De-escalating U.S. War-culture: A Primer for Peace Advocates

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Defining the term "war-culture"

"war-culture": the normalized and increasing interpenetration of the institutions, ethos and practices of war into ever-increasing facets of daily human life, including the economy, education, diverse cultural sites, everyday life and imagination in the United States.

Defining "the Military Industrial Complex"

- President Eisenhower, 1960's
- Conjunction of powerful
- --military institutions
- --defense industry
- --branches of government

Eisenhower's warning about the complex

- 1) the intrusion of unwarranted influence into government by the complex;
- 2) the potential dangers to liberties and democratic process;
- 3) the danger to the free university if government contracts "substitute for intellectual curiosity" and the nations' scholars become dominated by Federal employment and allocations and the power of money; and
- 4) the potential for public policy to become captive to a scientific-technological elite.
- He closed by warning, "We should take nothing for granted. Only an alert and knowledgeable citizenry can compel the proper meshing of the huge industrial and military machinery of defense with our peaceful methods and goals, so that security and liberty may prosper together."

...By the time of the 2000's:War-culture in everyday life

- Sociologist Nick Turse's description:
- "this new military-industrial-economicentertainment-academic-scientificmedia-intelligence-homeland-securitysurveillance-national securitycorporate complex."

Facets of War-Culture

- Continued Military build-ups, funneling of funds toward warmachine
- Wars/armed interventions as a regular way of life
- War/Militarism as essential ingredient of American selfidentity, civil religion
- War-culture's impact on Economics
- War-culture in Everyday Life
- War-culture and Popular Culture
- War-culture and Youth Culture
- Recruitment for War-culture
- Branding/Marketing of War and War-Culture
- Military Bases
- War-culture and Educational Institutions

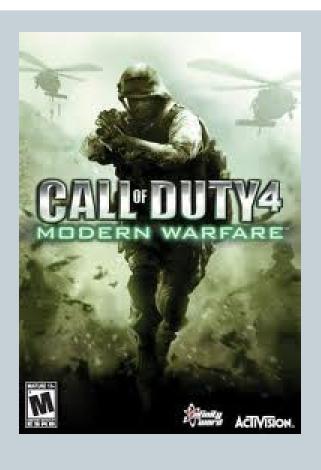
Signs of U.S. War-culture's Increase

- Revolving employment door between military and civilian institutions
- Increased secrecy regarding war-culture's financial accounting
- Expansion of military mobilization (over 900 domestic military bases; over 700 international military bases)
- Contracting out of military base construction, maintenance, security
- Slippage of appropriate bounds of authority and constitutional weakening

Additional signs

- Increased sophistication of recruiting techniques;
- Increased budget line of military institutions dedicated to advertising, collaboration with other cultural institutions to enhance military "brand";
- Increased budget lines of defense corporations dedicated to lobbying, advertising to enhance brand and suggest its indispensability for the United States
- Increased interpenetration of military applications, practices, themes, ethos into an ever wider array of cultural sites

What lots of people are doing on Sunday, their day off





"Selling a New Generation on Guns"

"Army strong"

Firearms industry's strategies include giving firearms, ammunition and cash to youth groups; weakening state restrictions on hunting by young children; marketing an affordable military-style rifle for "junior shooters" and sponsoring semiautomatic-handgun competitions for youths; and developing a targetshooting video game that promotes brand-name weapons, with links to the Web sites of their makers.

New York Times, Sunday, Jan. 27, 2013

• Intertwining facets of war-culture

Fort Benning youth event, Army sharp-shooter coaching youth in use of assault weapons



Will "the War on Terror" ever end?

- The polices adopted by the Obama administration just over the last couple of years leave no doubt that they are accelerating, not winding down, the war apparatus that has been relentlessly strengthened over the last decade. In the name of the War on Terror, the current president has diluted decades-old Miranda warnings; codified a new scheme of indefinite detention on US soil; plotted to relocate Guantanamo to Illinois; increased secrecy , repression and release-restrictions at the camp; minted a new theory of presidential assassination powers even for US citizens; renewed the Bush/Cheney warrantless eavesdropping framework for another five years, as well as the Patriot Act, without a single reform; and just signed into law all new restrictions on the release of indefinitely held detainees.
- Glenn Greenwald, Guardian UK
- 05 January 13

Army suicides rose 80%

- ... From 2004 to 2008
- --U.S. Army Public Health Command, report from March 2012
- Increase is "unprecedented in over 30 years of U.S. Army records"
- Number of visits for mental health disorders doubled
- Suicides are "the tip of the mental health iceberg"

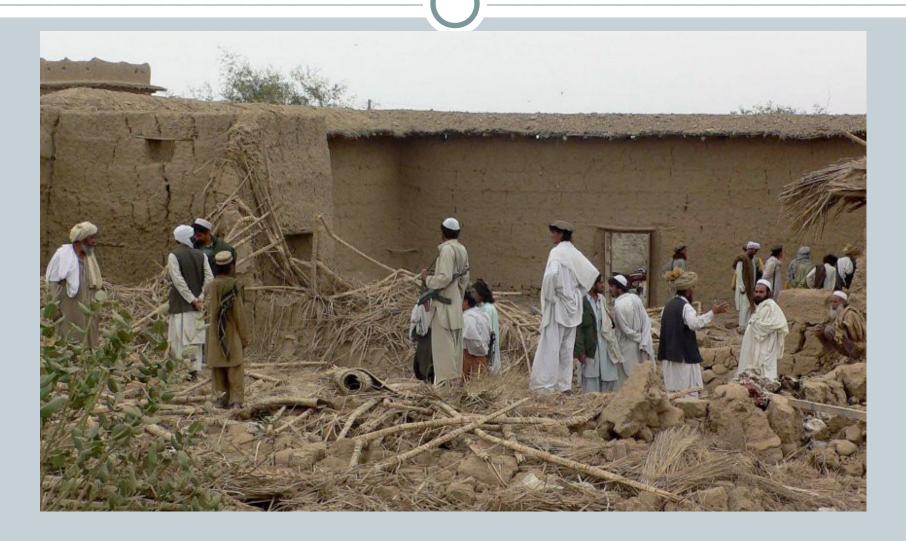
Drone operators at Holloman Air Force Base in the southwestern state of New Mexico: Modern warfare is as invisible as a thought, deprived of its meaning by distance.



Former soldier Brandon Bryant, 27, takes a break near his home in Missoula, Montana. Bryant has been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder. He flew drone missions in Iraq and Afghanistan during which he saw both American soldiers and Afghan civilians



Pakistani tribesmen examine the site of a US drone attack in North Waziristan. In his diary, exsolder Bryant wrote: "On the battlefield there are no sides, just bloodshed. Total war. Every horror witnessed. I wish my eyes would rot."



Pentagon 2008 "Base Structure Report"

- 761 active U.S. military bases around the world
- Perhaps 1,000 if one includes "Black Sites"
- 500,000 U.S. troops, spies, contractors, family members and others stationed in over 130 countries
- "force projection" "the maintenance of American military hegemony over the rest of the world."

Dec. 2011:Leaving Iraq, Entering Australia

Exiting Iraq?

- \$6 bn planned spending for Iraq in 2012;
- US embassy in Iraq: largest in world with 16,000 people;
- Only \$300 m of budget will go to refugee/displaced persons programs;
- State Dept. to hire 5,100-strong "force" to protect diplomatic personnel, operate militarized machinery, provide emergency medical evacuation, etc.

Entering Australia

- Beginning summer 2012, 2,500 marines to engage in training and amphibious exercises in Australia's northern military bases
- Obama declares there will be no defense cuts in this region

Shifting from Soviet to U.S. Weapon-Makers

from 2005 onwards, the goal became equipping the Iraqi military with more and more U.S. armaments via the Pentagon's government-to-government Foreign Military Sales (FMS) channel.

August, 2008: 10.9 billion dollar package finalized;

October 2010, the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) announced a second military package valued at 4.2 billion dollars;

Between 2005 and 2011, the Pentagon allocated around 20.6 billion dollars towards the Pentagon's Iraqi Security Forces Fund (ISFF).

Reports in the Iraqi media have stated that further such orders from the U.S. could reach up to 26 billion dollars, with 13 billion dollars in FMS requests projected by 2013.

