

Lawmakers, Human Rights Advocates Oppose Trump's 2018 Budget



Washington, March 17 (RHC-DemocracyNow) -- President Trump's proposed budget came under fire Thursday from both Democratic and Republican lawmakers.

The 2018 budget calls for an unprecedented \$54 billion increase in military spending while slashing environmental, housing, diplomatic and educational programs.

It also calls for a 31 percent cut to the Environmental Protection Agency and the elimination of thousands of jobs there.

If approved, the EPA's budget would become the smallest it's been in 40 years.

On Thursday, Office of Management and Budget Director Mick Mulvaney called funding climate change programs a "waste of money."

Trump's proposed budget would also cut funding for the United Nations at a time when the U.N. says the world is facing its biggest humanitarian crisis since World War II.

Trump's budget also threatens numerous programs to help the poor in the United States, including the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program, which helps the poor pay for heat during the winter, and the Community Development Block Grant program, which partially funds, among other things, Meals on Wheels to feed the elderly, the poor, veterans and disabled people.

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