

I. Military-Industrial Complex. Introduction.

"Political Observations" James Madison, 1795

"Of all the enemies of true liberty, war is, perhaps, the most to be dreaded, because it comprises and develops the germ of every other.

War is the parent of armies; from these proceed debts and taxes; and armies and debts and taxes are the known instruments for bringing the many under the domination of the few.

In war, too, the discretionary power of the Executive is extended; its influence in dealing out offices, honors and emoluments is multiplied; and all the

means of seducing the minds, are added to those of subduing the force, of the people.

The same malignant aspect in republicanism may be traced in the inequality of fortunes, and the opportunities of fraud, growing out of a state of war, and in the degeneracy of manner and of morals, engendered in both.

No nation can preserve its freedom in the midst of continual warfare."¹

Madison signed the declaration of war against Britain: War of 1812 and saw the continuation of the American Indian Wars in Tecumseh's War, the Creek War, and the First Seminole War.²

Kellogg-Briand Pact 1928

A Treaty between the United States and other Powers providing for the renunciation of war as an instrument of national policy. Still part of our law, but it was not enforced.³

Charter of the United Nations 1945, Article 2, Sec. 4

All Members shall refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force against the territorial integrity or political independence of any state, or in any other manner inconsistent with the Purposes of the United Nations.⁴

Article VI of Our Constitution: all Treaties made, or which shall be made, under the Authority of the United States, shall be the supreme Law of the Land

Despite our enthusiastic signing of the UN Charter:

“Truman Doctrine” 1947

The US will intervene in any way, including militarily, in any place where Communism is threatened, either by “outside pressures” or domestic insurgents.

The context was the civil war in Greece; Truman was requesting economic and military intervention, which then occurred, along with covert operations. Napalm was used against the Greek Communists. The doctrine was extended even to cases where **elections** might result in communist governments.⁵

Korean War 1950

During the course of the three-year war, which both sides accuse one another of provoking, the U.S. dropped 635,000 tons of explosives on North Korea, including 32,557 tons of napalm, an incendiary liquid that can clear forested areas and cause devastating burns to human skin. . . . Air Force Gen. Curtis LeMay, head of the Strategic Air Command during the Korean War, claimed U.S. bombs "killed off 20 percent of the population" and "targeted everything that moved in North Korea."⁶

NSC-68 1950

This document was a blueprint for the cold war, proposing a massive military buildup to “rollback” communism where it existed and to prevent any more nations from adopting communist governments. All means were implied, including covert action, military intervention, and nuclear war.⁷

Eisenhower's Farewell Address to the Nation 1961

"This conjunction of an immense military establishment and a large arms industry is new in the American experience. The total influence – economic, political, even spiritual – is felt in every city, every Statehouse, every office of the Federal government. We recognize the imperative need for this development. Yet we must not fail to comprehend its grave implications. Our toil, resources and livelihood are all involved; so is the very structure of our society."⁸

Now there is a threat not only to our society, but societies everywhere and human civilization itself. The Global War on Terror, announced by Pres. G. Bush in 2001, assumes no limits on intervention anywhere and in any form.



Predator Drone

[The] Obama administration admitted it had killed four U.S. citizens in drone strikes overseas. Three of the men were killed in Yemen: the Muslim cleric Anwar al-Awlaki, his 16-year-old son Abdulrahman al-Awlaki and Samir Khan. A fourth man, whose death was not previously reported, Jude Kenan Mohammad, was killed in Pakistan.

According to the Bureau of Investigative Journalism, U.S. drone strikes have killed as many as 3,900 people in Pakistan, Yemen and Somalia since 2002. Most of the deaths occurred under President Obama.⁹

Most of America's modern wars were started not by conservatives, but by liberal Democrats. Killed in the name of "freedom" over 12 million dead in America's wars since World War II¹⁰ Another estimate: US Has Killed More Than 20 Million People in 37 "Victim Nations" Since World War II.¹¹ Wars include: Vietnam, Nicaragua, Yugoslavia.

When Obama left office, he presided over a record seven wars, including America's longest war and an unprecedented campaign of extrajudicial killings – murder – by drones. He

launched airstrikes or military raids in: Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Libya, Yemen, Somalia and Pakistan.¹²

Quadrennial Defense Review 2010

The mission of the Department of Defense is to protect the American people and advance our nation's interests.¹³

The 2014 Review is mostly a plea for more money, to face huge threats, including those created by climate change.

