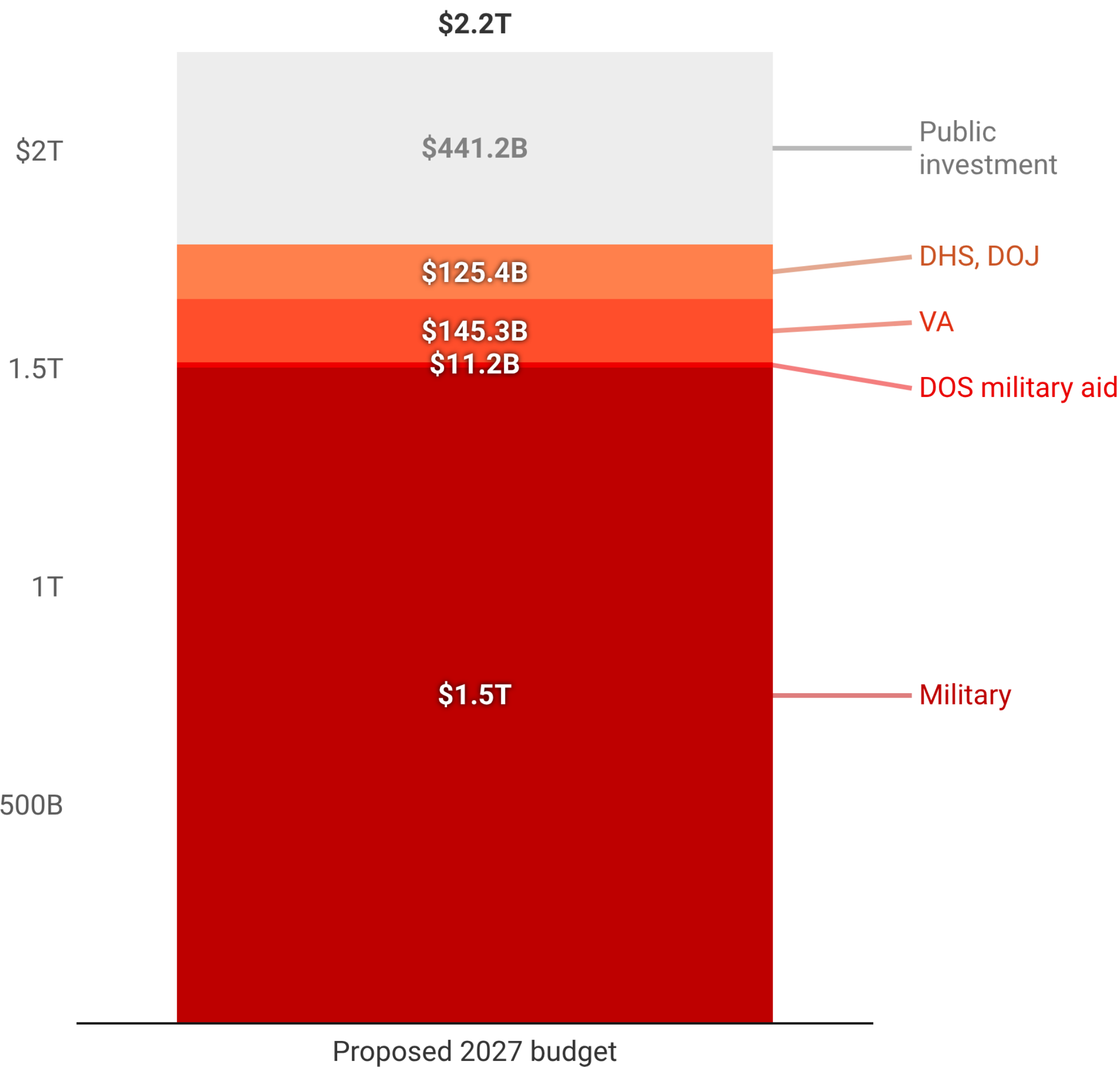
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