

So how's that AFGHAN WAR working out for us?

WINNERS

- DRUG LORDS
- WARLORDS
- THE TALIBAN
- U.S. WAR PROFITEERING CORPORATIONS
—AND THEIR EMPLOYEES



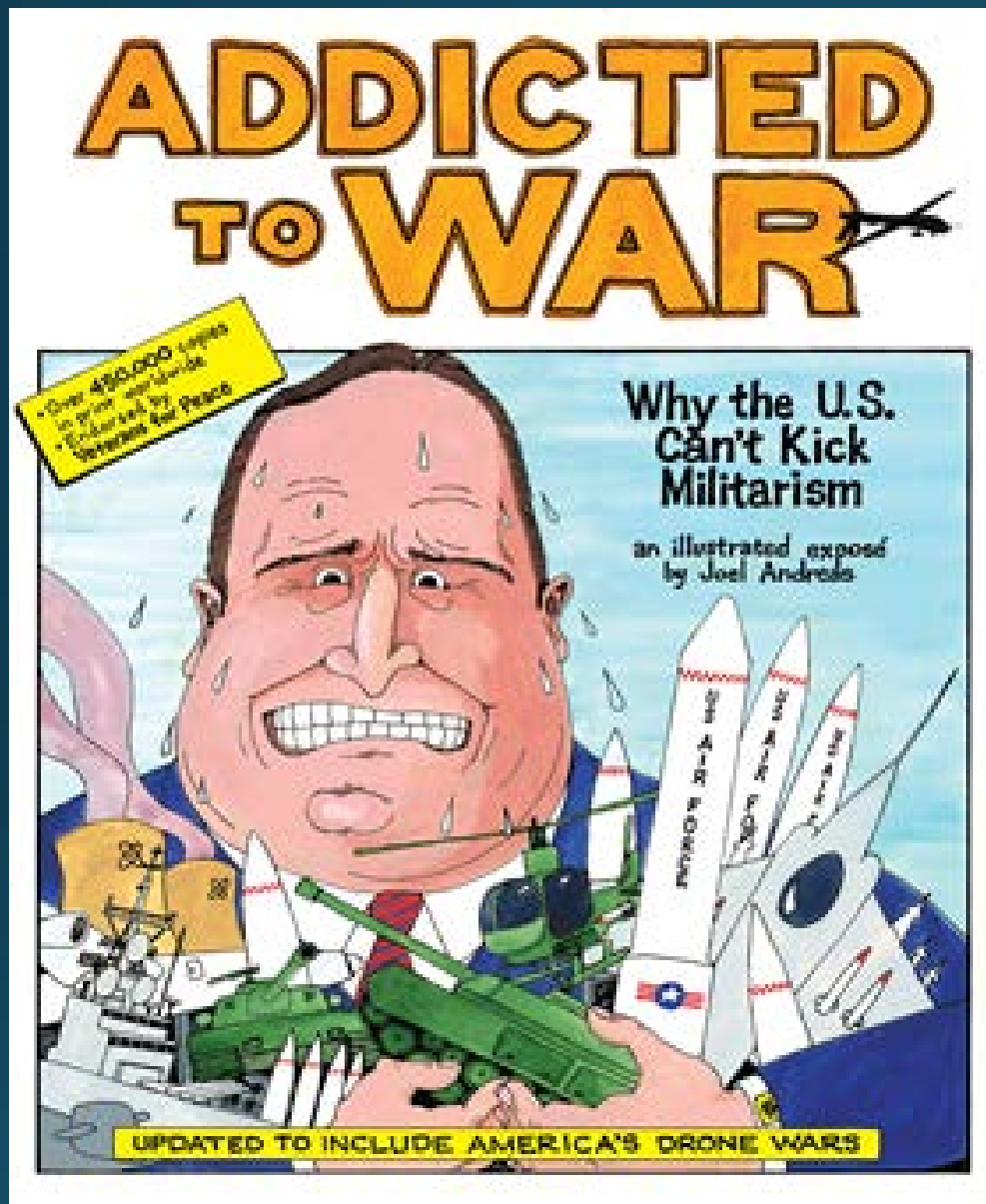
LOSERS

- AMERICAN SOLDIERS — 1,400 KILLED,
10 THOUSAND WOUNDED
- AFGHAN CIVILIANS — BETWEEN
6,000 AND 9,000 DEATHS FROM
U.S.-LED ACTIONS
- AMERICAN TAXPAYERS —
\$2 BILLION
PER WEEK!



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MIGHT AS WELL FACE IT — WE'RE ADDICTED TO WAR!



Some

highlights,

amplifications, and

questions as

thought experiments

<http://www.addictedtowar.com/atw1a.html>

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- Research - political contention, social inequality, and social change in contemporary China
- Courses – social theory, political sociology, contemporary Chinese society
- Political activist
- This book translated into Danish, German, Japanese, Korean, Thai, etc.
2004 Third Edition over 200,000 copies in print

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Introduction

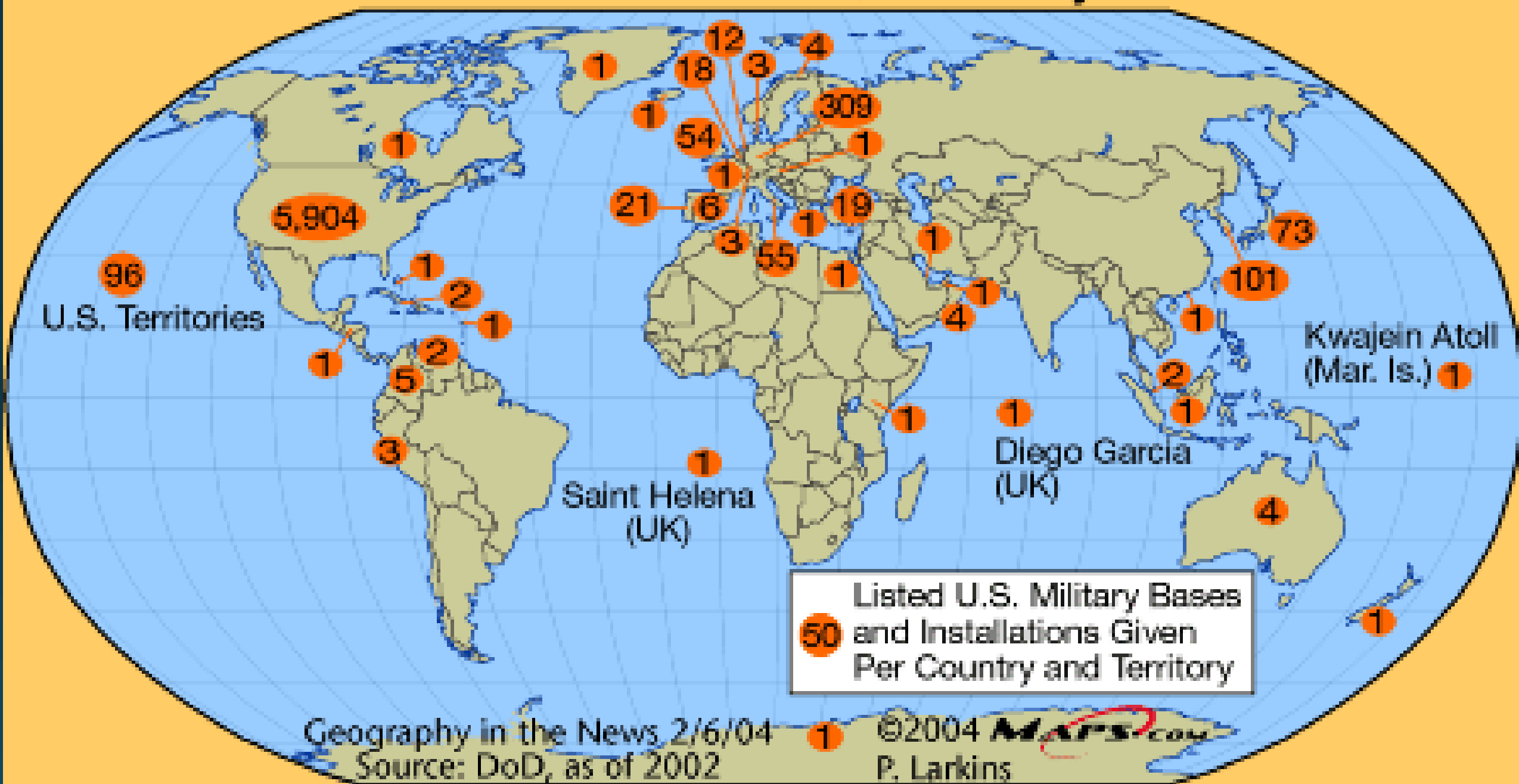
- More than half of the federal budget is for military.
- US is *unique* in
 - size and power of its military
 - propensity to use it