36 F-16 Fighter Jets (see right) have been promised in sale; up to 96 may eventually be sold to Iraq.



"Going forward, we project Iraq to be one of the largest military markets in the Middle East, behind Saudi Arabia and alongside Israel, Iran and the UAE,"

--Dan Darling, Middle East defense analyst at the Connecticut-based Forecast International, an aerospace and defense market research company

National Priorities Project Tallies Cost of War through Jap. 2013

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Economist Joseph Stiglitz

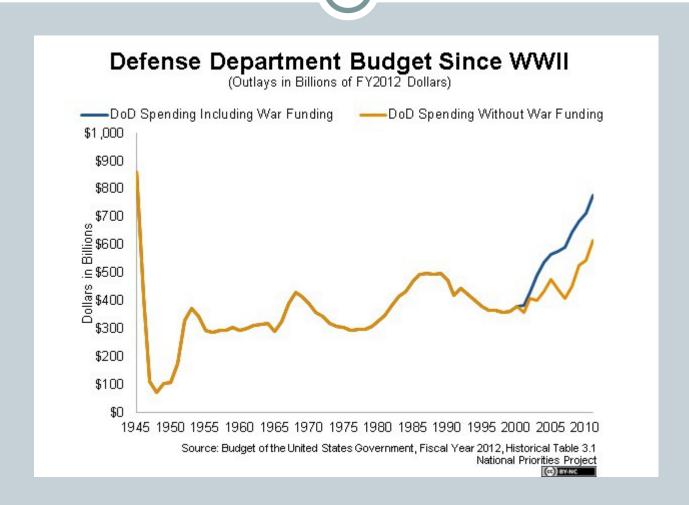
Cost of Iraq and Afghanistan Wars by end of Jan. 2013:

Wars will cost at least

\$1,411,580,000, 000.00

\$3,000,000,000,000

War and Militarism's Expense



Costs of Wars Exceed Vietnam

- 58,000 killed in Vietnam/ 6,300 in recent wars
- Number of vets with documented disabilities almost the same;
- 2.2 m service people deployed; 942,000 deployed twice or more;
- 600,000 applying for VA disability benefits;
- 700,000 treated in VA medical system;
- Over next 40 years, \$534 bn in disability payments,
 \$348 bn in VA medical treatments.

Stockholm International Peace Research Institute Report, 2009

• Global military expenditure has risen by 45% over the past decade to \$1.46 trillion per year.

• U.S. accounts for more than ½ of the increase.

 June, 2009 Annual Yearbook on Armaments, Disarmament, and International Security -- published by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (Sipri).

Published on Friday, May 14, 2010 by the Army Times General: Expect War for 5-10 More Years

- For the next "five to 10 years," the military likely will remain engaged in the same kinds of conflicts it has been fighting since 2001, said Marine Corps Gen. James Cartwright.
- "There is nothing out there that tells us we won't be wrapped up in these conflicts for as far as the eye can see," Cartwright said at the Center for Strategic and International Studies-sponsored forum. (AFP/Getty Images/File/Chip Somodevilla)
- The vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs on Thursday told a conference in Washington that "no one I know thinks we'll be out of" these kinds of conflicts any time soon. "There is nothing out there that tells us we won't be wrapped up in these conflicts for as far as the eye can see," Cartwright said at the Center for Strategic and International Studiessponsored forum.

Stockholm International Peace Research Institute: Military Expenditure Data, 2010

Table 1 The Top 10 military spenders in 2010

Spending figures are in US\$, at current prices and exchange rates. Countries are ranked according to military spending at Market Exchange Rates (MER).

Spending Change Change Share of

GDP

Rank Country 2010 (\$b.) 2009-2010 (%) 2001-2010 (%)			(%, est. share of GI	<u>)P)</u>
1 USA 698	2.8	81.3	4.8	
2 China [119]	3. 8	189	[2.1]	
3 UK 59.6	<i>-0.8</i>	21.9	2.7	
4 France 59.3	-8.4	<i>3.3</i>	2.3	
5 Russia [58.7]	-1.4	82.4	[4.0]	
6 Japan 54.5	0.8	-1.7	1.0	
7 Saudi Arabia <i>b 45.2</i>	<i>4.0</i>	63.0	10.4	
8 Germany [45.2]	-1.3	-2.7	[1.3]	
9 India 41.3	-2.8	<i>54.3</i>	2.7	
10 Italy [37.0]	0.3	<i>-5.8</i>	[1.8]	
World 1 630	1.3	<i>50.3</i>	2.6	

SIPRI Conclusions

the USA continues to be exceptional in terms of its military spending. As well as being overwhelmingly the largest spender in absolute terms, with 43 per cent of the global total, six times its nearest rival China, it has led the way in the global increase since 2001, with an 81 per cent rise in real terms compared to 32.5 per cent in the 'rest of the world'. Moreover, the share of US GDP devoted to the military—the 'military burden'—has increased sharply, from 3.1 per cent in 2001 to an estimated 4.8 per cent in 2010, while in the majority of other worldwide the military burden has fallen or remained steady. Of those countries for which SIPRI has reliable data, the USA is likely to have had the highest military burden outside the Middle East in 2010, based on IMF projections for GDP.

SIPRI Conclusions, Continued

• Even in the face of efforts to bring down the soaring US budget deficit, military spending continues to receive privileged treatment. President Obama's FY2012 budget announced a 5-year freeze on nonsecurity-related discretionary expenditure, but military spending, along with other security spending such as intelligence and Homeland Security is exempt. Such cuts as may occur are likely to be due to the end of the US troop presence in Iraq and the gradual drawdown from Afghanistan, rather than to cuts I the 'base' defence budget. Taken together, these figures suggest that the USA continues to prioritize maintaining its overwhelming military power as the basis of its security and status.

The five largest suppliers of major conventional weapons, 2006–10 (SIPRI)

Suppliers

- Share of global arms exports:
- US: 30%
- Russia: 23%
- Germany: 11%
- France: 7%
- UK: 4%

Main Recipients

• South Korea (14%)

Australia (9%)

UAE (8%)

India (33%)

China (23%)

Algeria (13%) Germany

Greece (15%)

South Africa (11%)

Turkey (10%) France

Singapore (23%)

UAE (16%)

Greece (12%) UK

USA (23%)

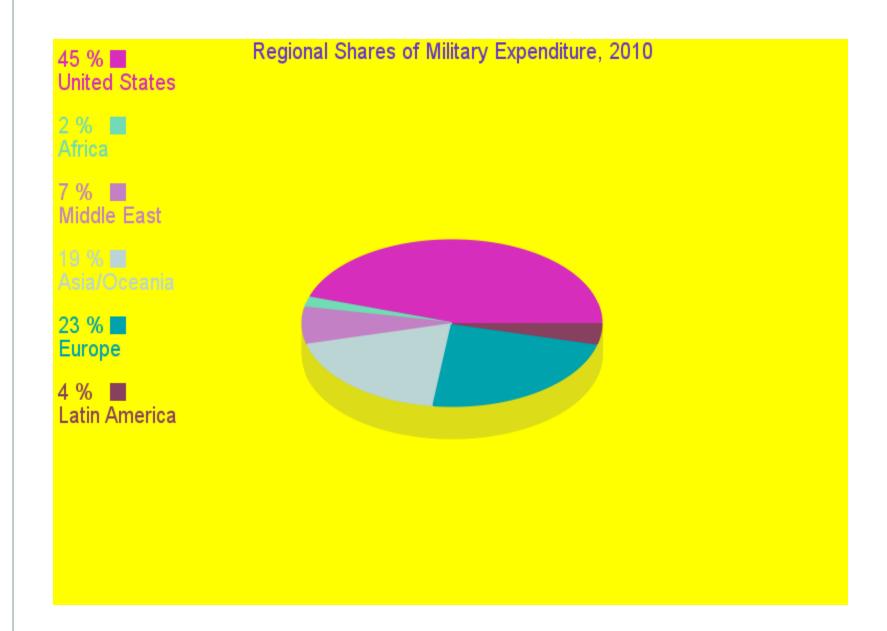
Saudi Arabia (19%)

India (10%)

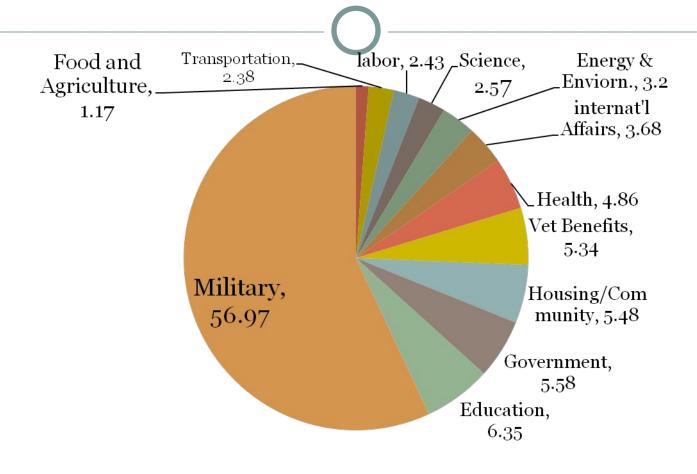
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US Budget: Discretionary Spending 2013



SIPRI: Report on global arms sales

- 21 Feb 2011: Top global arms industry increases arms sales despite ongoing recession, says SIPRI
- (Stockholm, 21 February 2011) Despite the continuing global economic recession in 2009, the total arms sales of the SIPRI Top 100 of the world's largest arms-producing companies increased by \$14.8 billion from 2008 to reach \$401 billion, a real increase of 8 per cent.
- With total arms sales of the SIPRI Top 100 maintained the upward trend in their arms sales, an increase of a total of 59 per cent in real terms since 2002.