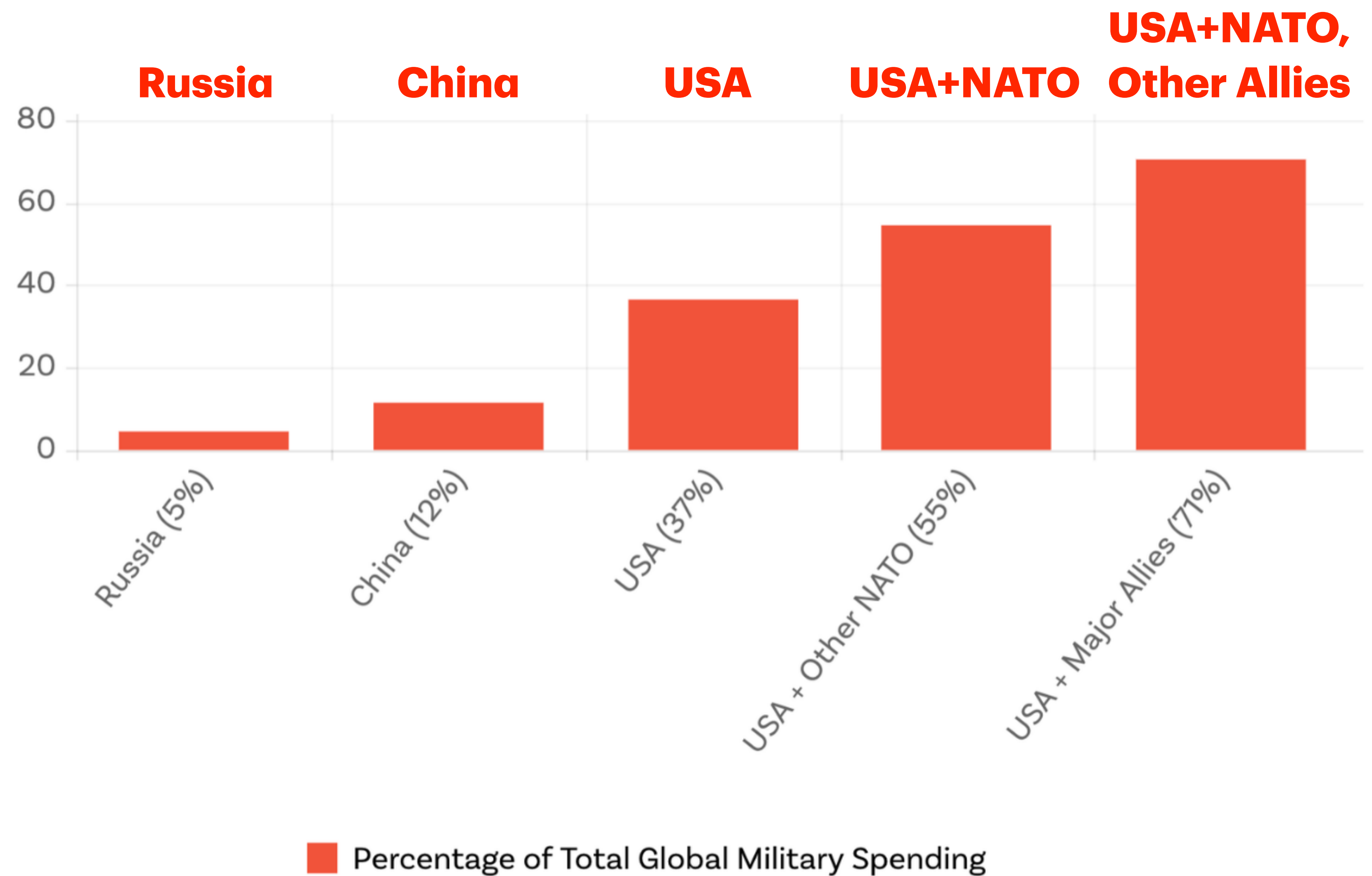
# 80% of Trump's budget goes to war and policing

