

## Mobilizing to Save Civilization

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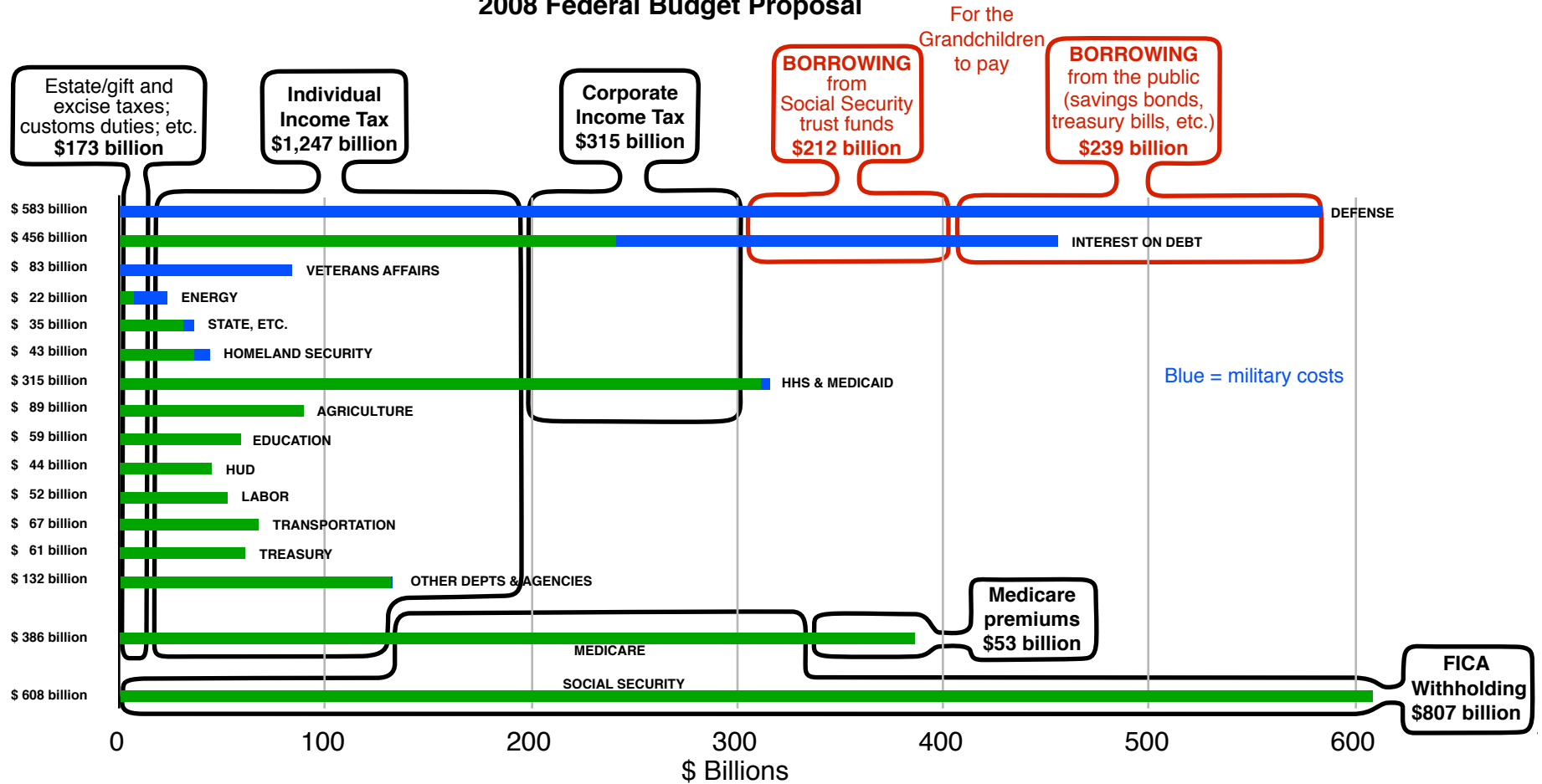
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Cost	Goal
Basic Social Goals	
\$12 billion	Universal primary education
\$ 4 billion	Adult literacy
\$ 6 billion	School lunch programs for 44 poorest countries
\$ 4 billion	Assistance to preschool children and pregnant women in 44 poorest countries
\$ 7 billion	Reproductive health and family planning
\$33 billion	Universal basic health care
\$ 2 billion	Closing the condom gap
<b>\$68 billion</b>	<b>Total for basic social goals</b>
Earth Restoration Goals	
\$ 6 billion	Reforestation of the earth
\$24 billion	Protecting topsoil on cropland
\$ 9 billion	Restoring rangelands
\$10 billion	Stabilizing water tables
\$13 billion	Restoring fisheries
\$31 billion	Protecting biological diversity
<b>\$93 billion</b>	<b>Total for earth restoration goals</b>
<b>\$161 billion</b>	<b>Grand total</b>

- The strategy:
1. Accelerate the awakening of cultural and spiritual consciousness.
  2. Resist empire’s assault on children, families, community, and nature.
  3. Form and connect communities of congruence.
  4. Build a majoritarian political base.

(David C. Korten, **The Great Turning: From Empire to Earth Community**, 2006, p.316-317)

## 2008 Federal Budget Proposal



## Compare to cost of saving civilization



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