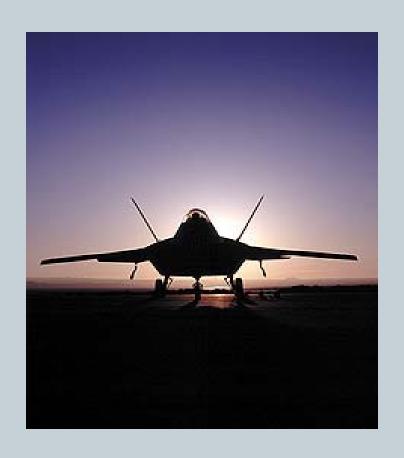
21 Feb 2011: Top global arms industry increases arms sales despite ongoing recession, says SIPRI

- The following describes the breakdown of the SIPRI Top 100 in the USA and Western Europe.
- 45 of the SIPRI Top 100 are based in the USA. These companies generated just under \$247 billion in total arms sales, which is 61.5 per cent of the SIPRI Top 100 arms sales.
- 33 of the SIPRI Top 100 are based in nine Western European countries (Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the UK). These companies generated \$120 billion in total arms sales, which is 30 per cent of the SIPRI Top 100 arms sales.
- 26 of the top Western European arms producers are based primarily in four countries: France, Germany, Italy, and the UK.
- Ten of the SIPRI Top 100 are based in Asia (3 in India, 4 in Japan, 1 in Singapore, 2 in South Korea), excluding China, and 5 in the Middle East (3 in Israel, 1 in Kuwait, 1 in Turkey). The SIPRI Top 100 companies in these two regions generated \$24 billion in combined arms sales, which is 6 per cent of the SIPRI Top 100 arms sales in 2009.
- None of the companies in the SIPRI Top 100 in 2009 are based in Latin America or Africa.

June 2012 YouTube.Cost of War: \$1.6 Trillion per year

http://www.activistpost.com/2012/06/astronomical-tax

www.fa22-raptor.com/



Does Defense spending present the best available choice for job preservation?

• On October 25, 2011, the Aerospace Industries Association (AIA) published an economic impact analysis which concluded that defense cuts of \$1 trillion over ten years would cost the United States more than one million jobs, increase the rate of unemployment by 0.6 percent, and reduce projected growth of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) by 25 percent.

THE U.S. EMPLOYMENT EFFECTS OF MILITARY AND DOMESTICSPENDING PRIORITIES:2011 UPDATE Robert Pollin & Heidi Garrett-Peltier

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- As of 2010, the U.S. government operated with a
- military budget of nearly \$690 billion.
- This is a 67 percent increase (in real dollars) relative to the level of spending in 2001.
- It amounted to 4.7 percent of GDP in 2010.
- By addressing social needs in the areas of clean energy, health care and education, we would also create many more job opportunities overall as well as a substantially larger number of good jobs.

What will 1 billion in spending reap in terms of jobs creation?

- **Military spending** creates about 11,200 jobs from \$1 billion in spending.
- By a significant amount, this is the fewest number of jobs of any of the alternative uses of funds in comparison with others.
- **Household consumption** generates about 15,100 jobs, 35 percent more than military spending.
- **Clean energy** generates about 16,800 jobs (50 percent more than military)
- **Health care** generates about 17,200 jobs (54 percent more than the military).
- Spending on **Education** is the largest source of job creation by a substantial amount, generating about 26,700 jobs overall through \$1 billion in spending, which is 138 percent more than the number of jobs that are generated through \$1 billion in military spending.
- Robert Pollin & Heidi Garrett-Peltier, Political Economy Research Institute, University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Pentagon Petrol Pushers

- A&MOil Carter Oil Fannon
- Acorn Petroleum
 CEL Oil Products Petroleum
- Advanced Petroleum Chevron
 Services
- Farmers Union Oil
- CITGO Petroleum Farstad Oil
- Aegean Colonial Oil Industries Frost Oil Marine Petroleum
- AGE Refining Colorado Galp Energia
 Petroleum Products Gate Petroleum
- AI Mamoon Oilfield and
 Industrial Supplies Compania Espanola Gemini Petroleum
 de Petroleos NV
- Aloha Petroleum
- Gene Moeller Oil
- Alan Israel Fuel ConocoPhilJips Glenn Oil
- American Cross Petroleum Gold Star Petroleum
 Petroleum Services Cosmo Oil Co
- Golden Gate Petroleum
- Anderes Oil D&WOil
- Griffith Oil
- Arguindegui Oil Daigle Oil G Gulf Oil Limited
 Partnership

- Armour Petroleum Dana Petroleum

 Askar Petroleum Dime Oil Haliburton's Energy
 - Services Group
 - Bahrain Petroleum Drew Oil
 - Baseview Petroleum Dunlap Oil
 - Hanil Oil Refining
 - Big Bear Oil Ed Staub Harbor Petroleum
 - & Sons Petroleum Harris Oil
 - Black Oil Bosco Oil Estacada Oil Harry's Oil
 - BP ExxonMobil Haycock Petroleum
 - Hellenic Petroleum SA Navajo Refining Seoil Gas
 - Hyundai Oilbank N.V. Koninklijke Shin Dae Han Nederlandsche

Oil Refining

- ICS Petroleum
- Imperial Oil Odgers Petroleum Sinclair Oil Corporation
- Inlet Petroleum Oil Equipment Sales
- Shoreside Petroleum International Oil Trading
- Oil States Industries South Pacific Petroleum
- Oil Trading Paramount Petroleum
- Southwest Georgia Oil Irving Oil Parkos Oil
- SPARK Petrol OrOnleri
- Jefferson City Oil Patriot Petroleum
- SI. Joe Petroleum

Pentagon Petrol Pushers II

Jenkins Gas & Oil Petro Air Strickland Oil

John W. Stone Petro Alaska

Oil Distributors Sunglim Oil & Chemical

Petro Star Valdez Inc.

Johnson Oil of Hallock Superieur Petrol

Petrol Ofisi A.S.