Proposal halves funding for public investments, still increases deficit



Amounts: requested discretionary funding plus supplemental discretionary via reconciliation.  
Military: function 050. Agency amounts only include spending related to war and policing.  
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# US MILITARY SPENDING VS. REST OF THE WORLD



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*Source: SIPRI, 2025*

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**REAL TOTAL  
US MILITARY SPENDING:  
FY2025 INCLUDING TRUMP'S RECONCILIATION BILL**

**\$1.5 TRILLION—\$1.8 TRILLION**

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*Source: Vine, Cernadas, Foster, "The True Total  
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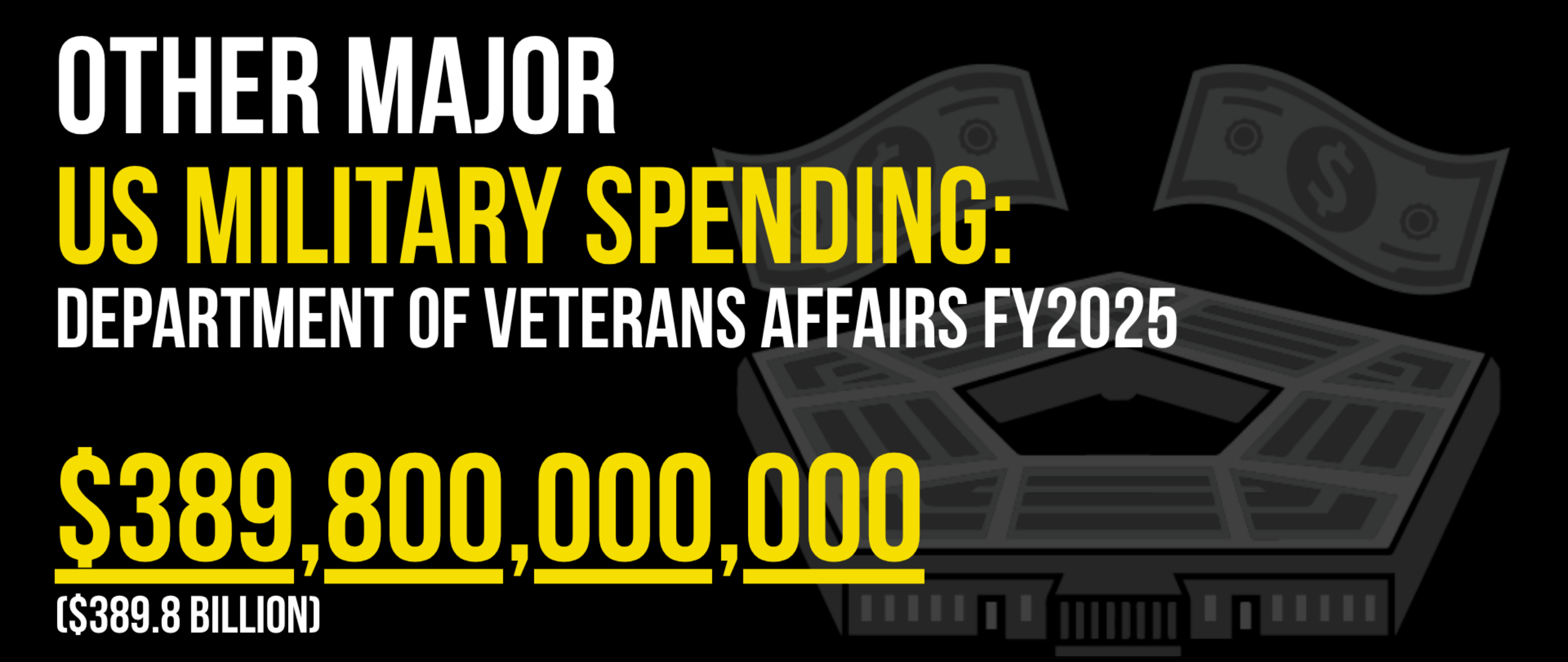
# NUMBER OF AGENCIES IN WHICH THE PRESIDENT & CONGRESS HIDE MILITARY SPENDING BEYOND THE DEPARTMENT OF WAR/DEFENSE:

# 17

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# OTHER MAJOR US MILITARY SPENDING: DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS FY2025

**\$389,800,000,000**

**(\$389.8 BILLION)**

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# OTHER MAJOR US MILITARY SPENDING: DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FY2025

**\$33,500,000,000**

**(\$33.5 BILLION)**

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# OTHER MAJOR US MILITARY SPENDING: DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY FY2025 COAST GUARD, OTHER MILITARY SPENDING ONLY