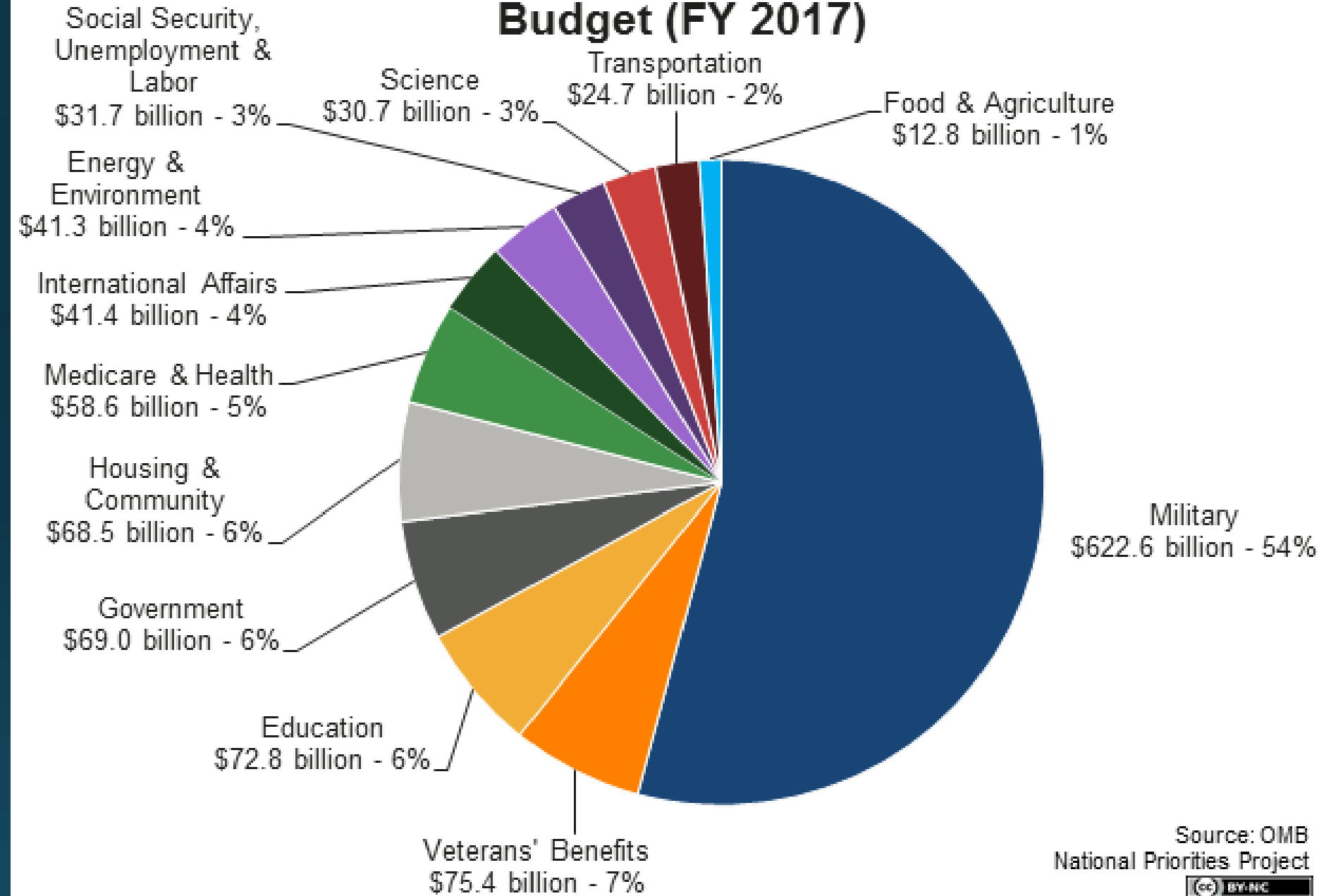
[US maintains nearly 800 military bases in more than 70 countries and territories abroad.

Britain, France, and Russia combined have about 30 foreign military bases.]

Global Reach of the U.S. Military

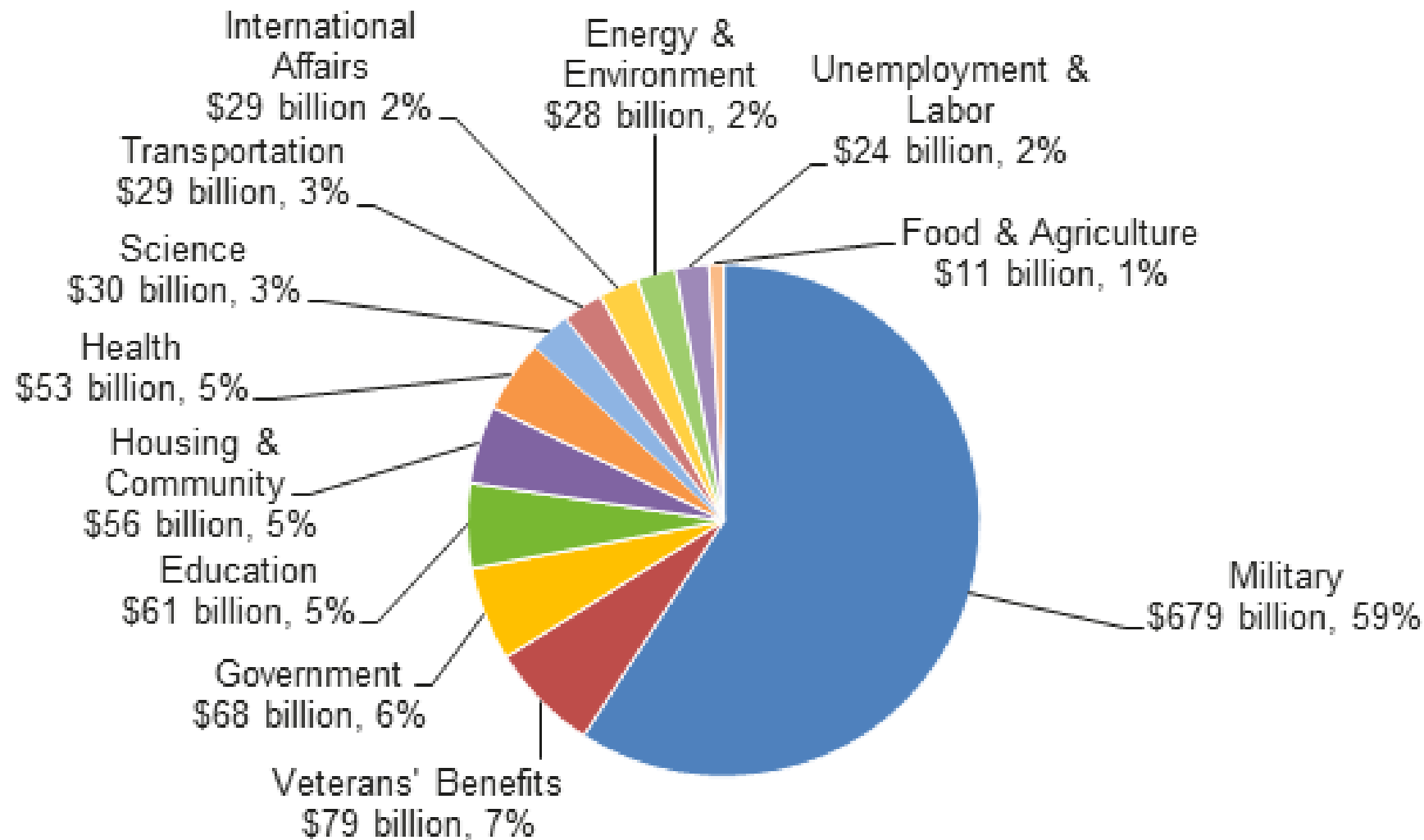


President's Proposed \$1.15 Trillion Discretionary Budget (FY 2017)



- The projected active duty end strength in the armed forces for fiscal year 2017 was 1,281,900 service members, with an additional 801,200 people in the seven reserve components.
- What if half the military budget were invested in international affairs instead?

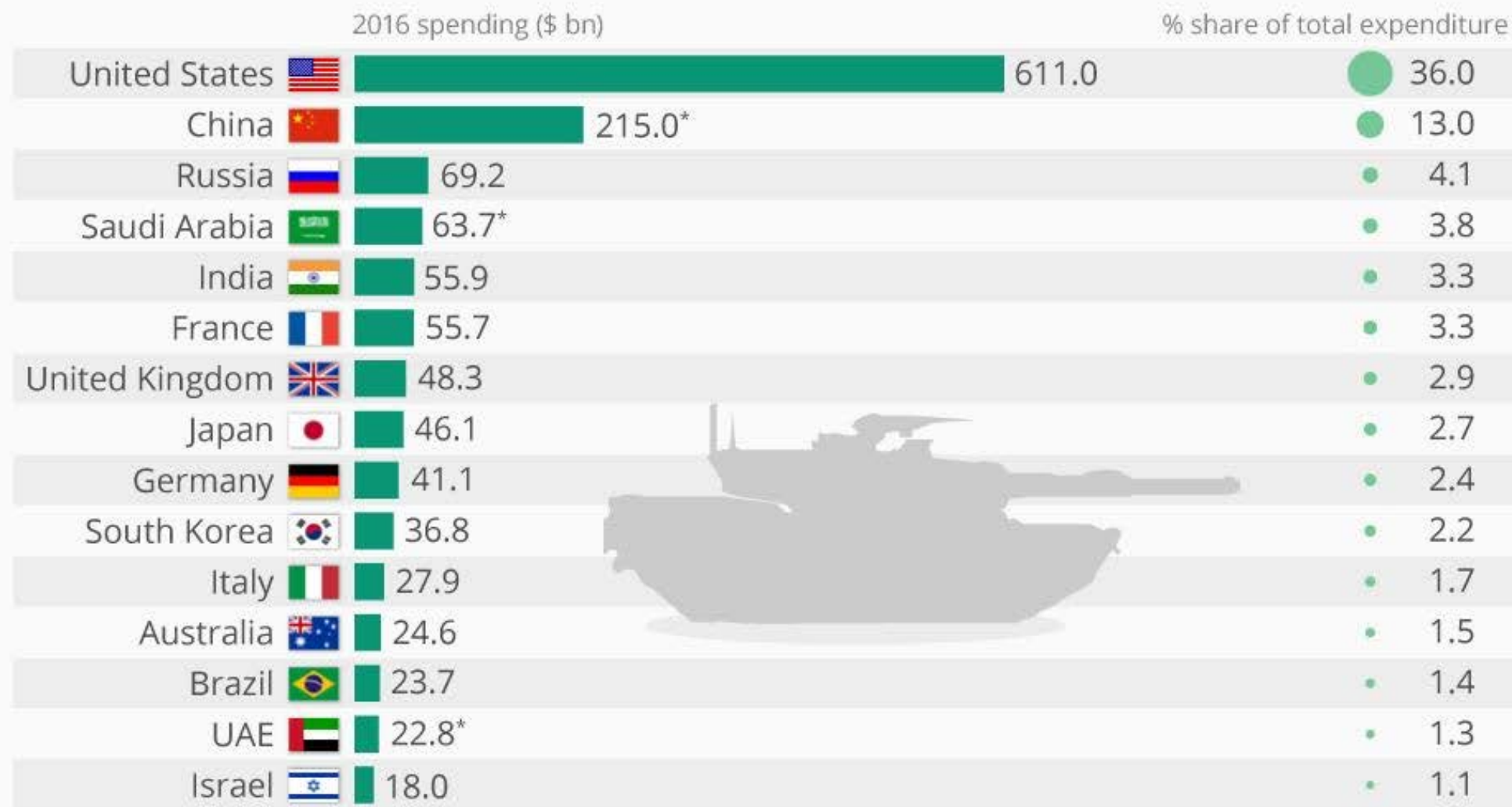
Trump FY 2018 Discretionary Budget Request, \$1.15 Trillion



- Why not reduce military funding and increase others such as health and education?

