$1.15 Trillion Discretionary Spending

- Military: $625.2 billion - 54%
- Government: $66.2 billion - 6%
- Veterans' Benefits: $70.5 billion - 6%
- Housing & Community: $72.2 billion - 6%
- Medicare & Health: $60.6 billion - 5%
- Energy & Environment: $41.6 billion - 4%
- International Affairs: $41.6 billion - 4%
- Social Security, Unemployment & Labor: $31.4 billion - 3%
- Science: $31 billion - 3%
- Transportation: $27.4 billion - 2%
- Food & Agriculture: $13.3 billion - 1%
President's Proposed 2016 Budget vs. 2015 "CRomnibus"

- 2015 Enacted
- 2016 Proposed

Billions

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Source: OMB, National Priorities Project
Continuous lowering of standards of living for the U.S. majority

In the years to come the Republican Congress will continue to cut appropriations for:

- Housing;
- Healthcare;
- Food stamps;
- Clean water;
- Education;

- We need to identify the victims of these cuts as our constituencies!
Public Housing
Higher Education and Biomedical Research
Red Line Car Purchase
T Congestion and Stress
Starting Where People Are At

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One of 14 Ohio Class Subs; Each armed with 24 Trident D5 missiles with 12 nuclear warheads each
Nuclear Weapons Expenditures
2015, Congressional Budget Office (CBO)

• The CBO projects the cost of US nuclear forces for the decade 2015-2024 at

$348 billion ($35 billion/year):

• Department of Defense (DOD) will spend $227 billion and the Department of Energy ($121 billion). Components include;
  – $160 billion - strategic nuclear delivery systems and weapons
  – $ 8 billion - tactical nuclear delivery systems and weapons
  – $ 79 billion - nuclear weapons laboratories and supporting activities
  – $ 52 billion - nuclear related command, control, communications and early warning systems
  – $ 49 billion - additional costs based on previous similar programs cost escalations
Major Recipients are Corporate

- Boeing,
- Northrop Grumman,
- General Dynamics,
- GenCorp Aerojet,
- Huntington Ingalls, and
- Lockheed Martin.
- Babcock and Wilcox,
- Bechtel,
- Honeywell International,
- Rockwell Collins.
Costs for New Red Line Rolling Stock

• For Red Line alone, buying 50 new cars at ~$3.2 million/car\(^1\) will require:
  $160 million

• Boston sends to Pentagon
  $1068 million

• 25% cut and transfer 40% to Transit
  $160 million!

\(^1\) Cost estimate from Toronto’s recent purchase of Bombardier cars.
The People's Budget: A Raise For America

- 8.4 million good paying jobs by 2018
- $1.9 trillion investment in America's future
- $820 billion infrastructure and transportation improvements
This year you and your family will pay hundreds and more likely thousands of dollars in income taxes to the U.S. government.

For every $1 you pay in income taxes:

50 ¢ will go for military spending.

1 ¢ will go for housing.

3 ¢ will go for education.

2 ¢ will go for food and nutrition.
BUILD HOMES NOT BOMBS

 WHICH DO YOU WANT?  

BOMBS  

We could build 524 more Trident-II nuclear missiles which are designed to allow the U.S. to strike first in a nuclear war. Each missile has 250 times the destructive power of the bomb dropped on Hiroshima in 1945. A total of 845 Trident-II missiles are planned by the Pentagon.

COST: $22 Billion

OR

HOMES

We could renovate and completely modernize 1.3 million units of public housing, creating thousands of new jobs in housing construction and other industries that provide materials and services for homes.

COST: $22 Billion

Sources: Study for the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) done by Abt Associates and Center For Defense Information.
Unsustainable Costs

U.S. Triad Spending FY2010-2018: $179 Billion

- Replacement: LRS-Bomber
- Replacement: SSBN(X)
- Minuteman III ICBMs
- B-2 and B-52 Bombers
- Ohio-class SSBNs
- NNSA Naval Reactors
- NNSA Weapons Activities
Sample Contracts

• In 2014, Babcock and Wilcox was awarded $76.8 million for work on upgrading the Ohio class submarines.

• In January 2013, General Dynamics Electric Boat Division was awarded a $4.6 billion contract to design and develop a next-generation strategic deterrent submarine.
Lobbying by Contractors

• In 2015, the defense industry mobilized a small army of at least 718 lobbyists and doled out more than $67 million dollars pressuring Congress for increased weapons spending generally. Among the largest contributors were corporations with significant nuclear weapons contracts including Lockheed Martin, Boeing, and General Dynamics.
Political Campaigns: for a State Rep contest

• “Shall the Representative from this District call upon the U.S. Congressional representative to press for increased spending of our federal tax dollars for housing, healthcare, education and infrastructure repair programs, by reducing excessive spending on dangerous nuclear weapons and foreign wars, and transferring the funds saved to domestic needs”
Political Campaigns: City Council

• “Shall the Boston City Council call upon its U.S. Congressional representative to press for increase spending of our federal tax dollars for housing, healthcare, education and infrastructure repair programs, by reducing excessive spending on dangerous nuclear weapons and foreign wars, and transferring the funds saved to the above domestic needs”
Budget Education Campaigns

• Shall the city Council instruct the Dept of Taxes and Finance to report each year to residents the total amount of income tax paid to the federal government, together with the proportions to be spent on housing, education, healthcare, public transit, environmental protection, nuclear weapons and foreign wars.