**\$16,800,000,000**

**(\$16.8 BILLION)**

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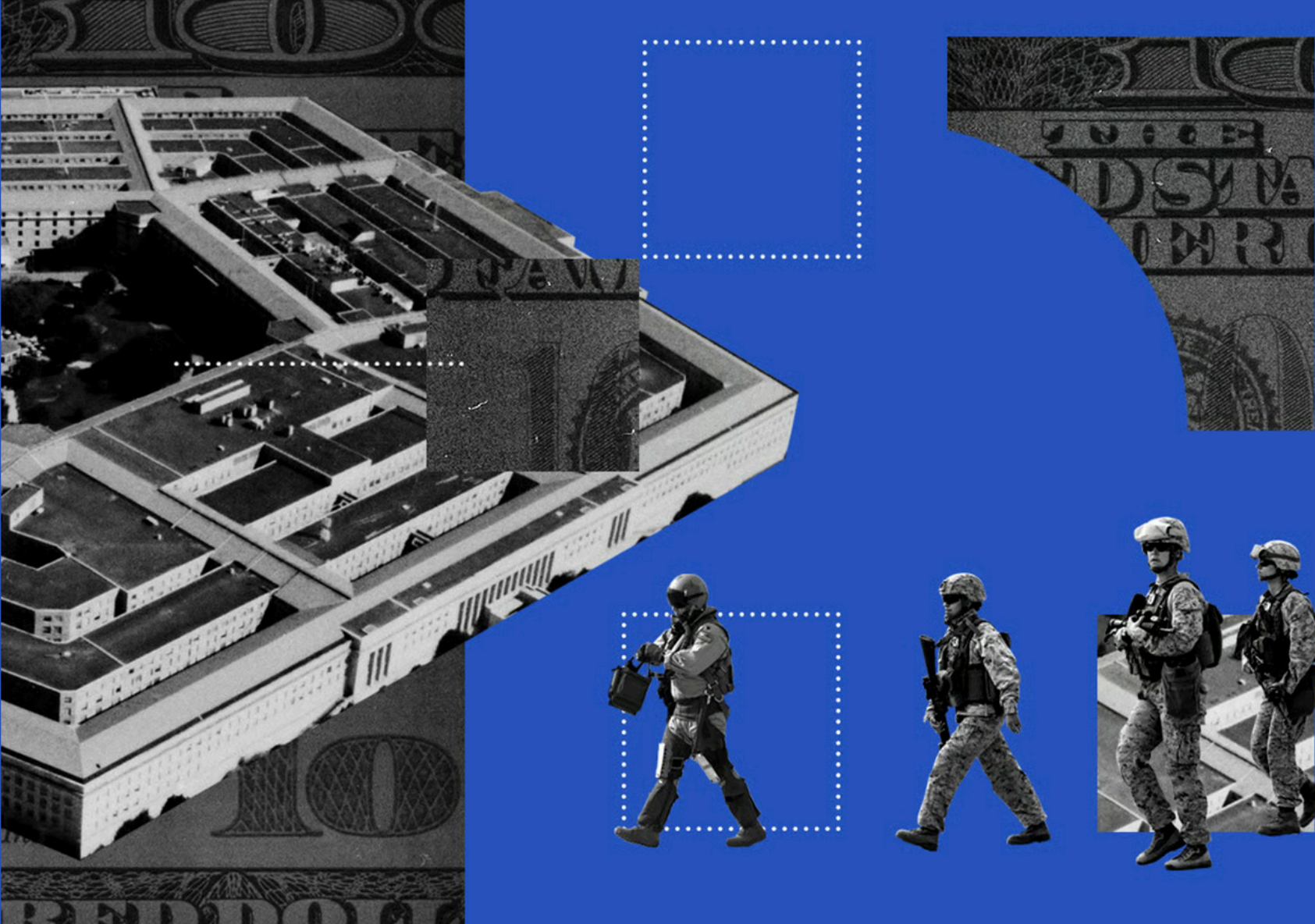
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# The True Total U.S. Military Budget

There are several ways to calculate the true cost of our military. All add up to at least \$1.5 trillion – and that's before the proposed half-trillion-dollar increase.

June 9, 2026 | By [David Vine](#), [John Bellamy Foster](#), and [Gisela Cernadas](#)

[tinyurl.com/truemilitarybudget](https://tinyurl.com/truemilitarybudget)



(Photos: Getty Images; Department of Defense; Illustration: Leslie Garvey / POGO)

## Five Methodologies for Calculating the True Total U.S. Military Budget, FY2025

| Methodology                  | Total Calculation Without Interest | Total Calculation With Interest |
|------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Wheeler                      | 1,727,634,000,000                  | 2,003,902,452,842               |
| Hartung/Smithberger          | 1,766,172,000,000                  | 2,048,603,120,187               |
| National Priorities Project* | 1,477,081,000,000                  | 1,713,283,160,060               |
| Cernadas/Foster              | 1,494,236,125,000                  | 2,284,383,842,468               |
| USAspending.gov              | 1,717,989,509,643                  | 1,929,922,767,679               |