The Top 15 Countries For Military Expenditure in 2016

2016 military expenditure by country and share of global total



- Who is funding the wars in Syria, Yemen, etc.?

THE 25 MOST POWERFUL MILITARIES IN THE WORLD

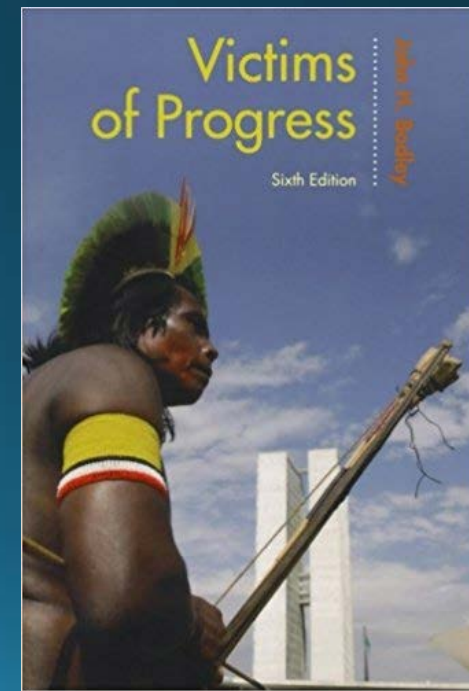
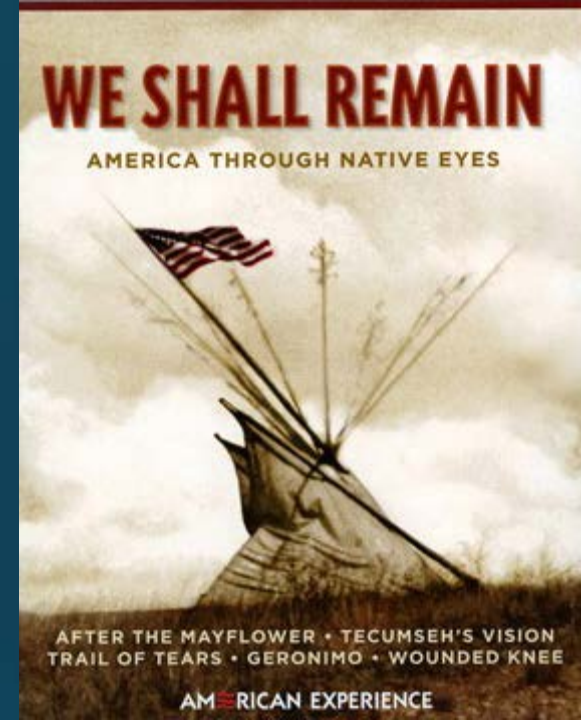
COUNTRY	OVERALL RANKING	ACTIVE PERSONNEL*	BUDGET (BILLIONS)	TANKS	AIRCRAFT	AIRCRAFT CARRIERS	SUBMARINES
United States	1	2,500,000	\$581.0	8,848	13,444	19	75
Russia	2	4,017,110	\$46.6	15,398	3,547	1	60
China	3	4,635,000	\$155.6	9,150	2,942	1	68
India	4	3,468,000	\$40.0	6,464	2,086	2	14
France	5	400,770	\$35.0	423	1,282	4	10
United Kingdom	6	332,000	\$55.0	407	879	1	10
Japan	7	307,900	\$40.3	678	1,590	3	17
Turkey	8	596,130	\$18.2	3,778	1,007	0	13
Germany	9	325,000	\$36.3	408	676	0	5
Italy	10	362,000	\$34.0	586	785	2	6
South Korea	11	3,525,000	\$33.2	2,381	1,451	1	15
Egypt	12	1,270,000	\$4.4	4,624	1,133	0	8
Pakistan	13	1,135,000	\$7.0	2,924	923	0	5
Indonesia	14	876,000	\$6.9	468	420	0	2
Brazil	15	2,130,000	\$31.9	486	735	1	5
Israel	16	790,000	\$15.6	4,170	681	0	6
Vietnam	17	5,455,000	\$3.36	1,470	289	0	5
Poland	18	635,000	\$9.36	1,009	461	0	5
Taiwan	19	1,975,000	\$10.7	2,005	815	0	4
Thailand	20	55,000	\$5.4	722	551	1	0
Iran	21	2,345,000	\$6.3	1,658	479	0	33
Canada	22	146,000	\$14.7	181	426	0	4
Australia	23	104,240	\$26.1	59	417	2	6
Saudi Arabia	24	260,000	\$56.7	1,210	722	0	0
North Korea	25	5,200,000	\$7.5	4,200	944	0	70

* Includes active frontline and active reserve personnel

- Why does North Korea have more than twice as many military personnel as the US?

Chapter 1 – Manifest Destiny

- 19th century - manifest destiny means the US is preordained by God to rule because “the white race is superior.”
- The result of this political ideology was Euroamerican colonialism and the “American holocaust.”
- The real motivation is “gangster capitalism” ----- integrated military and economic supremacy.
- Has the US every acknowledged its role in the genocide and ethnocide of the First Peoples?
- What reparations would be adequate?
- Who were the first illegal immigrants to the US?

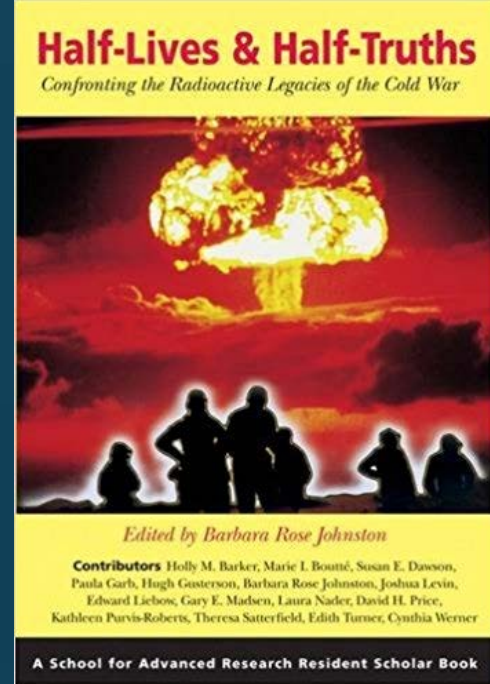


Chapter 2 – “Cold War”

- Era of US and USSR as opposing superpowers with proxy wars in other countries.
- US intervened directly 200 times in other countries.
- Korean case (1950-1953)
 - 4.5 million Koreans killed (75% civilians)
 - 54,000 US soldiers died
 - 40,000 US soldiers remain in South Korea, armistice but not end of war!
- Central America factor in refugees in US (e.g., many “Dreamers”)
- Afghanistan
 - US supported mujahideen guerrillas against Soviets (1979-89), including Osama bin Laden

Did the US lose the wars in Korea and Vietnam, and is it losing the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq?

What are the implications for the future of war and peace if wars cannot be won with such a superior high tech massive military?



Chapter 3 – “New World Order”

- By 1989 the USSR and its allies were disintegrating
- US became friendlier with Iraq through Saddam Hussein
- US provided weaponry, including materials to make chemical and biological weapons (WMD), like anthrax which Saddam used to kill 100,000 Iranians (1980-88)
- Later Saddam used chemical weapons against Kurdish separatists (1991).
- Iraqi military invaded Kuwait and US responded, competition to control oil (1991).
- Did US policies of the “New World Order” create disorder instead?



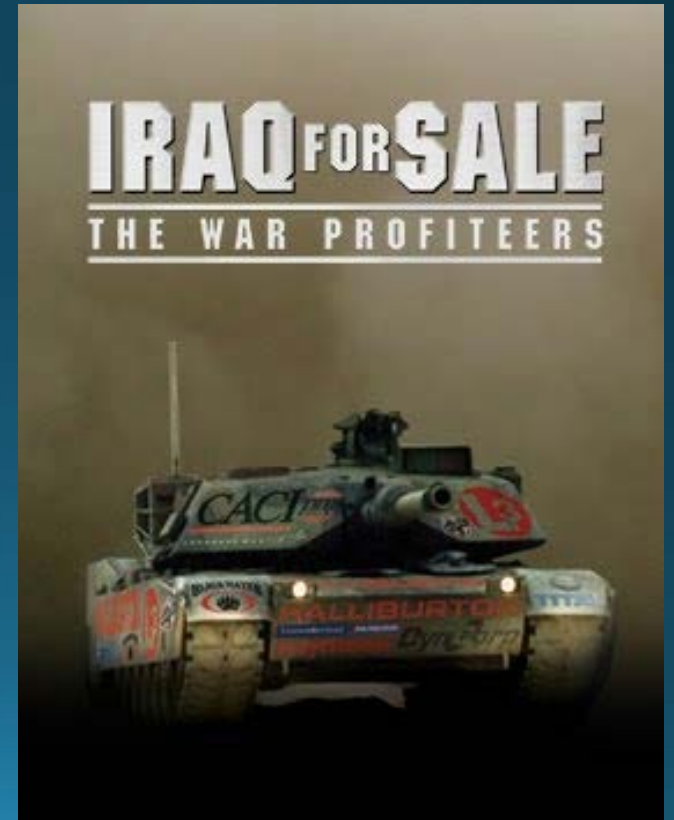
Chapter 4 – “War on Terrorism”