KiddOil Supreme Oil

Petroleos del Peru

Kimbro Oil T.A. Roberts Oil

Kuwait Petroleum Petroleum Management Tate Oil

Petroleum Partners

Lakeside Oil Tesoro Petroleum

Petroleum Solutions

Lamar Fuel Oil Total SA

Petroleum Traders

Le Pier Oil

Petrom SA

Tramp Oil and Marine and Tramp Oil Aviation

Lee Escher Oil

Pettit Oil

Main Brothers Oil

Phoenix Petroleum Transworld Oil Limited

- Mansfield Oil
- Pitt Penn Oil Tri-Gas & Oil
- McCartney Oil Potter Oil & Tire
- U.S. Oil & Refining
- McLure Oil
- Pro Petroleum
- Merlin Petroleum
- Unocal Corporation
- Rebel Oil Valero Energy
- Morgan Oil
- Repsol Petr61eoSA Wallis Oil
- Motor Oil [Hellas]
- River City Petroleum Ward Oil
- Muddy Creek Oil and Gas RKA Petroleum
- Western Petroleum
- National Oilwell Varco Rogers Petroleum
- Western Refining Nippon Oil
- RPL Oil Distributor LLC World Fuel Services
- Northland Holding's Service Oil and Gas Inc.
- Salathe Oil
- Wyandotte Tribal SBK Oil Field Services Petroleum

- THE PENTAGON IN YOUR PANTRY

Food	DoD Contractor	Food	DoD
Contractor			
After Eight min	ts Nestle	Coffee Mate	Nestle
Ajax Scourer	Colgate-Palmoli	ve College Inn	Del Monte Foods
		Chicken Broth	
Aquafina purifi	ed PepsiCo	Contadina tomato	Del Monte Foods
drinking water	-	paste	
Athenos Humm		Aunt Jemima syrup	PepsiCo
Country Crock	Unilever N.V.	Bagel Bites	H.J. Heinz
margarine		2.16.1.2.1.1.2	
Cream of Whea	t KrafUAltria	Baked Doritos	PepsiCo
oreall of Whea	Turo Tura	tortilla chips	Герысо
Cream-O-Land	Cream-O-Land	Balance Bars	KrafUAltria
Milk	Dairy	balance bars	Marorna
Crystal Light	KrafUAltria	Ball Park franks	Sara Lee
Of ystar Light	Maromina	Dan I ark Iranks	Dara Lee
Dasani purified	Coca-Cola	Bertolli olive oil	Unilever N.V.
Noncarbonated		Der tom onve on	Office In.v.
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Birds Eye Asian	•	Dawn dishwashing	Procter & Gamble
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Secome Ginger	Sauce		

THE PENTAGON IN YOUR PANTRY II

Food D	OoD Contractor	Food	\mathbf{DoD}	
Contractor				
Birds Eye Voila!	Birds Eye	Del Monte diced	Del Monte Foods	
Chicken Fajita		tomatoes		
Boboli Pizza Crust	George Weston	Dixie Crystals	Imperial Sugar	
	Bakeries	sugar		
Bounty paper I	Procter & Gamble	Dole Canned	Dole Food	
towels		Pineapples		
Breakstone's k	KrafUAltria	Earth Grains	Sara Lee	
Cottage Cheese		Frozen Garlic Bread		
Buffalo Style	Tyson Foods	Egg Beaters	ConAgra Foods	
Popcorn		pasteurized egg product	- -	
Chicken Bites				
Bumble Bee Tuna	Bumble Bee	Eggo Blueberry	Kellogg's	
		pancakes		
Butterball Turkey	ConAgra Foods			
C&W Cut Italian	Birds Eye	Eggo waffles	Kellogg's	
Green Beans		Entenmann's	George Weston	
		Crumb Donuts	Bakeries	
Cheerios	General Mills	Chi-Chi's Salsa	Hormel	
Chunky Vegetable	Cambell Soup	Fig Newtons	Nabisco/Kraft/Altria	
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THE PENTAGON IN YOUR PANTRY III

Food	DoD Contractor	Food	DoD
Fontracto r flavored water	KrafUAltria	Mr.Clean multi- purpose cleaner	Procter &Gamble
Grape-Nuts	KrafUAltria	Mr.Yoshida's	H.J. Heinz
		Hawaiian Sweet/So	our Sauce
Green Giant	General Mills		
Asparagus Spea	rs	Mueller's pasta	American Italian Pasta
Grey Poupon	Kraft		
Dijon mustard		MuirGlen Classic Minestrone soup	General Mills
Heinz Vinegar	H.J. Heinz	Herb-Oxbouillon	Hormel Foods
Natural Ruffles	PepsiCo	Hershey's	Hershey Foods
potato chips		Chocolate syrup	
Nature Valley granola bars	General Mills	Kix Cereal	General Mills
HillshireFarm Smoked Turkey	Sara Lee	Orbit Gum	Wm. Wrigley Jr.
Naturewell	National Beef	Uncle Ben's	Mars, InC
antibiotic-free,		Rice	
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Additional Pentagon Contractors

- IBM
- Time-Warner
- Ford and General Motors
- Microsoft
- NBC and General Electric
- Hilton and Marriott
- Columbia TriSarFilms and Sony
- Pfizer
- Espn and Walt Disney
- Bank of America
- Johnson and Johnson
- Lowe's Home Center
- Maytag
- Kohler
- Google
- Starbucks
- FedEx
- Apple
- Hewlett-Packard
- Oracle
- Motorola
- Hasbro

Ford "Synus," "for living in the rough and tumble of life in the big city of the future"



Boy Scouts of America: "Explorers Program"



"JAMRS"— the Department of Defense "program for joint marketing communications and market research and studies"

- Hispanic Barriers to Enlistment: A project to "identify the factors contributing to under-representation of Hispanic youth among military accessions"
- College Drop Outs/Stop Outs Study: A project aimed at "a better understanding of what drives college students to drop out and determine how the Services can capitalize on this group"
- Mothers' Attitude Study: "This Study gauges the target audience's attitudes to identify messages that had a positive effect..."

http://www.navyformoms.com



Meet Karen's nuclear family.

Jacob and Jarrod had always excelled in math and science. Still, Karen Gallagher was pretty surprised when her sons announced they had been accepted into the Navy's Nuclear Propulsion Program. Of course, after surprised came nervous, proud, scared and a host of other emotions.

After all, being accepted into an elite program doesn't ease the fears of the unknown that most moms have. Like, where will they be stationed? How often will I see them? What about college?

Thankfully, now you can find unbiased information about Navy life at a Web site designed just for moms of prospective Sailors – NAVYForMoms.com. That's where moms in the know, just like Karen (username Karen Gallagher), are standing by with no-nonsense advice to make your transition from mom to Navy mom just a little bit easier.

ForMoms.com



Changes in DoD Recruiting Budget

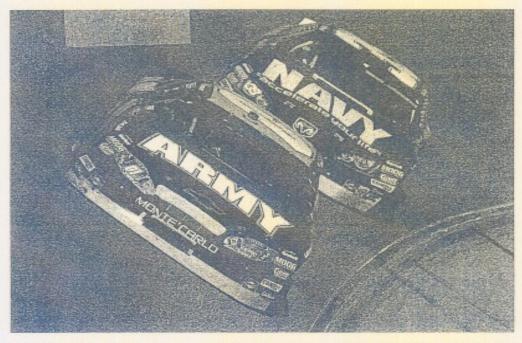
- Total DoD recruiting budget in 2003: \$4 billion annually.
- Since the late 1990s DoD has overhauled its recruiting advertising programs and nearly doubled funding for recruiting advertising. New focus: use of the Internet, and participating in more promotional activities, such as sports events.
- DoD's total advertising funding increased 98 percent in constant dollars from fiscal year 1998 through fiscal year 2003 – from \$299 million to \$592 million.

More on DoD Recruitment

- The RAND Corporation reports that in 2007, the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps collectively spent more than \$600 million on recruiting advertising, which represents a 150 percent increase over 1999 levels.
- To compare, in fiscal year 2006 the operating budgets for AmeriCorps (Programs + Education Award) and Peace Corps were \$525.6 million and \$318.8 million respectively both figures lower that the 2006 recruiting advertising budgets of the military. In other words, on recruiting advertising alone, the military was appropriated more funds than the total amount of government financial support provided AmeriCorps and Peace Corps.

Yo Soy El Army





The army Chevrolet and navy Dodge at the 2005 USG Sheetrock 400 NASCAR race. Photo Courtesy of the U.S. Army.

