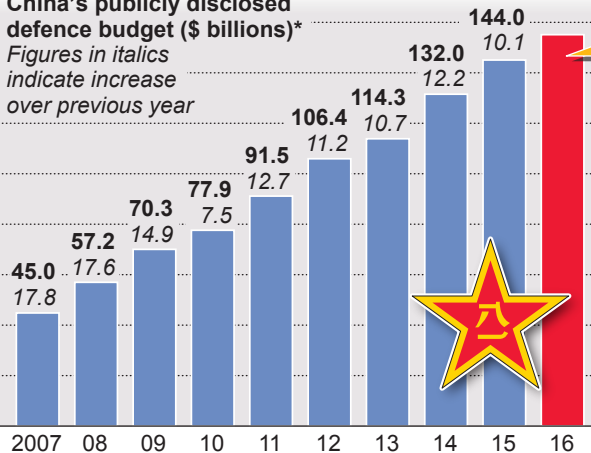


# China military budget to rise 7-8%

China will boost defence spending by about 7-8 percent in 2016, the smallest increase in six years, as Beijing seeks to build a more streamlined military

## China's publicly disclosed defence budget (\$ billions)\*

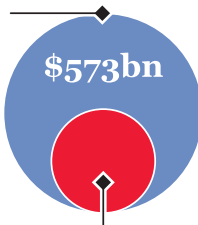
*Figures in italics indicate increase over previous year*



**2016 budget:**  
**\$154-155bn**  
7-8% increase

## United States

Proposed defence budget for 2016 more than three times that of China



China

**\$154-155bn**

\*Pentagon and global arms bodies estimate actual spending may be 40-50 percent higher than published amount

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