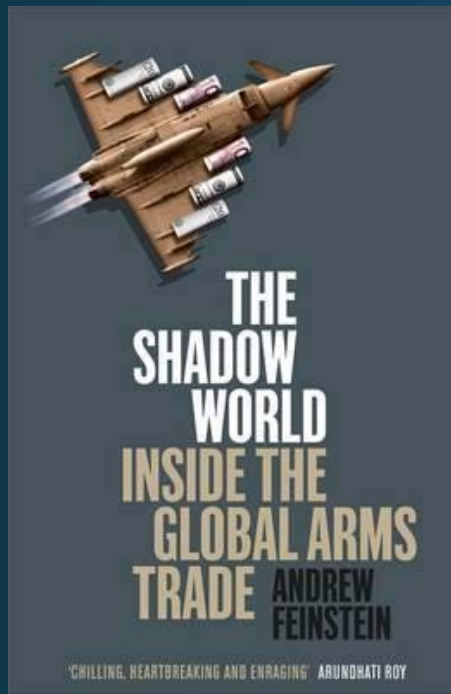
- Why 9/11 attack?
 - Osama bin Laden’s rationalizations for Al Qaeda terrorism
 - Children dying from US economic sanctions on Iraq [UN est. 576,000]
 - Israeli occupation and oppression of Palestinians supported by US
 - Infidel US military in Saudi Arabia - holiest land for Muslims
- US retaliates
 - Attack Afghanistan (2001 -) after Taliban refuse to turn over Osama bin Laden
 - “Shock and Awe” attack on Iraq (2003 -) under hypocritical and false pretense of WMD but motivated by control of oil
- [Gandhi – “an eye for an eye will only make the whole world blind”]
- But what about terrorism in the US, and US state terrorism at home and abroad (e.g., blind support for Israeli war crimes against Palestinians)?




Chapter 5 – War Profiteers

- **War is good for business!**
- “Revolving door” among personnel of government, military, and weapons industries
- First destroy a country, then profit from post-war reconstruction
- Massive response to 9/11 – Homeland Security
- Need new weapons against terrorists
[but unconventional asymmetrical warfare of terrorists including in urban areas like ISIS in Mosul, Iraq, 2017]
- What if peace were more profitable than war?





M1 Abrams tank




Cost to U.S. taxpayers:
\$6 million

The Iraqi army...that
abandons M1 tank
to ISIL forces



Cost to U.S. taxpayers:
\$25 billion

F-16 fighter sent
to destroy M1 tank



Cost to U.S. taxpayers:
\$18 million

Missile to blow up the
captured M1 tank



Cost to U.S. taxpayers:
\$20,000

New tanks for
the Iraqi army



Cost to U.S. taxpayers:
Billions and billions

Perpetual War
in the Middle East?
PRICELESS!



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Major arms exporters

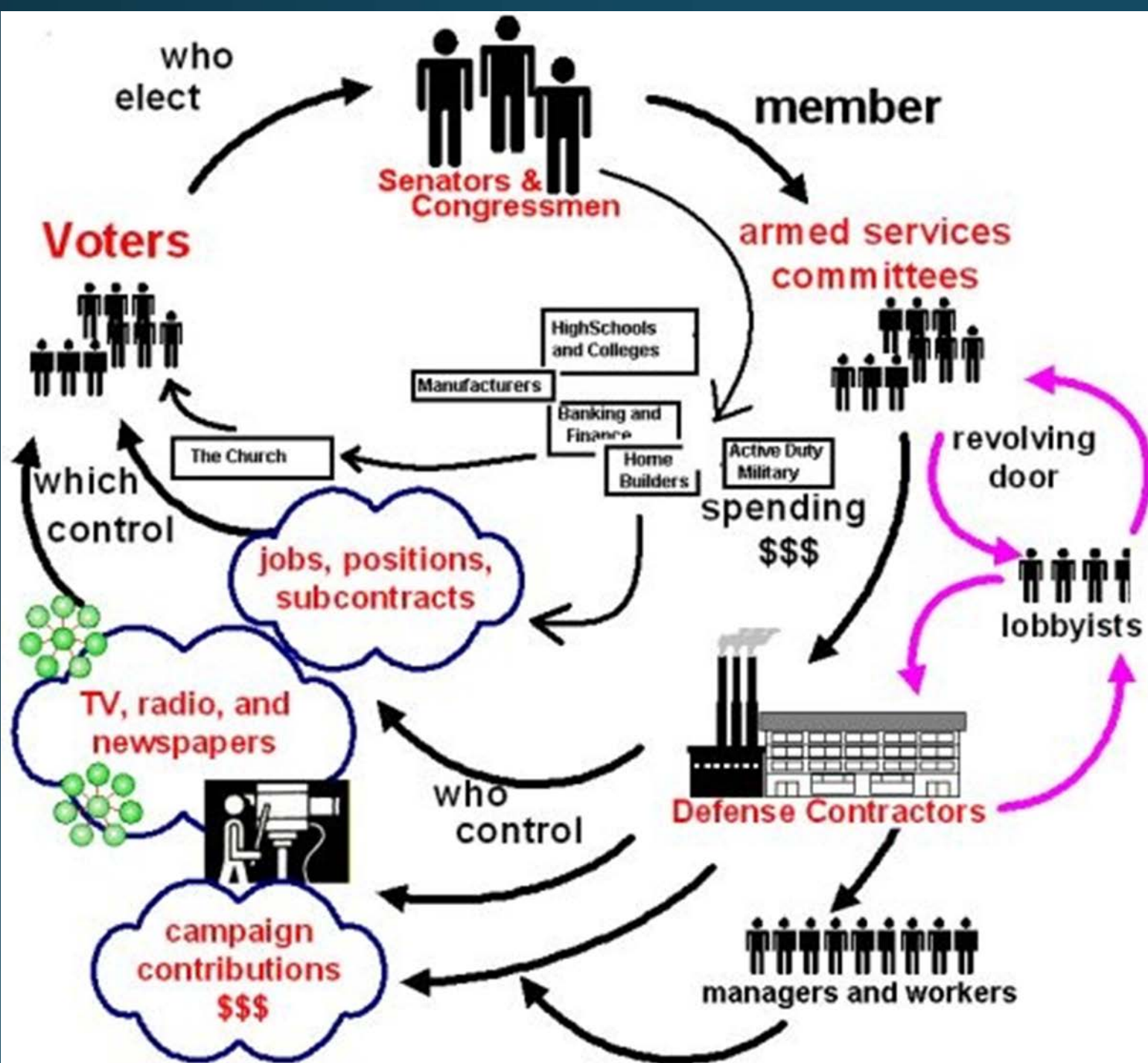
10 largest exporters of major weapons and their main clients (2011-2015)

Exporter	Share of international arms exports (%)	Main clients (share of total exports %)		
		1st	2nd	3rd
US	33	Saudi Arabia (9.7)	UAE (9.1)	Turkey (6.6)
Russia	25	India (39)	China (11)	Vietnam (11)
China	5.9	Pakistan (35)	Bangladesh (20)	Myanmar (16)
France	5.6	Morocco (16)	China (13)	Egypt (9.5)
Germany	4.7	USA (13)	Israel (11)	Greece (10)
Britain	4.5	Saudi Arabia (46)	India (11)	Indonesia (8.7)
Spain	3.5	Australia (29)	Saudi Arabia (12)	Turkey (8.7)
Italy	2.7	UAE (10)	India (8.8)	Turkey (8.2)
Ukraine	2.6	China (26)	Russia (12)	Ethiopia (9.2)
Netherlands	2	Morocco (17)	Jordan (12)	USA (7.7)

Sources: Trends in International Arms Transfers 2015, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)

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If concerned with peace, why such arms exports? Are there peace exports?



• Could the “revolving door” be stopped?

War Is a Racket (1935)

Marine Major General Smedly D. Butler (1881-1940)

most decorated American soldier of his time

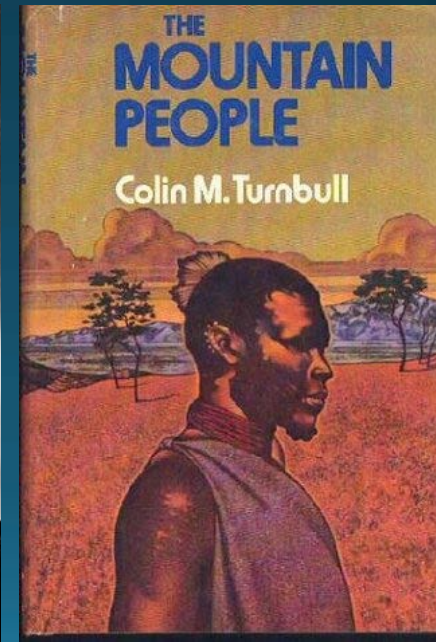
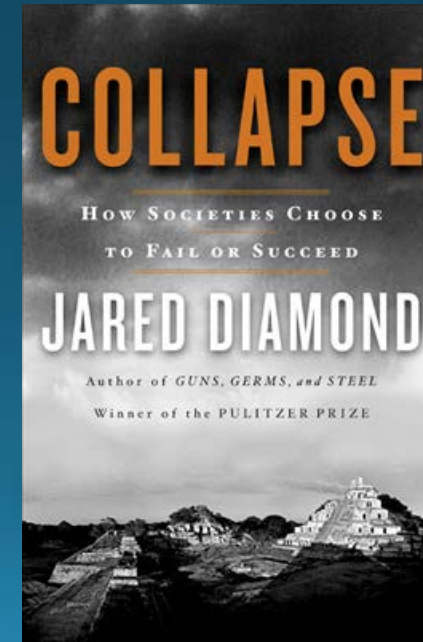
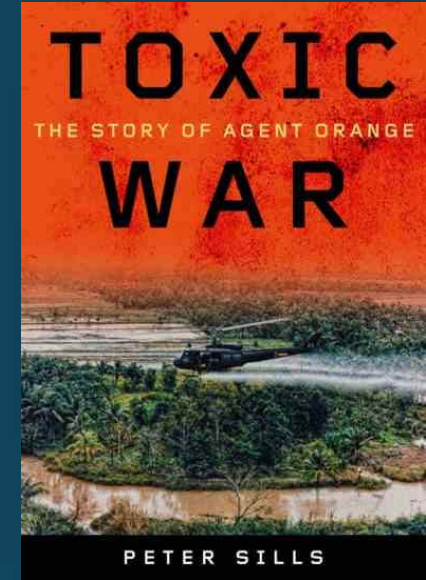
Some excerpts:

- It is possibly the oldest, easily the most profitable, surely the most vicious. It is the only one international in scope. It is the only one in which the **profits are reckoned in dollars and the losses in lives.**
- A racket is best described, I believe, as something that is **not what it seems** to the majority of the people. Only a small "inside" group knows what it is about. It is conducted for the benefit of the very few, at the expense of the very many. Out of war a few people make huge fortunes.
- Who provides the profits? We all pay them -- in **taxation....** But the **soldier pays the biggest part of the bill.**
- But there is a way to stop it. You can't end it by disarmament conferences. You can't eliminate it by peace parleys at Geneva. Well-meaning but impractical groups can't wipe it out by resolutions. It can be smashed effectively only by **taking the profit out of war....** The only way to smash this racket is to **conscript capital and industry and labor** before the nations manhood can be conscripted.