American Militarism on Steroids

- "... Military displays of every sort have increasingly been woven into the interstices of our everyday lives... Americans largely prefer not to notice. On our own militarism, we are generally in denial. We seem to take it all in not as a reflection of a more militarized country with a Pentagon budget unparalleled in history, but as so much passing entertainment, in part because the militarized land we live in conforms to no notions we hold of militarism."
- Tom Engelhardt, *TomDispatch.com*, 9/8/2009



- AMERICA'S ARMY: LIVE THE EXPERIENCE CONTEST!
- Are you Army Strong? Here's your chance to prove it!
 Earn America's Army Coins in the new America's Army: True Soldiers game and redeem them to enter the "Live the Experience" contest. You can earn chances to win prizes only the Army can offer. Grand prizes winners will Live the Experience of:
- An Army Soldier and become a Soldier for a day at a real Army Post
- An *America's Army* developer and visit the labs to see how *America's Army* is used for real-world Soldier training
- A Golden Knight for a Day and get a behind-the-scenes look at the Army's elite parachute team
- Always wanted to see what Soldiering is all about? Keep watching www.americasarmy.com for updates and find out how you can **Live the Experience!**
- AMERICA'S ARMY SPECIAL FORCES HOME PAGE.flv

YouTube - America's Army: True Soldiers Trailer

Tagline: "Created by Soldiers, Developed copyribys Gamers 13 Tested by Heroes"

Navy Commercials: "A Global Force for Good"

- http:// www.youtube.com/watch?v=FnR8CDygeAM&list=PL2A
- http:// www.youtube.com/watch?v=h3wtUCPWmeI&list=PL2A
- (above link especially feature link to sacrificial identity formation)

DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

HEADQUARTERS UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS 2 NAVY ANNEX, WASHINGTON, DC 20380-1775

- •12 Apr 97
- MARINE CORPS ORDER 1500.55
- From: Commandant of the Marine Corps
- To: Distribution List
- Subj: MILITARY THINKING AND DECISION MAKING EXERCISES
- 1. Purpose. To implement Military Thinking and Decision Making Exercises throughout the Marine Corps.

MARINE CORPS ORDER 1500.55 (continued)

• d. The use of technological innovations, such as personal computer (PC)-based wargames, provide great potential for Marines to develop decision making skills, particularly when live training time and opportunities are limited. Policy contained herein authorizes Marines to use Government computers for approved PC-based wargames.

University of Southern California Institute for Creative Technologies



ICT was established in 1999 with a multi-year contract from the US Army to explore a powerful question: What would happen if leading technologists in artificial intelligence, graphics, and immersion joined forces with the creative talents of Hollywood and the game Industry?

The answer is the creation of engaging, memorable and effective interactive media that are revolutionizing learning in the fields of training, education and beyond.

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An example of the way "interpenetration" functions: National Guard Warrior music video

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xHzSBEVbXtM

http://www.nationalguardwarrior.com/

Military recruiters zero in on Ocean City during "Senior Week"

• "Virtual Army Experience" –a life-sized video game where players take their seat in a real helicopter and Humvee to battle digital insurgents across an array of garage door-sized screens. Players are encouraged to "join the team."



DoD STARBASE

DoD STARBASE - What is STARBASE?



Civilian Casualties of (Our Fully Funded) War

http://www.commondreams.org/video/2009/06/17

Reframed "Bill of Rights" from popular email circulating in advance of Memorial Day, 2012

Keep it moving, please, even if you've seen it before.

It is the VETERAN, not the preacher, who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the VETERAN, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the VETERAN, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the VETERAN, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble.

It is the VETERAN, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial. It is the VETERAN, not the politician, Who has given us the right to vote.

It is the VETERAN who salutes the Flag,

Sacrificial Collision/Collusion/Colonization

Lutheran U.S. pastor

"When I was young, I was taught that God loves me and that Jesus died for me. I was reminded to be thankful that God sent Jesus to die for my sins... during Lent and into Holy Week we lift up the death of Jesus as something he didn't deserve. He was innocent of all charges... He died so we might be saved. He paid the ransom. God was pleased with Jesus' sacrifice."

Pres. George Bush

"Good morning. This weekend, families across America are coming together to celebrate Easter... during this special and holy time each year, millions of Americans pause to remember a sacrifice that transcended the grave and redeemed the world...On Easter we hold in our hearts those who will be spending this holiday far from home – our troops. . . I deeply appreciate the sacrifices that they and their families are making... On Easter, we especially remember those who have given their lives for the cause of freedom. These brave individuals have lived out the words of the Gospel: "Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends..."

Obama's sacrificial rhetoric

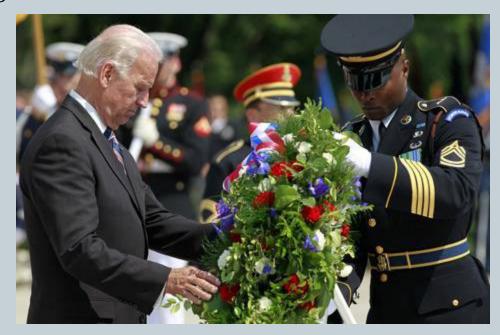
"The sacrifices of war are immeasurable... As we stand at the beginning of the fifth year of this war, let us remember... the thousands upon thousands of families who are living the very real consequences and immeasurable sacrifices that have come from our decision to invade Iraq. We are so blessed in this country to have so many men and women like this – Americans willing to put on that uniform, and say the hard goodbyes, and risk their lives in a far off land because they know that such consequences and sacrifices are sometimes necessary to defend our country and achieve a lasting peace."

"Remarks of Senator Barak Obama on the Iraq War," Barak Obama, Senator for Illinois, http://obama.senate.gov/speech/070321-remarks_of_sena_11/, accessed 4/02/08.

"The Necessity of Sacrifice": Arlington, Memorial Day, 2010

Biden gave thanks to the generations of "soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines" who are "the heart and soul, and I would say spine of this nation." Those Americans, Biden said, "have died that we may live."

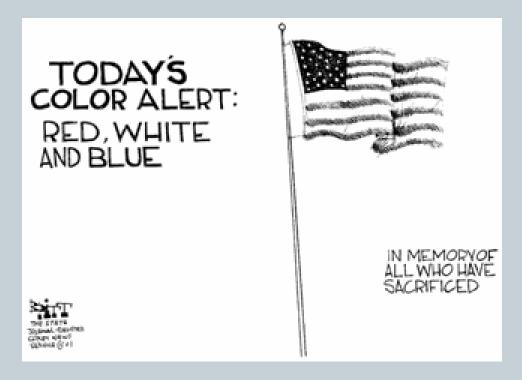
"And as a nation we pause today to remember them. They gave their lives fulfilling their oaths to this nation and to us."



Memorial Day, 2012



Memorial Day, 2012



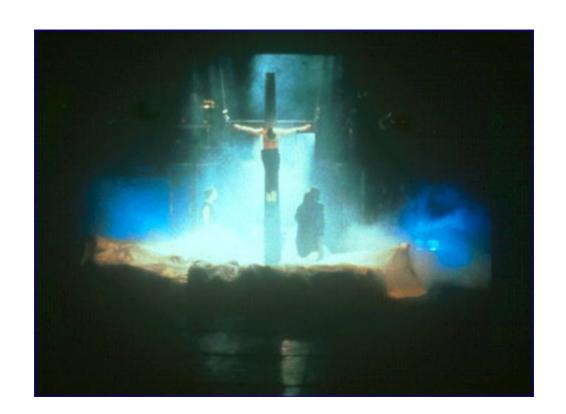
Remember only two defining forces have ever offered to die for you... Jesus Christ



and the American Soldier



One died for your soul,



the other for your Freedom! If you agree, pass it on...



World War II Memorial on the National Mall



Twila Paris, "Gospel Music Association Female Vocalist of the Year" – three years in a row

Many of her songs are in church hymnals or otherwise used in church worship services. She has produced 22 albums, won many awards, and amassed 33 number one Christian Radio Singles.



YouTube - Heroes Tribute

American Heroes, Lyrics, Twila Paris

He was twenty-one in 1944 He was hope and he was courage on a lonely shore Sent there by a mother with love beyond her tears Just a young American who chose to rise above his fears And as I watch him struggle up that hill Without a thought of turning back I cannot help but wonder What did he die for? When he died for you and me Made the sacrifice So that we could all be free I believe we will answer each to heaven For the way we spend a priceless liberty Look inside and ask the question What did he die for? When he died for me

To the darkest day in A.D. 33 Came the mercy and compassion of eternity Sent there by a Father with love beyond His tears Blameless One, the only Son to bear the guilt of all these years And as I watch Him struggle up that hill Without a thought of turning back I cannot help but wonder What did He die for? When He died for you and me Made the sacrifice So that we could all be free I believe we will answer each to heaven For the way we spend a priceless liberty Look inside and ask the question What did he die for? He died for freedom He died for love And all the things we do not pay Him back

Could never be enough

Toby Keith

- YouTube Courtesy Of The Red, White And Blue (The A
- YouTube Toby Keith American Soldier

YouTube - Toby Keith - American Soldier



 And I will always do my duty no matter what the price

I've counted up the cost, I know the sacrifice Oh and I don't want to die for you, but if dyin's asked of me

I'll bear that cross with honor, cause freedom don't come free.