*\* This calculation focuses on discretionary spending and excludes mandatory forms of spending. With the latter included, it would be significantly closer to the other figures.*





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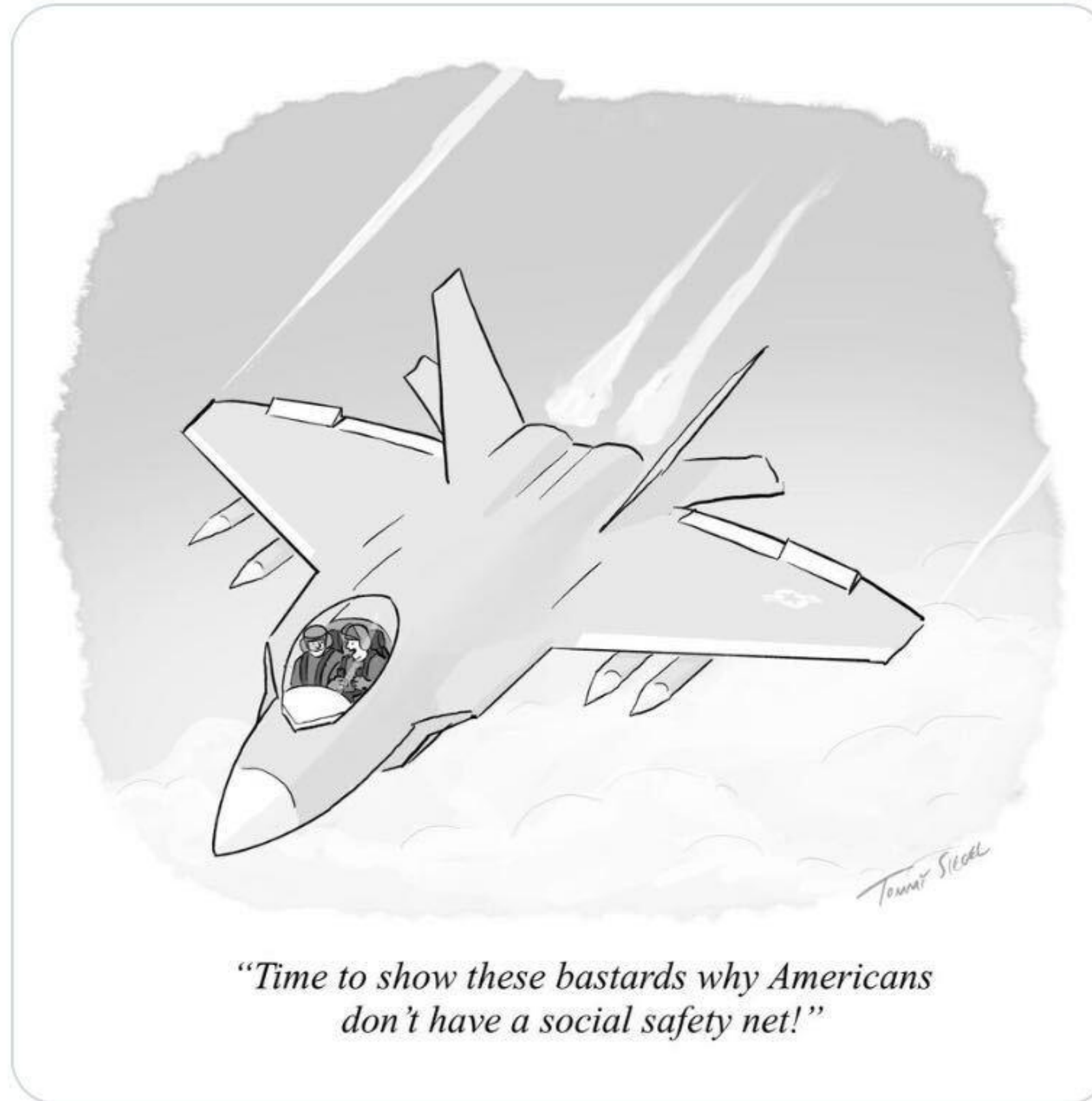
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