- <https://ratical.org/ratville/CAH/warisaracket.pdf>
- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Smedley_Butler

Chapter 6 – High Price of Militarism

- US spends \$776 billion/year feeding addiction to war
- Militarism contributes to higher taxes
- Reduces funds for infrastructure, services, health, education, etc.
- Threatens civil liberties
- Causes negative environmental impacts (toxic waste, etc.)
<http://www.dmzhawaii.org/?p=5074>
- Recruits mostly poor seeking economic and educational opportunities
- War continues at home after soldiers discharged (e.g., PTSD)
- Invites retaliation from other countries and forces including terrorists, thus vicious cycle of revenge, perpetual war!
- When do the costs of war outweigh the benefits and generate social collapse?
- What happens when a society disintegrates?



PEACE MAKES \$ENSE

Taxpayers in Washington will pay

\$10.4 BILLION

for the the Iraq War through 2007.
For the same amount of money, the
following **could have been provided:**

1,557,941 People with **Health Care**

179,344 Elementary School **Teachers**

1,148,513 **Head Start** Places for Children

3,960,925 Children with **Health Care**

57,210 Affordable **Housing** Units

1,091 New Elementary **Schools**

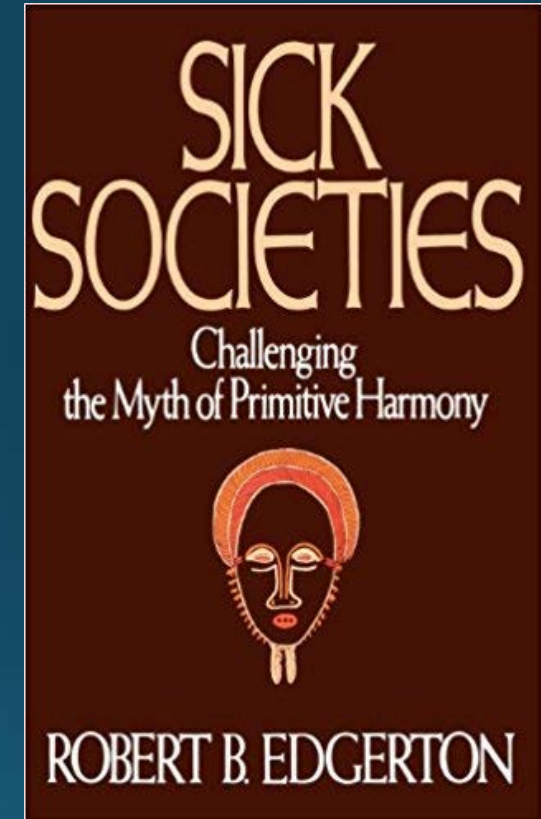
1,845,786 **Scholarships** for University Students

179,889 Music and Arts **Teachers**

9,224,386 Homes with **Renewable Electricity** or...

Source: National Priorities Project, www.nationalpriorities.org

- Is the US becoming more of a utopia or dystopia?

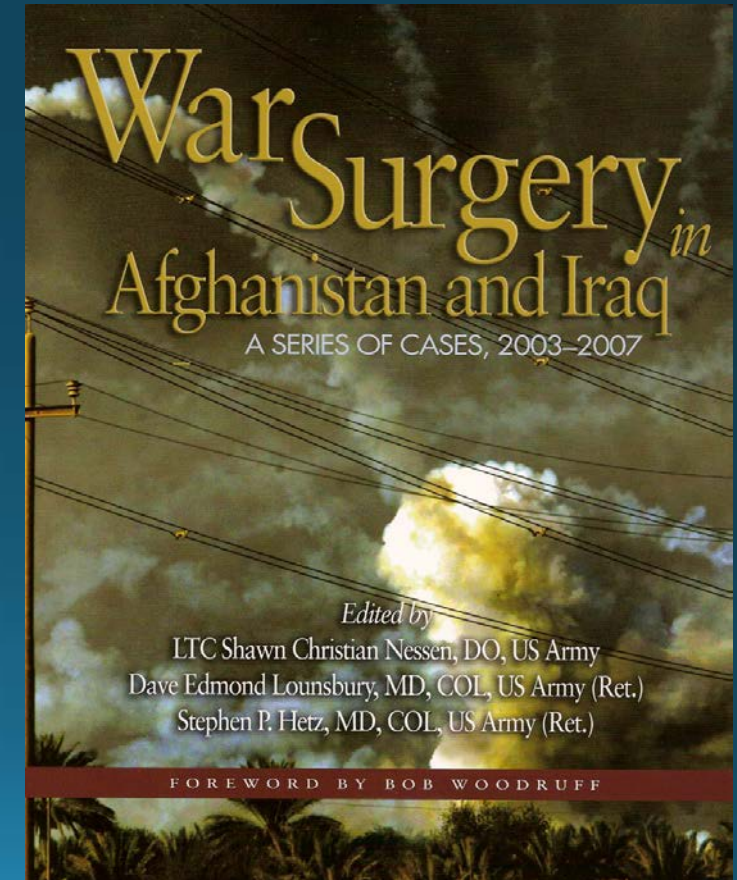


- It could be argued that the US is a sick society with its high rates of infant mortality, poverty and inequality, incarceration, drug addiction (opioid epidemic), gun violence, police shootings, racism, sexual harassment, corporate and political corruption, militarism, etc.

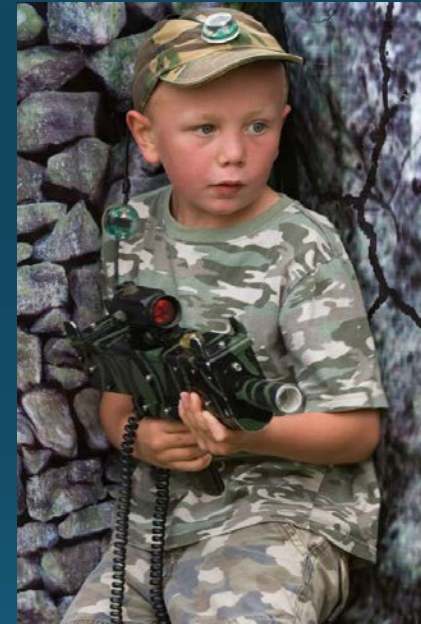
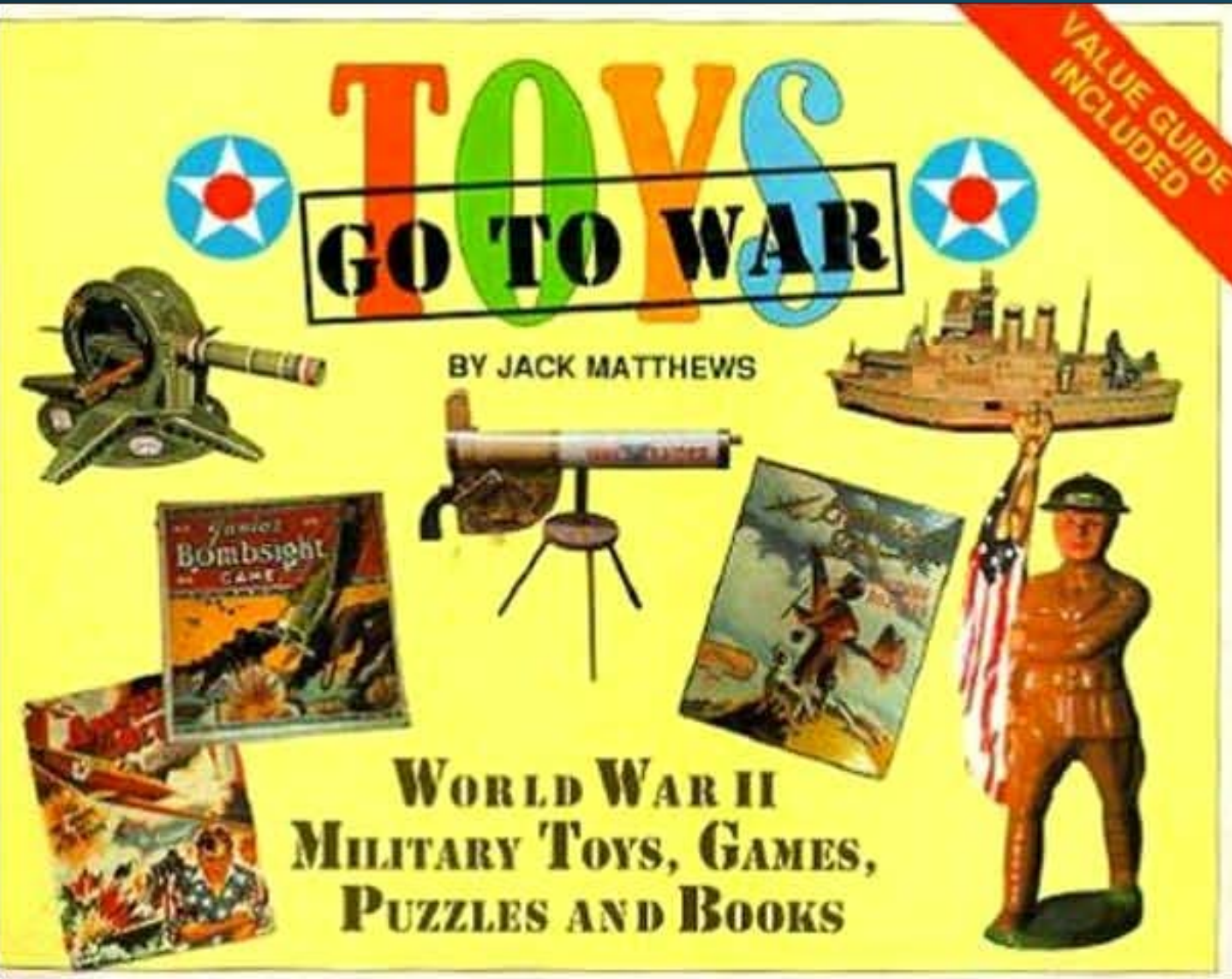
Chapter 7 – Militarism and Media

- Media controlled by war profiteers
- Dehumanize the enemy
- Glorify war
- Filter reality [e.g., embedded journalists in Iraq]

What would nonviolent and peaceful media be like?

