



5 years on, military spending caps haven't brought total disaster many predicted

Military Times

When Congress passed the Budget Control Act in 2011, defense leaders warned the spending caps could have disastrous consequences for military programs and planning. Five years later, many of those fears have not materialized. But Pentagon leaders and presidential hopefuls are still condemning the law as a danger to national security and searching for a solution. [READ](#)

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Across the services, leaders are scrambling to adapt to the millennial mindset, even as the generation is taking over. This generation doesn't want to be just a cog in the wheel. They do still respond to things that the military does so well: feeling like you have a larger purpose but they also want to know that they're individually making an impact. [READ MORE](#)

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