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As always in these dog days of summer it's a good time to take a deeper look at our bloated war economy. Having just celebrated the 4<sup>th</sup> of July we are reminded that 'rockets bursting in the air' do not come freely without a cost of lives and treasure. **Lindsay Koshgarian** (*July 16/23, 2018 The Nation*) takes a look at **“OUR BLOATED MILITARY: Snapshots of the Pentagon's flagrant gluttony,”** along with *The Institute for Policy Studies' National Priorities Project* and provides *“authoritative reports on federal and state spending.”*



[Snapshots of Our Bloated Military Budget](#) The Pentagon has seriously misplaced priorities, [Lindsay Koshgarian](#)

***“CONGRESS IS LARDING THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE with even more money than it asked for—and the Pentagon is the largest source of waste, fraud, and abuse in the government. Our missiles are smarter than our priorities. Displayed (on reverse side) are some salient examples of this misguided spending.”***

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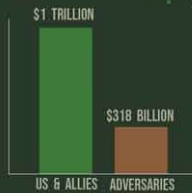
***WAR, WASTE & WHAT – IFS***

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# OUR BLOATED MILITARY



The US and its allies outspend their adversaries in terms of military budgets by a factor of 3 to 1.



Military spending in 2017 was higher than the peak spending in any war except World War I.



## A CULTURE OF WAR IS A CULTURE OF WASTE AND ABUSE

**37 OUT OF 78**

The United States has been at war for nearly half of the 78 years since World War II.

**\$135 BILLION**

In wartime, average annual military spending is \$135 billion more than in times of peace.

**LOCKHEED MARTIN**



Since 2000, the biggest military contractor—Lockheed Martin—has had to pay **\$1.1 million** in nuclear-safety violations; **\$6.7 million** in employment-discrimination and wage violations; and **\$125 million** in False Claims Act violations.

## WHAT WE LOSE WHEN WE SPEND ON WAR



**\$400,000** for an F-35 jet-fighter helmet

VS



**\$5,920** for a Pell Grant



**\$25 BILLION** in bureaucratic waste at the Pentagon per year

VS



**\$2 BILLION** to rebuild power grids in Puerto Rico and US Virgin Islands



**\$5.6 TRILLION** in total costs of US wars since 2001

VS



**\$2 TRILLION** in unfunded infrastructure needs for next 10 years

SOURCE: NATIONAL PRIORITIES PROJECT AT THE INSTITUTE FOR POLICY STUDIES



## National Priorities Project

<https://www.nationalpriorities.org/> National Priorities Project (NPP) at the Institute for Policy Studies seeks to prioritize peace, shared prosperity, and economic security for all in our nation. ...