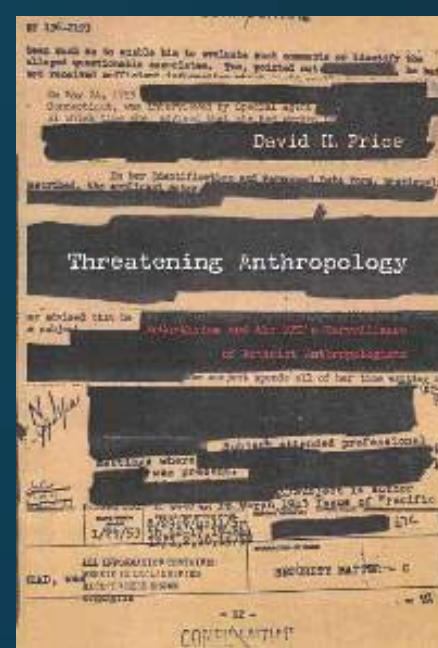


How are children taught violence or nonviolence?



Chapter 8 Resisting Militarism

- “Vietnam syndrome” with university teach-ins and beyond
diverse widespread demonstrations against American war
- Muhammad Ali, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Jane Fonda,
John Kerry, John Lennon, etc.
- Institutional opposition from churches, labor unions, cities



*War will exist until that
distant day when the
conscientious objector
enjoys the same reputation
and prestige that
the warrior does today.*

--- JFK



The Next Chapter – Do Something About It!

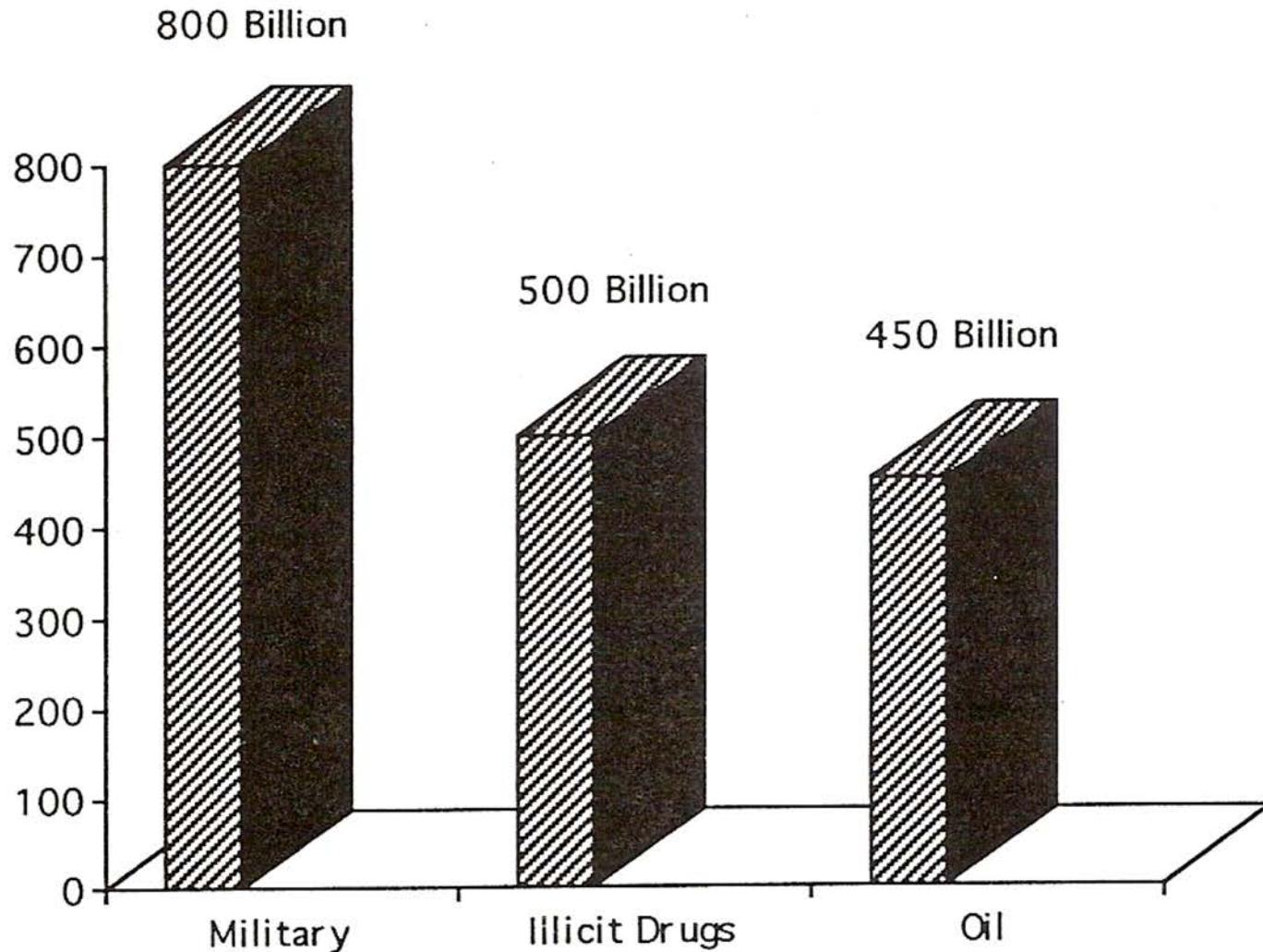
- Lists 21 peace activism organizations (e.g., Veterans for Peace)
- But will the initiatives of the peace movement every be sufficient to cure the addiction, given the power of the establishment and money?

More Questions

- How are illegal drugs related to warfare?
- What is missing in the Andreas book?
- What do the trends in the history of US belligerent militarism forecast about coming years and decades?
- Is the US a killing society?
- Can the US ever be transformed into a nonkilling society?
- How would you rewrite the Andreas book from the perspective of nonkilling? <http://www.nonkilling.org>



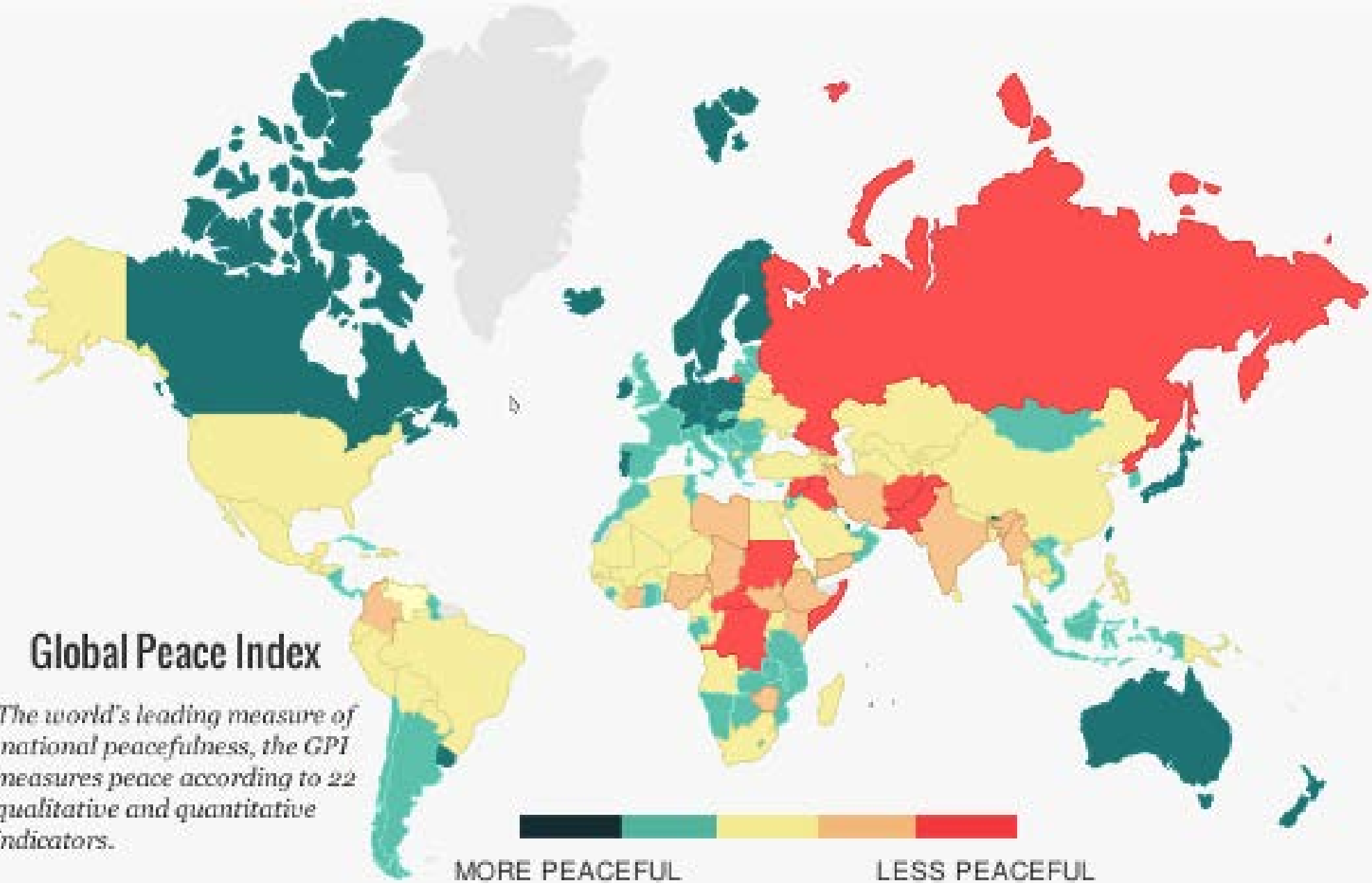
Matters of Scale: The Three Largest Industries in the World (In \$US Billions)