Sept. 8/2008 Cellphone video of Dead Afghan Children after US Raid

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZzzWba2B_Co



The War is Making You Poor

Next year's budget allocates \$159,000,000,000 to "contingency operations," to perpetuate the occupations of Afghanistan and Iraq. That's enough money to eliminate federal income taxes for the first \$35,000 of every American's income each year, and beyond that, leave over \$15 billion that would cut the deficit.

So let's do that instead.

I support the 'War is Making You Poor' Act. This bill would eliminate the separate funding for the occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan, and eliminate federal income taxes for everyone's first \$35,000 of income (or \$70,000 for couples) each year. And it would help pay down our national debt.

I support it. No, actually, <u>I love it.</u> And I call on Congress to pass it.

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"War-Culture": Military Buildups and Decreasing Boundaries

- Since 1950, 4 periods of intense military buildups
- "military-industrial-think tank-complex"
- "circulation of elites "
 retiring defense contractors/Pentagon officials/
- "black budgets"
- Growing host of military contractors; contracting out base construction, maintenance and security: Kellogg Brown and Root
- Decreasing boundaries between military/industrial/congressional/think tank complex augmented by weakening of constitutional government

Top Ten Military Spenders

Stockholm International Peace Research Institute Report, 2009

- The top 10 military spenders, 2008
 - Rank Country Spending (\$ b.)World share (%)

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•	1USA	607		41.5
•	2China	84.9		5.8
•	3France	65.7		4.5
	4UK	65.3		4.5
	5Russa	58.6		4.0
•	6Germany			3.2
	<i>7</i> Japan	46.3		3.2
•	8Italy	40.6		2.8
•	9Saudi Ar	abia 38.	2	2.6
	íoIndia	30		2.1

- World total 1464 +45
- World governments spent \$1.46 trillion dollars on military expenditures in 2008
- This total amount has risen by 45% in the last decade.

SIPRI estimate. The spending figures are in current US dollars.

SIRPRI Summary Report

- Summary
- The year 2008 saw increasing threats to security, stability and peace in nearly every corner of the globe. The effects of the global financial crisis will be likely to exacerbate these challenges as governments and non-governmental organizations struggle to respond effectively. The conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq continued, with moderate improvements to the security situation in the latter and worsening conditions in the former. A total of 16 major armed conflicts raged on, with many gathering intensity over the course of 2008. Deliberate violence against civilians by warring parties was increasingly and appallingly common.

Levels of birth defects in Fallujah following 2004 onslaught by U.S. using weapons using highly toxic weapons: BBC reports in March, 2010

- The BBC reported last month that doctors in the Iraqi city of Fallujah are reporting a high level of birth defects, with some blaming weapons used by the United States during its fierce onslaughts of 2004 and subsequently, which left much of the city in ruins. "It was like an earthquake," a local engineer who was running for a national assembly seat told the *Washington Post* in 2005. "After Hiroshima and Nagasaki, there was Fallujah." Now, the level of heart defects among newborn babies is said to be 13 times higher than in Europe.
- The BBC correspondent also saw children in the city who were suffering from paralysis or brain damage, and a photograph of one baby who was born with three heads. He added that he heard many times that officials in Fallujah had warned women that they should not have children. One doctor in the city had compared data about birth defects from before 2003 when she saw about one case every two months with the situation now, when she saw cases every day. "I've seen footage of babies born with an eye in the middle of the forehead, the nose on the forehead," she said.
- A spokesman for the US military, Michael Kilpatrick, said it always took public health concerns "very seriously", but that "No studies to date have indicated environmental issues resulting in specific health issues." ¹
- One could fill many large volumes with the details of the environmental and human horrors the United States has brought to Fallujah and other parts of Iraq during seven years of using white phosphorous shells, depleted uranium, napalm, cluster bombs, neutron bombs, laser weapons, weapons using directed energy, weapons using high-powered microwave technology, and other marvelous inventions in the Pentagon's science-fiction arsenal ... the list of abominations and grotesque ways of dying is long, the wanton cruelty of American policy shocking. In November 2004, the US military targeted a Fallujah hospital "because the American military believed that it was the source of rumors about heavy casualties." ² That's on a par with the classic line from the equally glorious American war in Vietnam: "We had to destroy the city to save it."

U.S. is the Leading Supplier of Weapons to the World

- In 2008, the U.S. sold 37.8 billion dollars in weapons to the rest of the world; this represents 68.4% of all the world's sales in the arms bazaar
- ❖Italy was second 3.7 billion
- ❖Russia was third 3.8 billion
- Though total world sales dropped by 55.2 billion dollars (a result of international recession), U.S. sales increased from 25.4 billion in 2007 to 37.8 billion in 2008.

Buyers of U.S. Arms in 2008

- Top buyers include:
- \$6.5 billion air defense system for the United Arab Emirates;
- \$2.1 billion jet fighter deal with Morocco
- a \$2 billion attack helicopter agreement with Taiwan.
- Other large weapons agreements were reached between the United States and India, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, South Korea and Brazil
- The annual report was produced by the nonpartisan Congressional Research Service, a division of the Library of Congress

McChrystal Looks to Spin Afghan Civilian Deaths Problem

- U.S. officials at a NATO conference in Brussels last Friday were telling reporters that "public relations" are now considered "crucial" to "turning the tide" in Afghanistan, according to an AFP story on Jun 12.
- CENTCOM commander Gen. David Petraeus also referred to the importance of taking the propaganda offensive in a presentation to the pro-military think tank Centre for a New American Security (CNAS) Jun. 11. "When you're dealing the press," he said, "when you're dealing the tribal leaders, when you're dealing with host nations... you got to beat the bad guys to the headlines."
- The new emphasis on more aggressive public relations appears to respond to demands from U.S. military commanders in Afghanistan to wrest control of the issue of civilian casualties from the Taliban. In a discussion of that issue at the same conference, Gen. David Barno, the commander of U.S. forces in Afghanistan from 2003 to 2005, said, "We've got to be careful about who controls the narrative on civilian casualties."
- Published on Wednesday, June 17, 2009 by Inter Press Service, by Gareth Porter

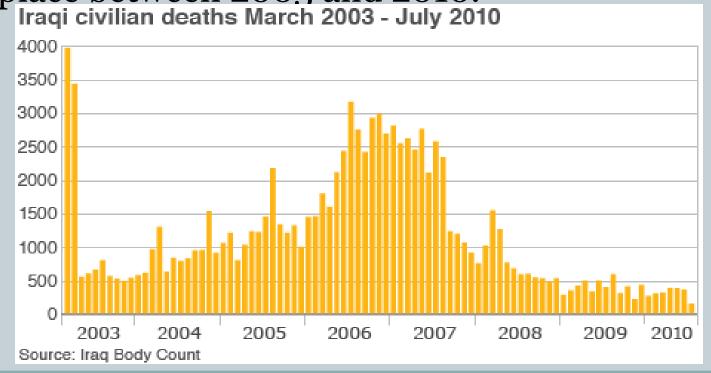
18 veterans commit suicide each day Reported in the Military Times, April 2010:

- Troubling new data show there are an average of 950 suicide attempts each month by veterans who are receiving some type of treatment from the Veterans Affairs Department.
- Seven percent of the attempts are successful, and 11 percent of those who don't succeed on the first attempt try again within nine months.
- The numbers, which come at a time when VA is strengthening its suicide prevention programs, show about 18 veteran suicides a day, about five by veterans who are receiving VA care.
- Access to care appears to be a key factor, officials said, noting that once a veteran is inside the VA care program, screening programs are in place to identify those with problems, and special efforts are made to track those considered at high risk, such as monitoring whether they are keeping appointments.

Statistics on Iraq War losses

- At 26 August 2010 the latest figure from the US Department of Defense stood at 4,421 of which 3,492 were killed in action. Almost 32,000 have been wounded in action.
- The UK has lost 179 servicemen and women, of which 136 were killed in action.

• The organisation Iraq Body Count has been collating civilian deaths using cross-checked media reports and other figures such as morgue records. Between 97,461 and 106,348 civilian deaths took place between 2003 and 2010.
Iraqi civilian deaths March 2003 - July 2010



The Oakley "Men's SI Assault Boot"



Army Experience Center

- YouTube Press: Army Experience Center
- YouTube Army Experience Center (AEC) Case Study
- YouTube AEC protest rally



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Costs for Caring for Veterans

- Iraq and Afghanistan veterans' health care, social security and disability needs will run somewhere between \$422 (in a best case scenario) and \$717 (in a realistic-moderately conceived scenario) billion.
- How to account for many other grievances incurred:
- -- the economic value of the loss of a productive young life,
- --difficulties and deficits due to mental health disabilities such as PTDS and traumatic brain injury,
- --the costs of "quality of life" impairments to veterans, their family, friends and communities, and more.