Army War College Policy Statement 2017

At Our Own Peril because it is a time of "post-U.S. primacy."

One of the perils: "Thanks to the internet," they write, "the public can identify people with the same values and fears, exchange ideas, and build relationships faster than ever before."

The objectives of the US military are:

Secure U.S. territory, people, infrastructure, and property against significant harm;
Secure access to the global commons and strategic regions, markets, and resources;
Meet foreign security obligations;
Underwrite a stable, resilient, rules-based international order;
Build and maintain a favorable and adaptive global security architecture; and,
Create, preserve, and extend U.S. military advantage and options.¹⁴

Furthermore: "The Pentagon has all but eclipsed the State Department in setting US foreign policy."¹⁵

The US Constitution provides for Congress: To declare War, and To raise and support Armies, but no Appropriation of Money to that Use shall be for a longer Term than two Years. **The War Powers Act of 1973** is supposed to limit the President's power to make war.

Why?

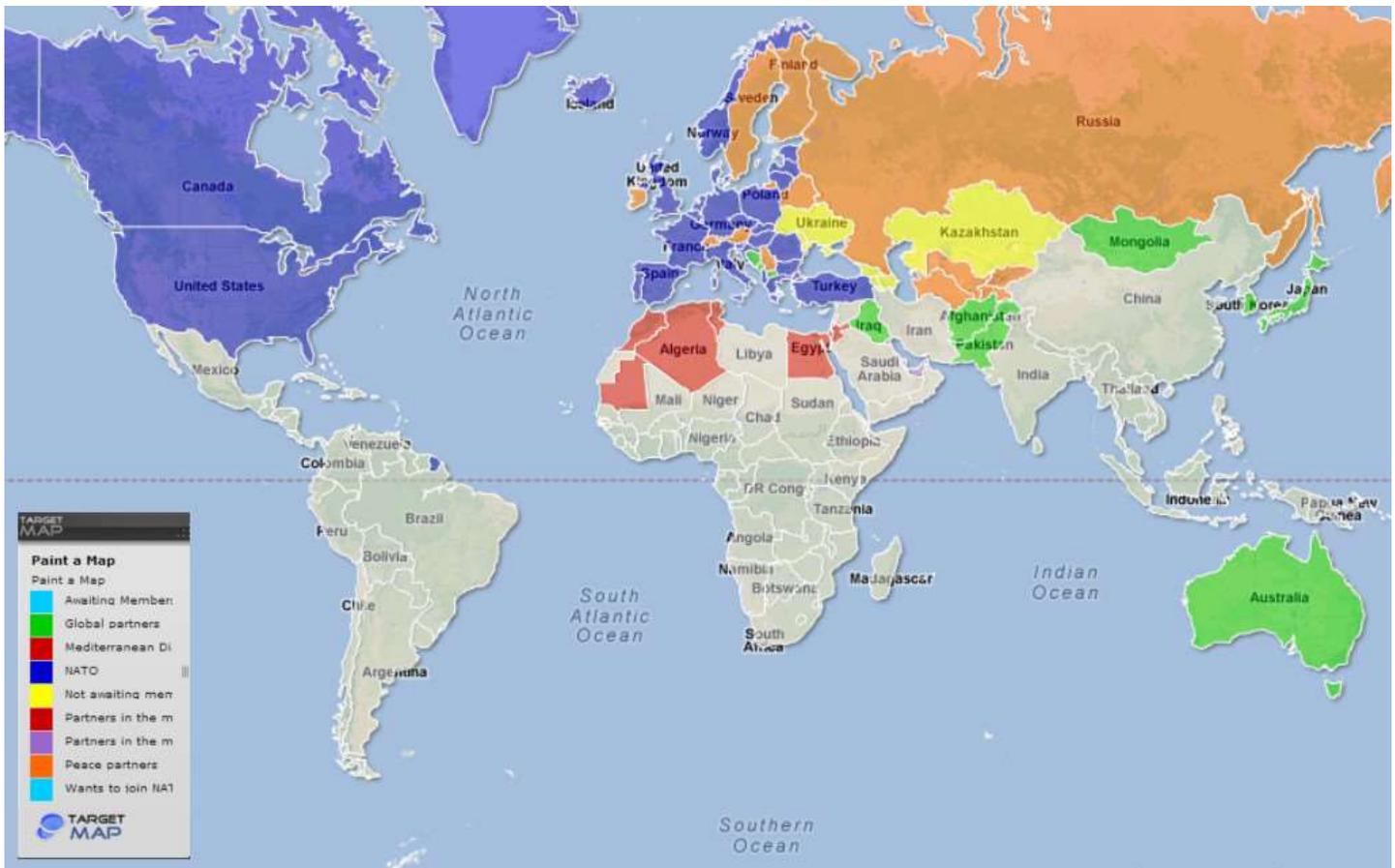
Why has the military gained such a large role in our country. Is it needed for security? Does it help or make us more vulnerable?

