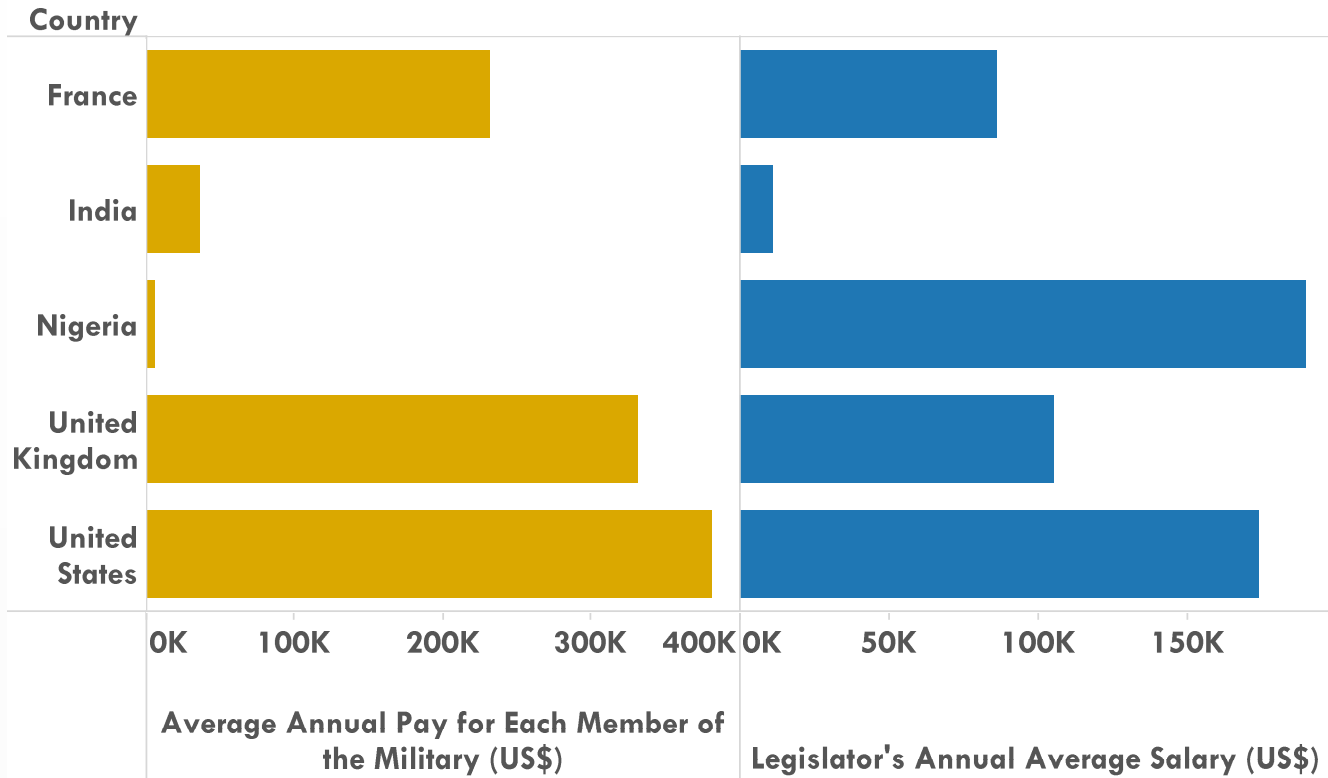


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Monkey dey Work; Baboon dey Chop!



Whether they sleep during sessions, spend half the year as recess, spend the entire 4-year period without passing any bill, each legislator must collect at least an average of US\$189,500.00 annually as salaries. Of course we know that the total compensation is higher than that. That is the fortune of Nigerian legislators which was re-emphasized by the data from the Economist International in 2013. They earn the highest among all other legislators in the world.

The Nigerian army on the contrary is expected to defeat Boko Haram as quickly as possible and are offered the level of financial motivation which you can visually see in the chart on the left. Thus while the monkeys are fighting and dying in various forests and battlefields to protect them and make the environment much better for them to 'chop big', they on the other side think less about the welfare of their military.

The average US military's pay is 2.2 times that of their legislators. For United Kingdom and India, their military's pay is 3.1 times that of the legislators. For France, it is 2.7 times. Nigerian military's per capita salary is 2.8% of the legislators.

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