

The Military-Financial Complex Is Bloated on Blood Money from Wars

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Taxpayers in the United States and NATO nations support vast sums of money thrown away annually to the military-industrial-financial complex, for economic waste and physical destruction. This provides a tremendous bonanza to four Wall Street financial giants and banks that are the dominant stockholders of all the biggest war producers, and the ones driving the perpetual wars to maintain their bankrupt financial system with its \$2 quadrillion speculative bubble. They are picking your pocket to fund the wars and keep their bubble alive—and they are engaging in genocide and population wars.

In the U.S., Congress voted a so-called “defense” budget of \$858 billion in 2023, and the “supplemental White House request” they are now debating, would bring it near \$1 trillion per year. Meanwhile our highways and railroads, our bridges and tunnels, our hospitals and schools are crumbling. And the rest of the world, denied American technology and capital goods to help their development, is turning to China and Russia for such help, rather than join with the war machine in its drive toward World War III against them.

Here’s the face of the enemy of mankind, today’s Military-Financial Complex, in three tables.

TABLE 1

They Are Owned by Wall Street Speculators

Company	#1 Stockholder	#2 Stockholder	#3 Stockholder
Lockheed Martin	State Street Corp.	BlackRock, Inc.	Vanguard Group
Raytheon Technologies	Vanguard Group	Capital Group	Wellington Mgmt.
Northrop Grumman	State Street Corp	Capital Group	Vanguard Group
Boeing	Vanguard Group	BlackRock, Inc.	State Street Corp.
General Dynamics	Longview Asset	Vanguard Group	Newport Trust Co.
L3Harris Technologies	BlackRock, Inc.	Vanguard Group	Capital Group
General Electric Co.	Vanguard Group	Capital Group	Fidelity Mgmt. Co.
BAE Systems	Capital Group	BlackRock, Inc.	Invesco

TABLE 2

They Are Addicted to Blood Money from Wars

Company	Military Sales Revenue (billions)	Military Sales as % of Total Company Revenue
Lockheed Martin	\$59.4	96%
Raytheon Technologies	\$39.6	59%
Northrop Grumman	\$32.3	89%
Boeing	\$29.3	46%
General Dynamics	\$28.3	77%
BAE Systems	\$25.2	96%
TOTAL OF TOP SIX	\$214.1	73%



Luke Airforce Base Courtesy Photo

A flight of Lockheed Martin's F-35 fighter jets. The ultimate fleet cost to taxpayers is over \$1.7 trillion to build, operate, and maintain.

TABLE 3
These Resources Should Be Used for People, Not Wars

Item	Cost	Retool for Peace and Development
U.S. "supplemental" war budget	\$106 billion	\$53 billion = 175 120-bed hospitals (\$300 billion each) \$53 billion = 1,060 fully-equipped schools (\$50 million each)
F-35 fighter bomber (Lockheed Martin)	\$12 billion per year (\$100 million per plane)	\$12 billion per year x 20 years = \$240 billion: Replace 150,000 "structurally deficient" bridges in U.S.
Missiles (Raytheon Technologies)	\$15 billion per year	\$15 billion per year x 20 years = \$300 billion: Repair aging urban water systems in U.S.
B2 Stealth Bomber (Northrop Grumman)	\$1 billion per plane	\$950 million for HALO main module of lunar orbiting station for Moon-Mars mission
Regime-Change Wars (2001-2020)	\$2.05 trillion	\$500 billion = 42,000 mile high-speed rail network in U.S. \$400 billion = NAWAPA water management system \$200 billion = R&D corporations in nuclear fission and fusion, and Moon-Mars space project \$1 trillion = Oasis Plan for Southwest Asia; Transaqua for Africa; Operation Juárez for Ibero-America; 50-year Development Plan for India-Pacific; Bering Strait tunnel; Darien Gap high-speed rail; Gibraltar Strait tunnel; Kra Canal



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The \$3 billion Northrop Grumman B2-A stealth bomber, designed to carry nuclear cruise missiles.