Is it needed to stimulate the economy? Would capitalism collapse without it?

Is it to acquire oil and other resources, dominate the world economically? For profits of military contractors, and promotions for military officers? Megalomania? Friendly fascism? Israel?¹⁶

Why do citizens go along? Some reasons: they don't know, propaganda, distractions, interests (jobs, donations, economic development), too horrible to think about it.¹⁷

Why does the world accept it?



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North Atlantic Treaty Organization

The purpose (as in the Charter) was collective defense against an armed attack on one of them in Europe or North America, and they committed to:

The Parties undertake, as set forth in the Charter of the United Nations, to settle any international dispute in which they may be involved by peaceful means in such a manner that international peace and security and justice are not endangered, and to refrain in their international relations from the threat or use of force in any manner inconsistent with the purposes of the United Nations.²⁰

We have only recently learned that NATO created secret “fallback” armies, code named Operation Gladio. These were to carry out guerrilla warfare in case of invasion, and also to carry out domestic operations to discredit the left in Italy and other countries.²¹

Members Albania, Belgium, Bulgaria, Canada, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Turkey, the United Kingdom, and the United States.

Partnership for Peace: Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Finland, Georgia, Ireland, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Malta, Moldova, Montenegro,

Russian Federation, Serbia, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan

Mediterranean dialog includes Algeria, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Mauritania, Morocco, Tunisia

Istanbul Cooperative Initiative includes Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates
Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Philippines, Pakistan, Thailand, and South Korea are other US allies.

US Military Personnel²²

Today, the Department, headed by Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis, is not only in charge of the military, but it also employs a civilian force of thousands. With over 1.3 million men and women on active duty, and 742,000 civilian personnel, we are the nation's largest employer. Another 826 thousand serve in the National Guard and Reserve forces. More than 2 million military retirees and their family members receive benefits.²³

Approximately 450,000 of these are on active duty abroad.

More of the troops die of suicide than combat.²⁴ The New York Times Magazine carried a story of sadistic Marine training at Parris Island that impelled a Muslim recruit to suicide.²⁵ Another major cause of death is training accidents.

Special Operations Forces (Rangers, Seals, Snipers, Green Berets, et al)

Engage in: high-profile assassinations, low-level targeted killings, capture/kidnap operations, kick-down-the-door night raids, joint operations with foreign forces, and training missions with indigenous partners as part of a shadowy conflict unknown to most Americans.²⁶

In Iraq and Afghanistan, Female Engagement Teams (FETs) and Cultural Support Teams (CSTs) have a mission to develop trust-based relationships with the local women, and extract information.²⁷



Women of the SOF



America's most elite troops deployed to 138 nations in 2016, according to U.S. Special Operations Command. The map above displays the locations of 132 of those countries; 129 locations (blue) were supplied by U.S. Special Operations Command; 3 locations (red) -- Syria, Yemen and Somalia -- were derived from open-source information.²⁹

Contractors

There are about 3 contract personnel to 1 US military.
 FY2016: 25,197 DOD contractor personnel in Afghanistan and 11,000 US troops.³⁰
 2,992 Contractor personnel in Iraq and 4,000 US troops in an advise and assist mission to government of Iraq.³¹

