

A Strong and Effective International Affairs Budget

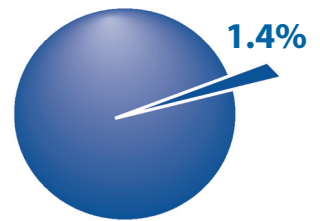
Fact Sheet

Funds Smart Power Tools

The International Affairs budget funds the entirety of America's non-military national security operations abroad from diplomatic relations to security assistance for our allies, trade and economic relationships, development assistance, and extensive counter-terrorism and counter-narcotics programs. Secretary of Defense Gates, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs Admiral Mullen, and dozens of retired military leaders strongly support increased investments in our civilian agencies.

Just 1.4%

The current Continuing Resolution funds the FY11 International Affairs budget at \$52.9 billion, which represents only 1.4% of the total federal budget. The FY11 budget request was 0.2% below the FY10 enacted total, which includes \$6.3 billion in FY10 supplemental funding, mainly for Haiti disaster relief and programs in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Pakistan.



Essential for America's National Security

Critical Part of National Security Funding Beginning with the Bush Administration in 2007, the International Affairs budget has been designated in every annual budget request as part of national security funding, which includes the Departments of Defense, Homeland Security, and Veterans Affairs. The International Affairs budget represents less than 7% of this total U.S. national security funding.

Vital to Keeping America Safe These programs are essential to responding to 21st century threats such as weak and failing states, extremism and terrorism add diseases. In a recent poll, nearly 90 percent of active duty and retired military officers agreed the tools of diplomacy and development are critical to achieving U.S. national security objectives and a strong military alone is not enough to protect America.

Essential for America's Economic Future

Critical to America's Economic Growth Today 1 out of 5 U.S. jobs is export-related and nearly 50% of our exports go to the developing world. The International Affairs budget is essential to spurring America's economy as it expands markets for U.S. goods and services and helps U.S. businesses and entrepreneurs remain competitive in the global market place.

"The diplomatic and developmental capabilities of the United States have a direct bearing on our ability to shape threats and reduce the need for military action."

—Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Admiral Mike Mullen,
May 2010

Essential for America's Moral Leadership

Demonstrating America's Values The International Affairs budget alleviates poverty, combats HIV/AIDS, malaria and other infectious diseases, fights global hunger and famine, allows us to respond to humanitarian crises, and strengthens democratic institutions through cost-effective models, such as the Millennium Challenge Corporation, PEPFAR, and the Feed the Future initiative.



Bipartisan Support for a Strong and Effective International Affairs Budget

In the 111th Congress, nearly 300 Democratic and Republican Members—59 Senators and 217 Representatives—went on record in support of increasing the International Affairs budget as a critical part of our national security. All eight former Secretaries of State—from Henry Kissinger through Condoleezza Rice—also signed a letter to Congress in support of the President’s increase in the International Affairs budget for FY11.

“Development is a lot cheaper than sending soldiers...Without development we will not be successful in either Iraq or Afghanistan.”

—**Secretary of Defense Robert Gates, Sept. 2010**

“Increasing the investment in our civilian international capabilities will keep America safer by, among other things, addressing the root causes of terrorism and extremism, supporting key allies, and demonstrating America’s proud tradition of global leadership.”

—**All living former Secretaries of State, April 2010**

“I think of smart power as the strategic triad of the 21st Century—the integrated blend of defense, diplomacy and development. But this strategic approach will only be effective if all three smart power pillars are coherent, coordinated, and adequately resourced...We must match our military might with a mature diplomatic and development effort worthy of the enormous global challenges facing our nation today.”

—**General Michael Hagee, USMC (Ret.), March 2009**

“We have no choice but to stay engaged in the world. 95% of the people we want to sell something to live somewhere else, and America’s access to and leadership in foreign markets is critical. We’re the largest exporters in the world by a significant factor, and we need to capitalize on that.”

—**Thomas J. Donohue, President and CEO of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Jan. 2011**

“The primary purpose of the United States government’s international involvement is to, in fact, make the world better for America...it’s important to your neighborhood, it’s important to your children and grandchildren, it’s important to your job that we have a world market.”

—**Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, Nov. 2010**

“What we must do is use our full complement of powers—defense, development and diplomacy—to help troubled nations build stable governments and address the needs of their people; not just for food, water and shelter but also for health, education and the opportunity to learn marketable skills.”

—**Former U.S. Senate Majority Leaders Tom Daschle and Bill Frist, June 2010**

