

This chart illustrates President Obama’s proposed budget for fiscal year 2012. The budget includes the amount of money the Obama Administration must spend on mandatory spending programs, including Social Security and Medicare. The chart also shows non-mandatory or discretionary spending, which includes funding everything from the military to transportation and education programs. Where does the State Department fit in? Look closely at the lower right corner. Humanitarian and development programs coupled with security assistance account for a tiny fraction – 1 percent – of the overall federal budget.

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