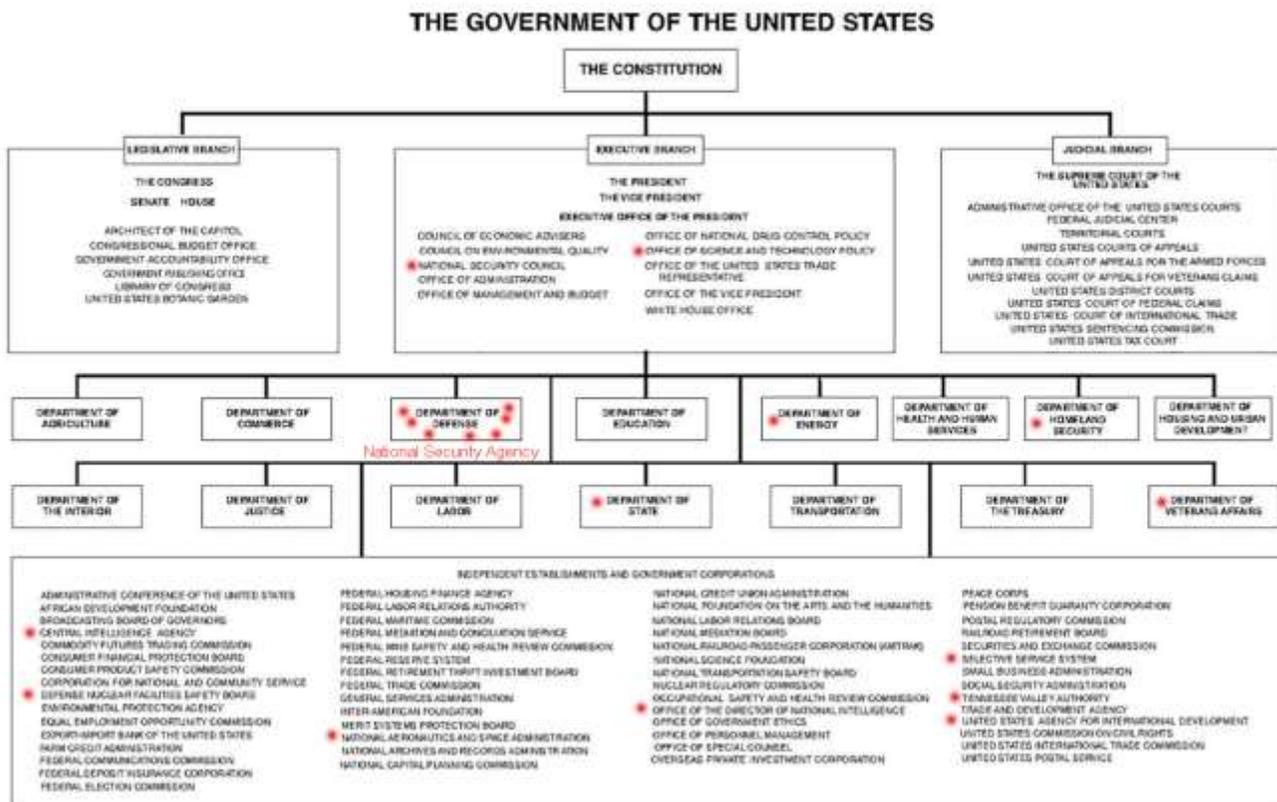
What do they do? Food, transportation, base construction and maintenance, armed security for truck convoys, guards (armed and shoot if attacked), intelligence analysis, recruiting foreign armies, drone pilots. In Afghanistan and elsewhere, many of the contract workers are third country nationals; Filipinos are the most appreciated workers. The pay and benefits are good, but there are more fatalities for them than for the troops.³² Edward Snowden worked for National Security Agency contractor Booz Allen Hamilton, analyzing data gathered from telephone and internet information.

An Australian corporation, Cubic Global Defense provided planning, execution and field training support for Talisman Sabre 2017, war games for Australian and U.S. troops.³³

On September 16, 2007, employees of Blackwater Security Consulting (since renamed Academi), a private military company, shot at Iraqi civilians, killing 17 and injuring 20 in Nisour Square, Baghdad while escorting a U.S. embassy convoy. The killings outraged Iraqis and strained relations between Iraq and the United States. In 2014, four Blackwater employees were tried and convicted in U.S. federal court; one of murder, and the other three of manslaughter and firearms charges.³⁴

The **Central Intelligence Agency** employs more (secret numbers and budget). It is a paramilitary organization, now targeting drones for assassinations.³⁵

According to classified documents that Edward Snowden leaked in 2013, the nation's 16 intelligence agencies alone had 107,035 employees and a combined "black budget" of \$52.6 billion, the equivalent of 10% percent of the vast defense budget.³⁶



Many departments and agencies of the government are entwined with the MIC—see pink dots. For example, the State Department oversees weapons sales and foreign military training. The dots aren't even the whole story.