California Federation of Teachers Resolution 27

- California Federation of Teachers Resolution 27
- Adopted Sunday, March 18, 2007
- Protect Student Privacy Rights
- Submitted by Local 1021, United Teachers Los Angeles
- Whereas section 9528 of the No Child Left Behind Act mandates schools to provide
- military recruiters with the name, address, and phone numbers of secondary students
- and mandates that military recruiters have open access to public schools at all times,
- and
- Whereas, student privacy rights are ignored and their rights are disenfranchised by
- Section 9528, and
- Whereas, military recruitment does not belong in any federal statute on public
- education, and
- Whereas, military recruiters are deceitful to students and use high pressure sales tactics
- on students, and
- Whereas, the war and the war budget have diverted huge amounts of resources from
- funding for continued education by children of working families,
- Therefore, be it resolved that the California Federation of Teachers seeks to eliminate
- Section 9528 from any reauthorization of the No Child Left Behind Act and publicize
- the destruction of student privacy incurred by Section 9528, and
- Be it further resolved that the California Federation of Teachers inform the California
- congressional delegation of its opposition to Section 9528 of the No Child Left Behind
- Act, and
- Be it finally resolved that the California Federation of Teachers inform the American
- Federation of Teachers and local councils of this resolution.
- From http://www.militaryfreeschools.org/, accessed 05/29/08

War-Culture and Everyday Life

• "this new military-industrial technological-entertainment-academic-scientific-media-intelligence-homeland security-surveillance-national security-corporate complex."

 Coined by: Nick Turse, The Complex: How The Military Invades Our Lives

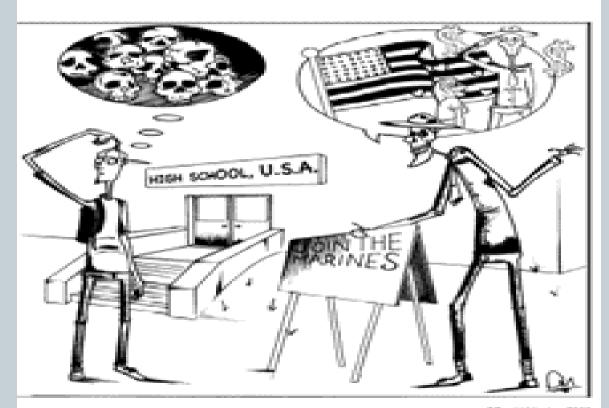
international Energy Outlook, 2009

published by the Energy Information Administration of the U.S. Dept of Energy

- China will overtake the United States as the number one consumer of energy between 2010 and 2014.
- In 1990, the developing nations of Asia and the Middle East accounted for only 17% of world energy consumption; by 2030, that number, the report suggests, should reach 41%, matching that of the major First World powers.
- the United States will face ever fiercer competition from China in the global struggle to secure adequate supplies of energy to meet national needs.
- Currently U.S. comprises 5% of world's population, consumes
 25% of world's resources, including petroleum.



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"CyCom" -cyber activities developing in the Pentagon

- \$50 70 billion in future Pentagon budgets
- Secretary Gates to quadruple the number of "cyberofficers" by
 2011
- Establishment of "Cybercommand" in the Pentagon
- Purpose: "develop cyberweapons for use in responding to attacks from foreign adversaries" under the direction of Lieutenant General Keith B. Alexander, who will add another star to his three in the move from the National Security Agency to his new command.
- "Cyber-military-industrial complex" has "launched a frenzy of buying" – Lockheed Martin, Gorthrop Gumman, General Dynamics, etc., gobbling up smaller tech companies to position themselves in this new market.

Air Force Bugbots Micro Air Vehicle (MAVs) buglike dron

http://video.designworldonline.com/bugbots.html

Questions for the end of 1st session

• What is your response to the notion of sacrifice as a dangerous hinge/engine/link between Christian doctrine and practices and U.S. war-culture?

• Is "sacrifice" a category of thinking and valuing that has meaning/importance for you? For your religious commitments? How and why?

Moravian Helicopter Spectacle

YouTube - Chinook Lands on Moravian's Quad - For Stu

Economics Professor and the rhetoric of sacrifice

"I can think of three worthy purposes, off hand:

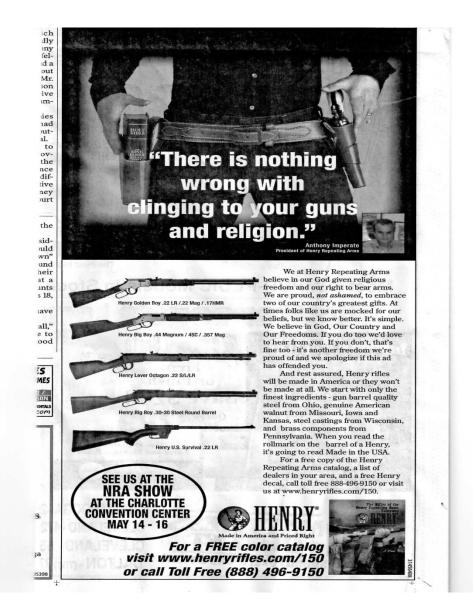
Those who sacrifice salaries and stable home lives, if nothing else, to the service of their country deserve our support.

Until the lion lies down peaceably with the lamb, we must encourage young people to consider similar sacrifices.

ROTC encourages academic excellence. ROTC cadets who have taken classes with me have been above average students. They were willing to ask questions and follow up on points they found difficult, as we wish all students did."

President Lincon's letter to Lydia Bixby, mother of fallen soldiers

• "I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours, to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of Freedom."



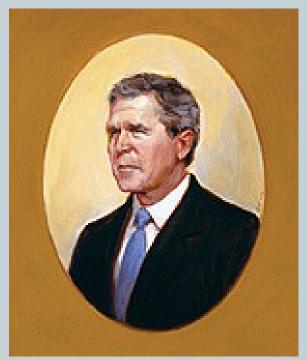
Memorializing "The Ultimate Sacrifice" www.operationneverforget.org



"Welcome to "OPERATION NEVER FORGET" whose mission and dedication is to building portraiture memorial busts of every service member whose been killed in theatre in Iraq and Afghanistan. The heroes of our nation who have answered our country's call, Welcome to "OPERATION NEVER FORGET" whose mission and dedication is to building portraiture memorial busts of every service member whose been killed in theatre in Iraq and Afghanistan. The heroes of our nation who have answered our country's call, fought a good fight and whose lives have been cut short by making the ultimate sacrifice. Shall they never be forgotten...or just a name on a wall."

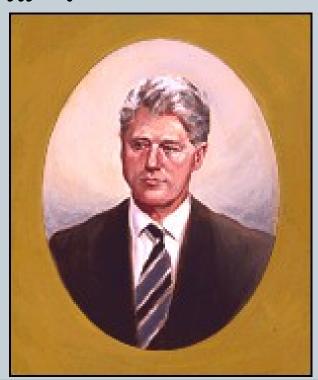
Popular email circulating in the US, Memorial Day, 2010

A mother asked this President... 'Why did my son have to die in Iraq?'

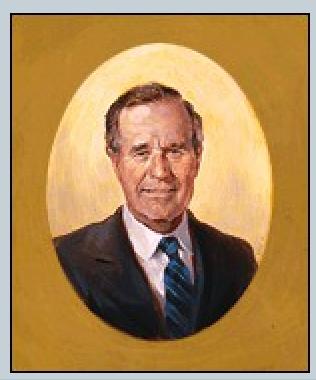


A mother asked this President.. have to die in Saudi Arabia?'

'Why did my son

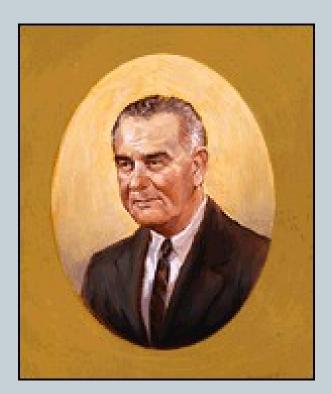


A mother asked this President... 'Why did my son have to die in Kuwait?'

