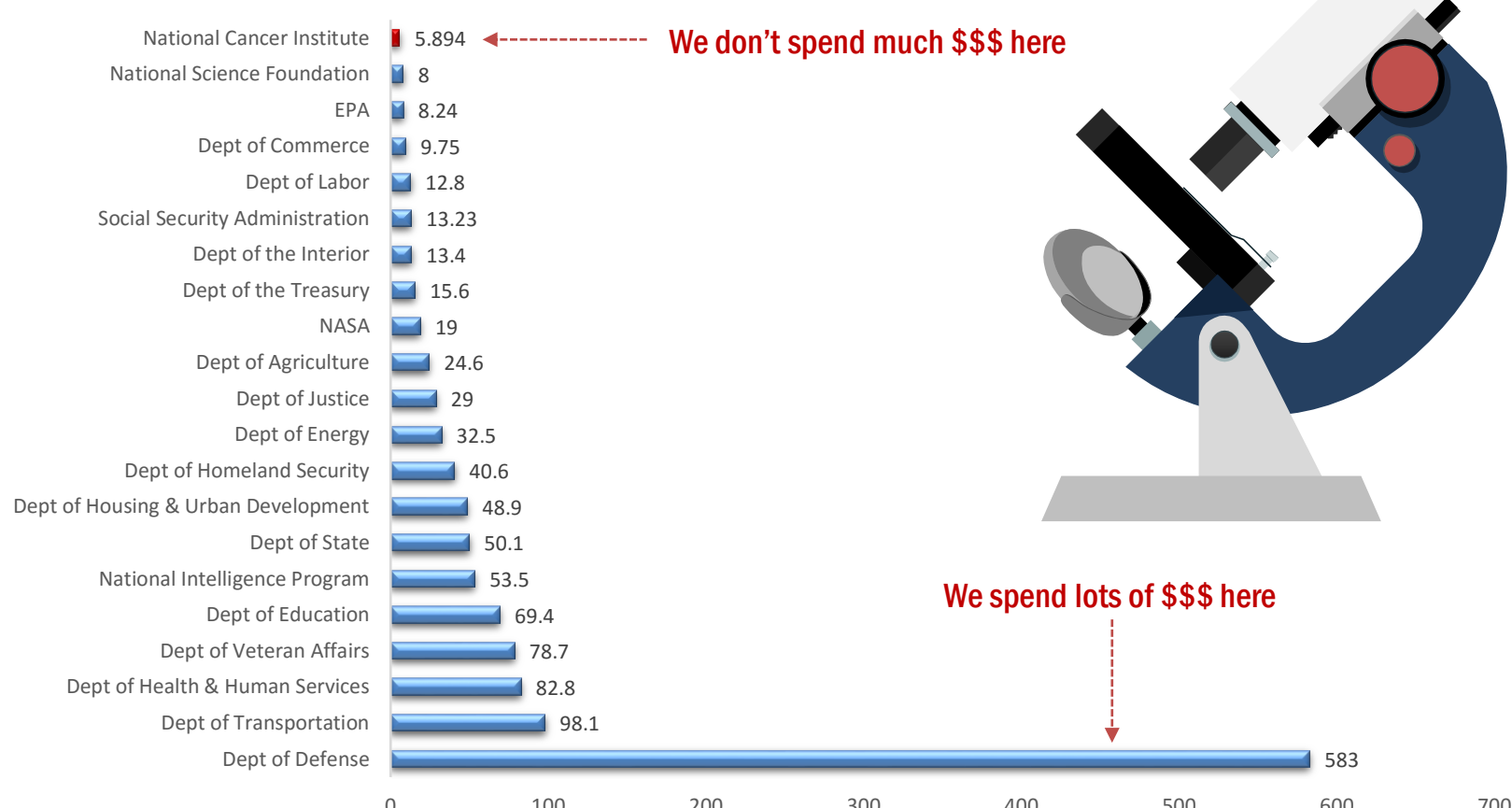


Cancer Research Budget 2017:
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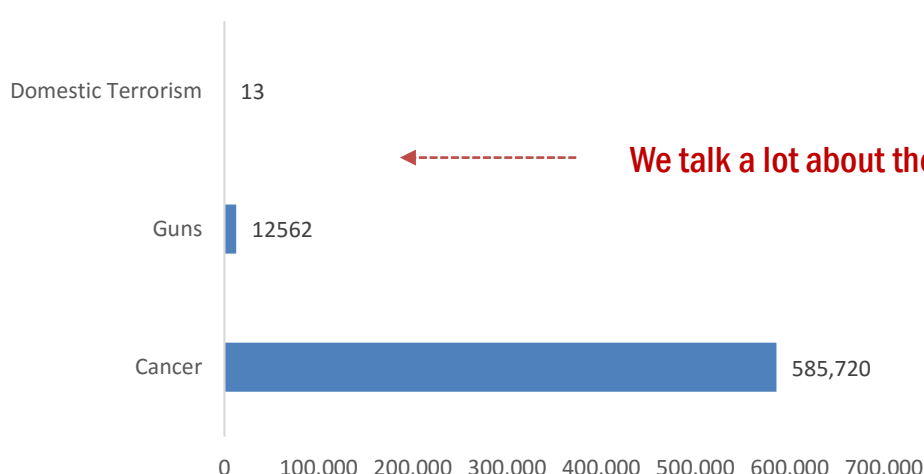
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2017 Federal Budget by Agency (in Billions of Dollars)



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2014 Deaths in the U.S.



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Number of days it takes cancer to surpass deaths from domestic terrorism and gun violence combined.

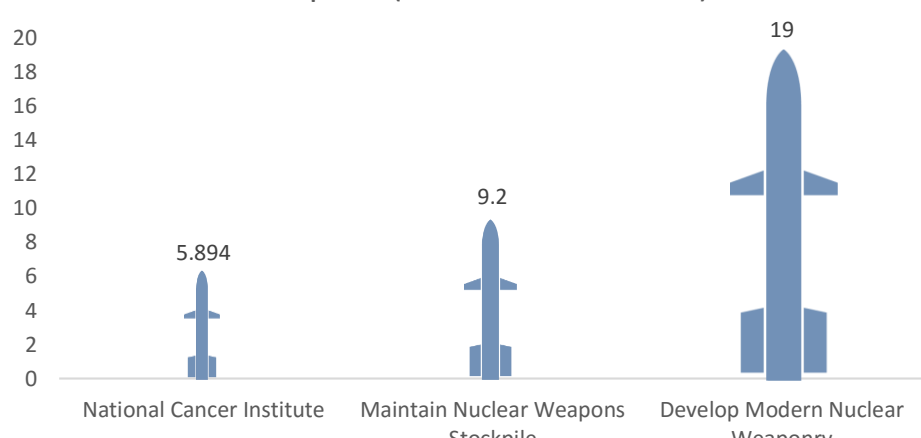
6,900

Number of Nuclear Warheads the U.S. has stockpiled.

100

Number of Nuclear warheads it takes to destroy life on Earth.

Funding for Cancer Research vs. Nuclear Weapons (in Billions of Dollars)



If we stopped making new weapons and destroyed 6,800 warheads we already have, then we could still destroy the world (if we needed to) and increase our cancer research budget by 500%.

Put differently, cancer researchers have **less** funding than the border patrol, railroad, and the IRS. What is your perception of the efficacy of those organizations?

5.894 billion
National Cancer Institute Budget

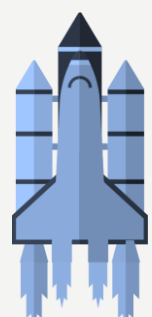
Moreover, cancer researchers have roughly the same funding as the TSA.

5.1 billion
Transportation Security Administration Budget

Did they find that shaving cream in your bag?

Cancer Moonshot to the Rescue?

In recognition that cancer research needed more funding, the White House decided to “eliminate cancer as we know it” by adding . . .



1 billion

We spend 6.1 billion a year cleaning up nuclear waste created by nuclear weapons development.

. . . to the budget. It’s a wonderful start, but hopefully you now see how little that is relative to the problem. **We need to spend more \$ on cancer research.**

7.1 billion
Border Patrol Budget

Consider:
Our border is safer than your body.

7 billion
Railroad Operations & Research

Cancer research infrastructure:
Less \$ than the U.S. railroad system.

11.8 billion
Internal Revenue Service Budget

Taxed to death isn't a literal threat.

10.1 billion
Budget for F-35 aircrafts in 2017.

As a reminder: The F-35 is the “**most expensive plane in history**” yet it “**simply doesn't work.**” American taxpayers will pay 1 trillion for the development of the F-35 from beginning to end. The equivalent of our cancer research budget for the next 166 years. More than 97 million Americans will die of cancer during that span.

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