The Department of Agriculture works with Army National Guard soldiers who have backgrounds in agriculture to advise Afghan universities, local governments, and farmers.³⁷ A major development project is the imposition of a milk cattle industry, which will require imported feed. US cattle breeds get diseases and can't graze in the terrain, unlike the native dairy goats and sheep, which provide enough yogurt and cheese for local people, along with pelts and wool. As for the milk, there is no refrigeration and poor transportation, and not a customary beverage.³⁸

The integration of the civilian and military spheres of life and the diffusion of this throughout the world is at the heart of this story.

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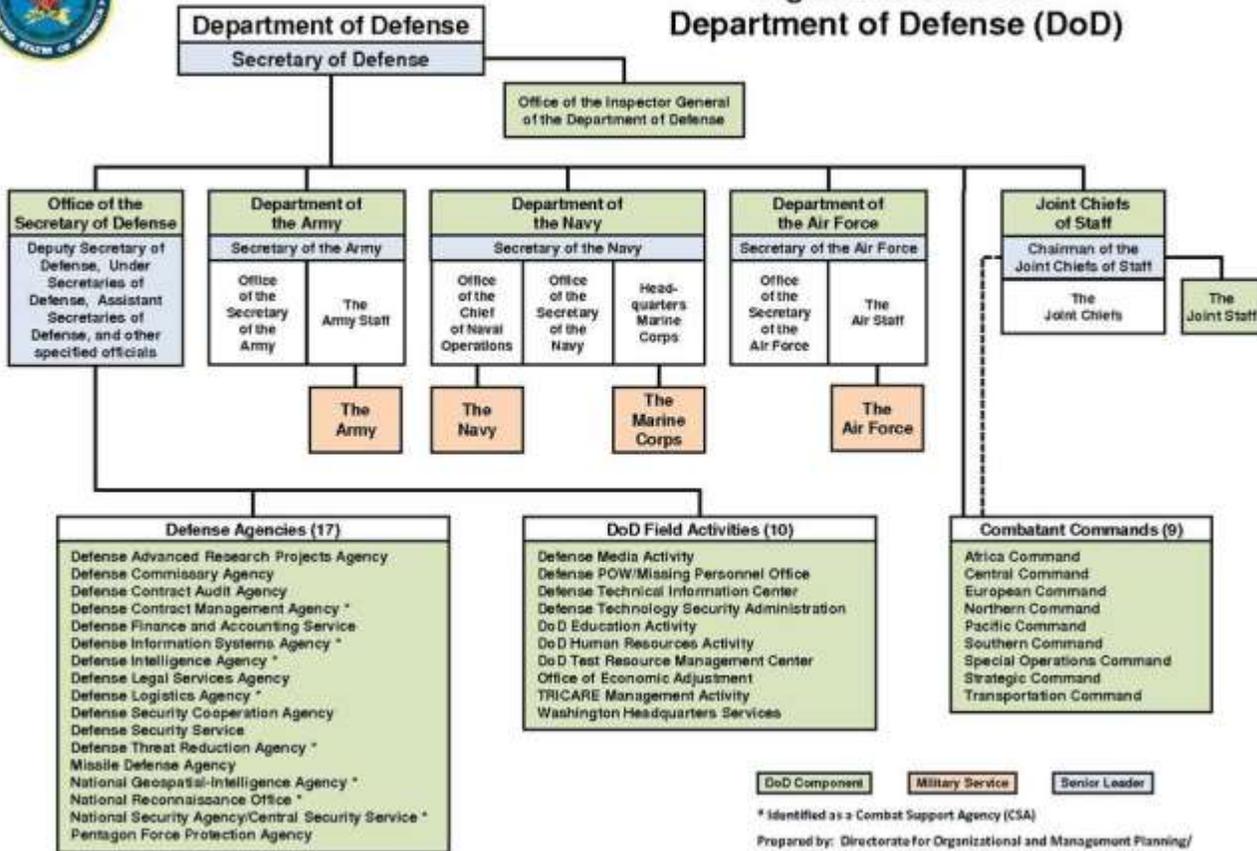
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