- Although not the only factors, where illegal drugs and/or oil important, often war recurrent!
- **DRUGS** - Afghanistan, Burma, Colombia, Mexico, Panama
- **OIL** - Iraq, Iran, Kuwait, next Venezuela?
- **What would happen with war/peace if fossil fuels are no longer used because of global climate change?**

Global Peace Index

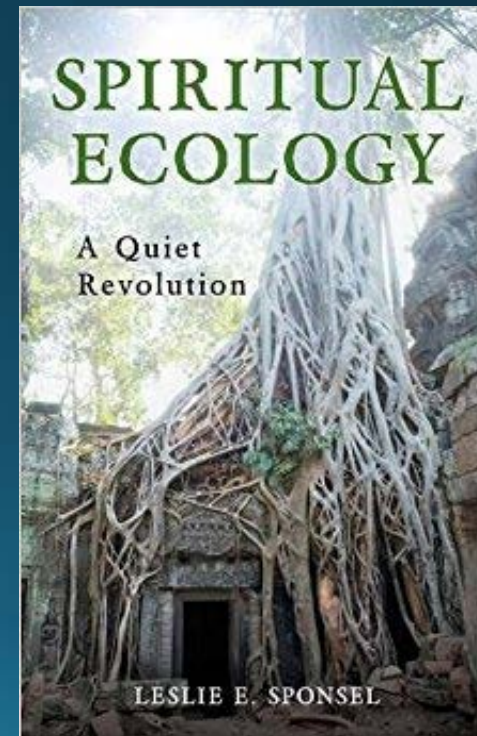
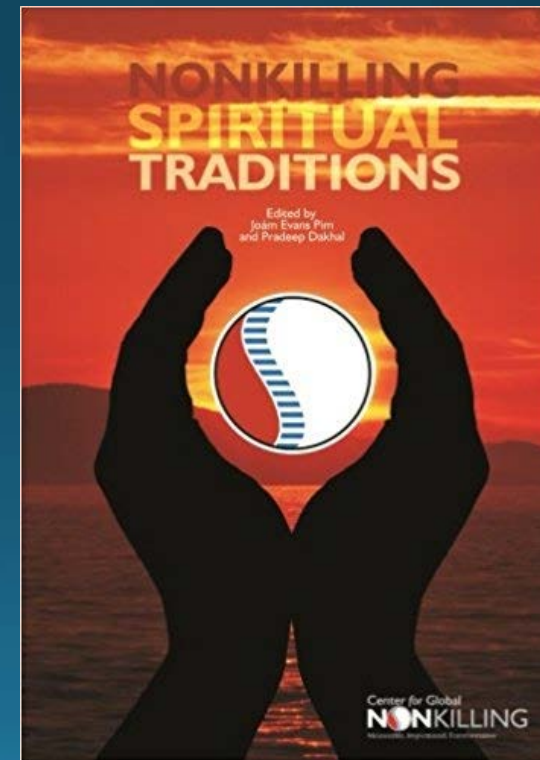
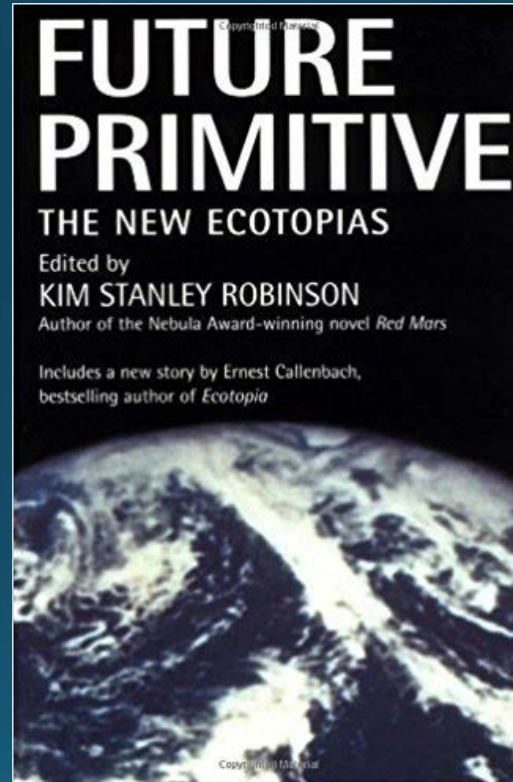
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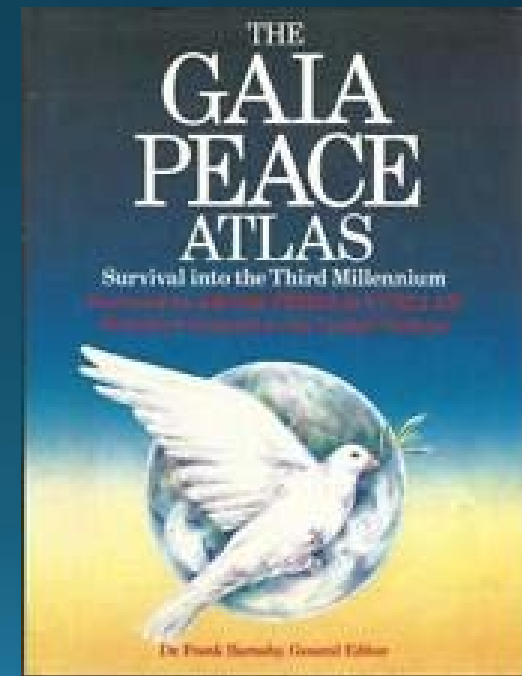
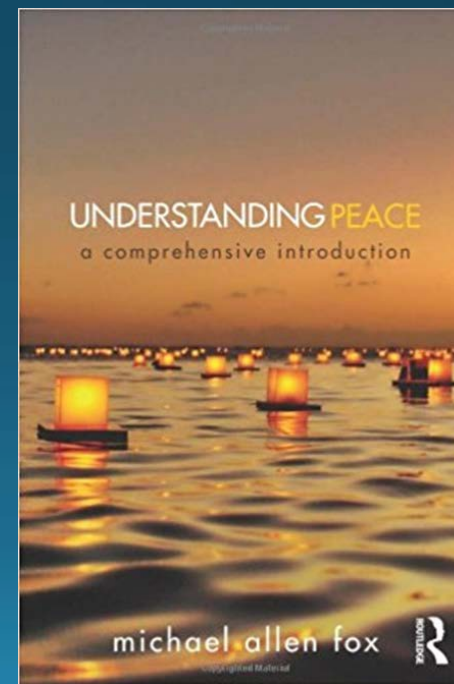
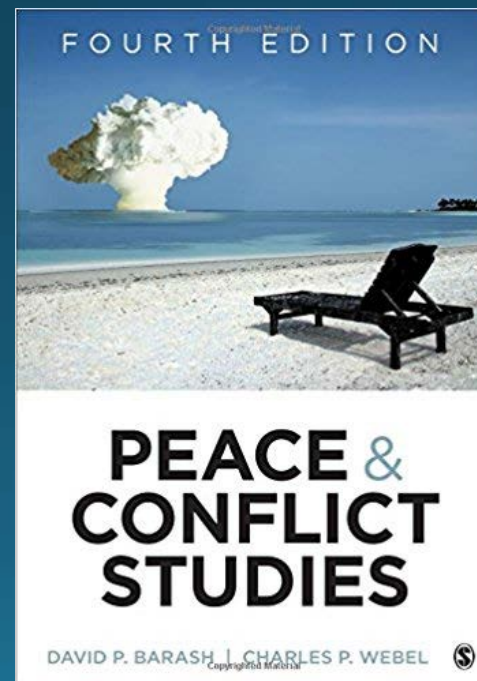
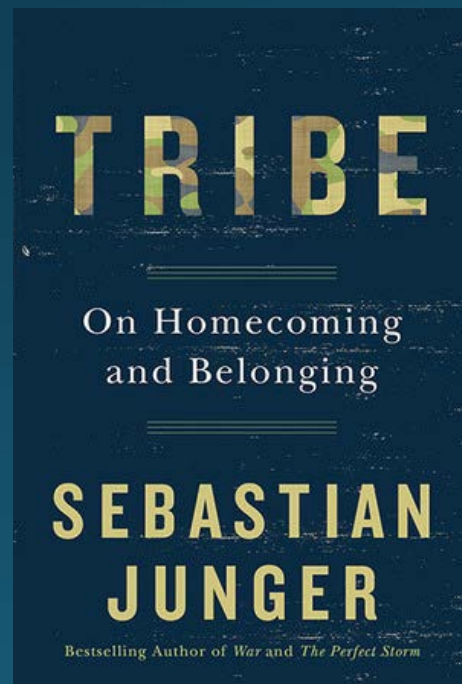
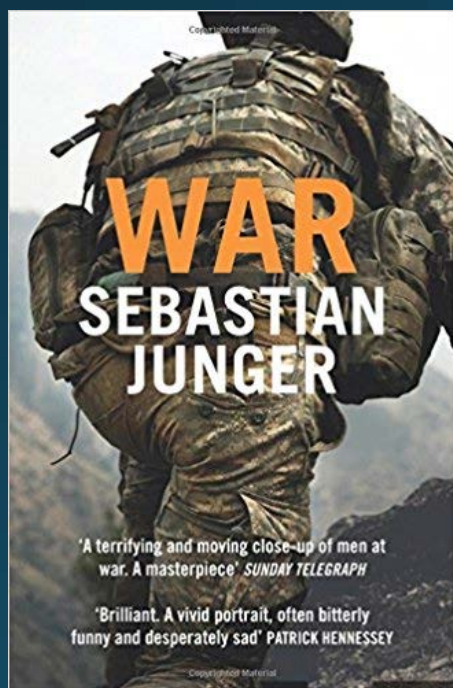
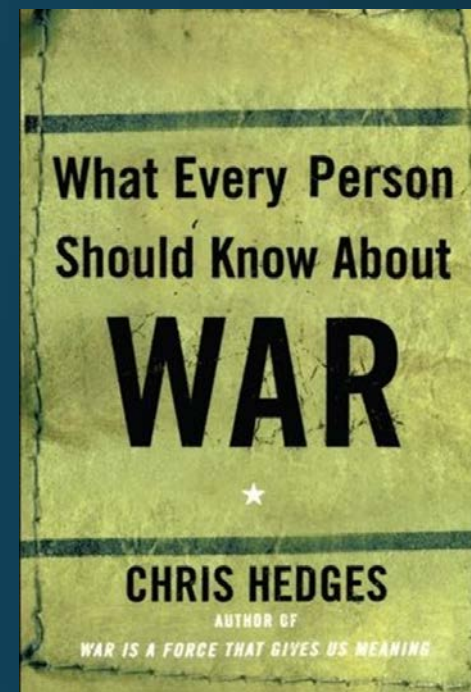
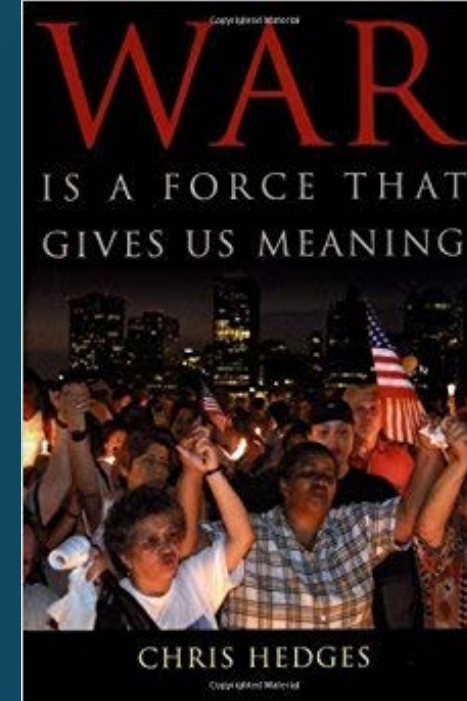
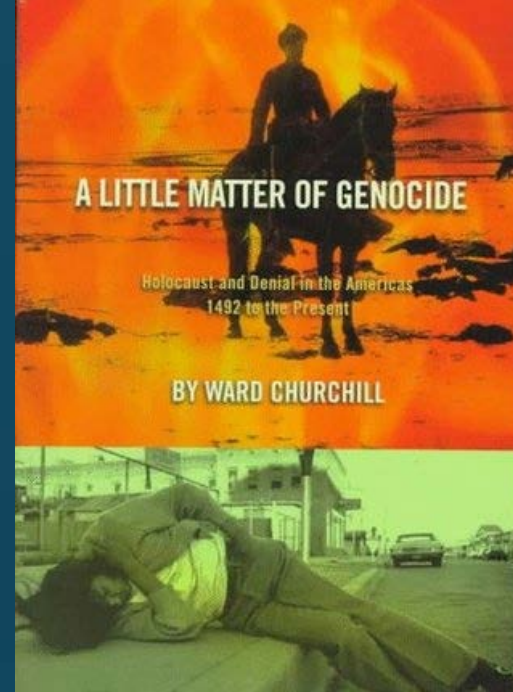
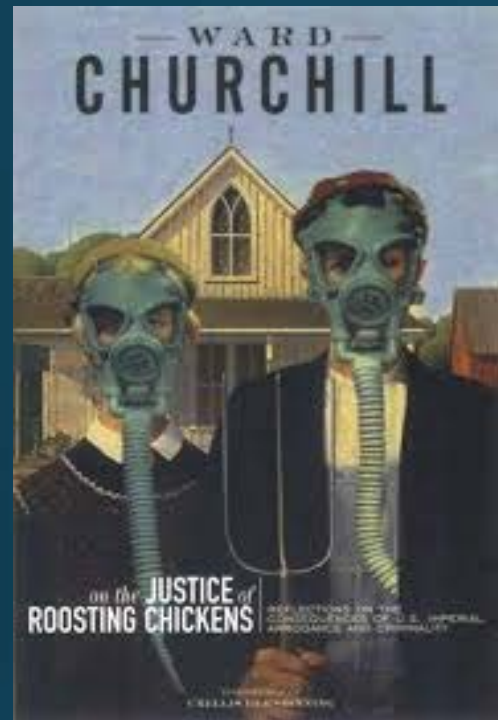
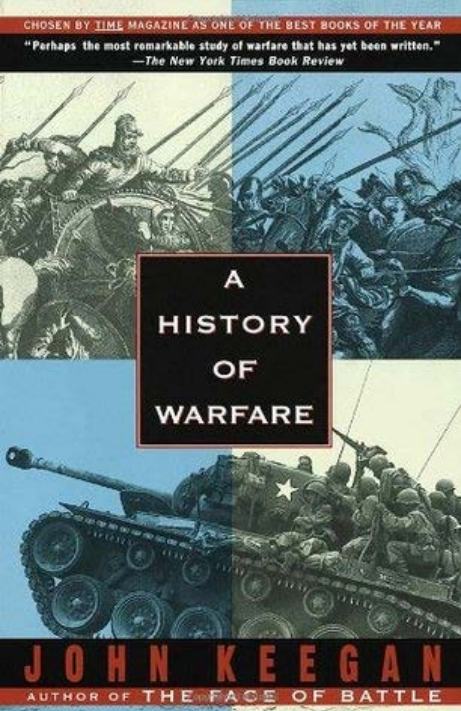