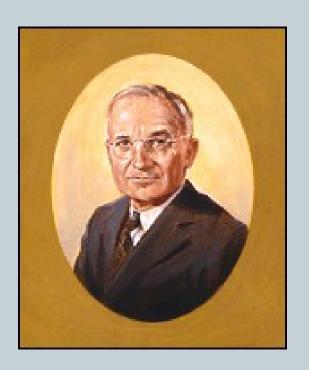


Another mother asked this President.. my son have to die in Vietnam?'

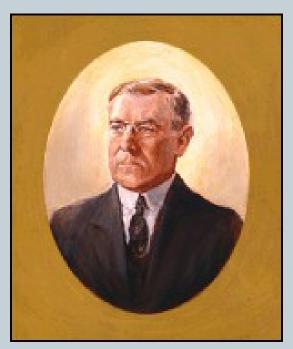
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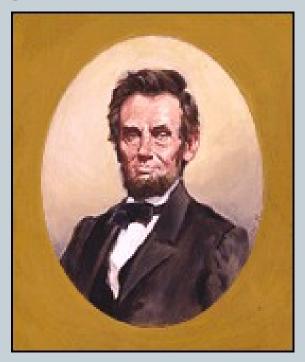
Another mother asked this President... 'Why did my son have to die in Korea?'



Another mother asked President... 'Why did my son have to die on a battlefield in France?'



Yet another mother asked President.. 'Why did my son have to die at Gettysburg?'



And yet another mother asked President... 'Why did my son have to die on a frozen field near Valley

Forge?'

Last in the series, with a personal comment from the email sender

'Heavenly Father ... why did my Son have to die on a cross outside of Jerusalem ?'

The answer is <u>always</u> the same... 'So that others may live and dwell in peace, happiness, and freedom.'

This was emailed to me with no author. I thought the magnitude and the simplicity were awesome.





Then long, long ago, a mother asked..

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my Son have to die
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Iraq Veteran and sacrificial rhetoric – Election 2009

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Sacrificial Necessity – on both sides of the political spectrum

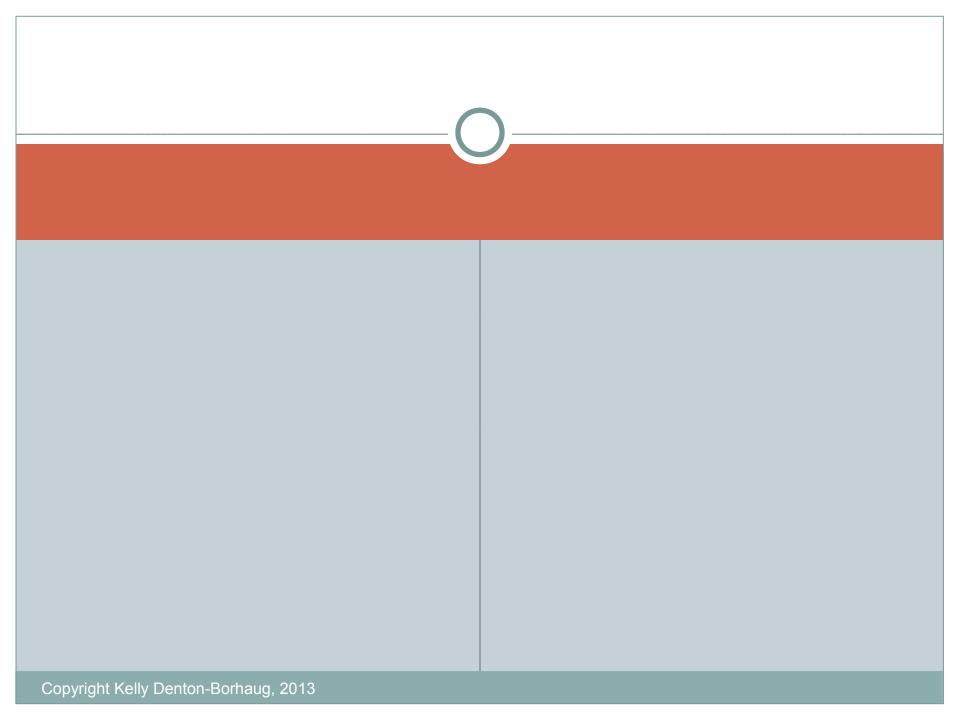
Mrs. Galvez, in The American Legion Magazine

"People may not agree with the reason we went to war, but while our troops are over there, we can't be telling the world that what they are doing is wrong. If we say that we support them, we have to support what they're doing. . . for those who have made the supreme sacrifice in this war, the United States must prevail in Iraq."

Matt Grills, "Death, Not in Vain" *American Legion*, May 2007, 30.

Cindy Sheehan, in her blog

... it is so painful to me to know that I bought into this system for so many years and Casey paid the price for that allegiance... Goodbye America... you are not the country that I love and I finally realized that no matter how much I sacrifice, I can't make you be that country unless you want it.



Iraq Veteran and sacrificial rhetoric – Election 2009

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Mark Heim's sacrificial rehabilitation – the "stereophonic threads in the gospel accounts"

Jesus' death unjust and wrong

- The "sacrificial crisis"
- Scapegoating most effective when it is invisible/naturalized
- Institutions to minimize escalation of social violence (military, legal, political) themselves caught up in mimetic contagion

Jesus is supposed to die

- Jesus' role: the sine qua non of scapegoats – to repeal scapegoating
- God in the breach disrupts scapegoating
- Slipperiness of this interpretation
- --how to "cure" sacrifice?
- --is sacrifice only overcome by more sacrifice?

Tension: surrogacy and sacrifice

Delores Williams

"The resurrection of Jesus and the Kingdom-of-Godtheme in Jesus' ministerial vision provide black women with the knowledge that God has, through Jesus, shown humankind how to live peacefully, productively and abundantly in relationship. Humankind is therefore redeemed through Jesus' life and not through Jesus' death."

Joanne Marie Terrell

Terrell refuses to give up on the idea of sacrifice, "... particularly the notion of sacrifice as the surrender or destruction of something prized or desirable for the sake of something with a higher claim, a potentially salvific notion with communal dimensions that got lost in the rhetorical impetus of the language of surrogacy."

Questions for Consideration

- Do you find yourself leaning more towards Williams or Terrell on the issue of sacrifice as a framework for understanding salvation? Why?
- What is your response to the notion of sacrifice as a dangerous hinge/engine/link between Christian doctrine and practices and U.S. war-culture?
- Is "sacrifice" a category of thinking and valuing that has meaning/importance for you? For your religious commitments? How and why?

Questions

- What would you recommend to U.S. Christians and churches regarding the problematic link between sacrifice and war-culture? What should they do?
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More Questions

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Questions...

- Along the lines of Giroux's thinking, is "military to democracy as fire is to water"? (p 18)
- What do you make of Giroux's understanding of the mission of higher education? "... At the heart of any form of inclusive democracy is the assumption that learning should be used to expand the public good, create a culture of questioning, and promote democratic social change" (117)
- What do you make of Giroux's concerns about the interpenetration of war-culture into higher education? ... If at least some of the results of the "militarized civilian university" include, the production of weapons, increase in the arms race, collusion with forces of secrecy and domination, subversion of or inadequate resources dedicated to scientific knowledge that could be peaceful and/or non-militarized, the imposition of the assumption that using civilian institutions to suit military desires and pursuits is the normal way of doing things

Additional Facets

- War-culture and Economics: over 3 trillion dollars for Iraq/Afghanistan wars
- According to Stiglitz, \$16 billion per month spent on wars in 2008 (equal to annual budget of UN)
- Additional \$500 billion per year that U.S. spends on "regular expenses" of Defense Dept.
- 2007: 10th year **in a row** that Defense Dept. "flunked its financial audit.

Stockholm International Peace Research Institute Report, 2009

- China and Russia both tripled their armament expenditure in last decade
- Boeing remained the top arms producer in 2007 the most recent year for which reliable data is available with arms sales worth \$30.5 billion. All the top 20 companies are American or European
- The number of people forcibly displaced by conflict has also increased in recent years, with internally displaced persons (IDPs) reaching 26 million, more than twice the number of refugees, says the Sipri report. "For a large share of these people, no sustainable solution is in sight. Mass population displacement is often a result and even a goal of violence against civilians."



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