Considering the Andreas book, should the US be red on this map?

- Buffy Sainte-Marie – The Universal Soldier (4 minutes)
- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VGWsGyNswoo>
- John Lennon and Yoko Ono - Imagine (4 minutes).
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DVg2EJvvlF8>
- What would you sing about war and/or peace?

Might spirituality help?





WAR AND EXISTENCE

A Philosophical Inquiry

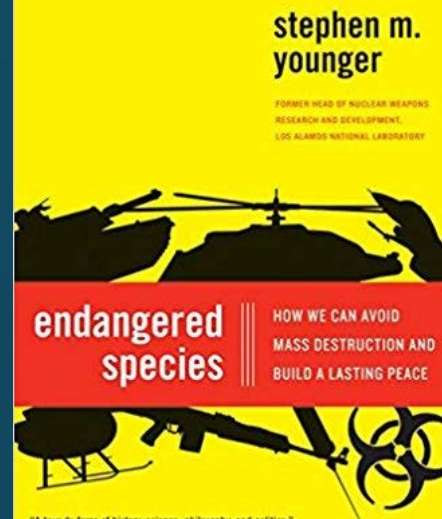


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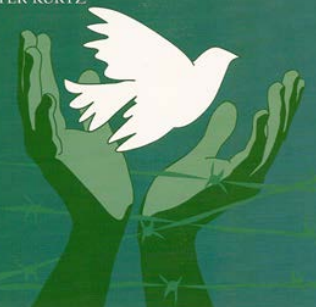


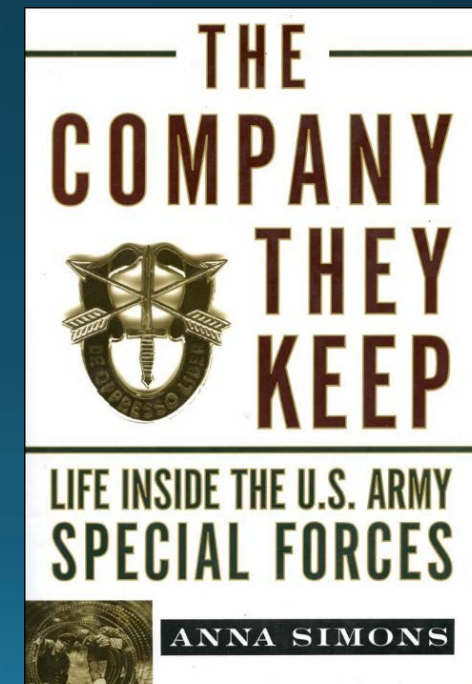
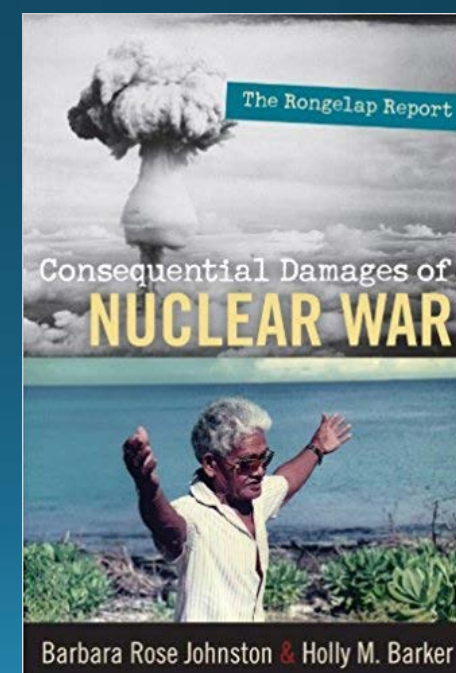
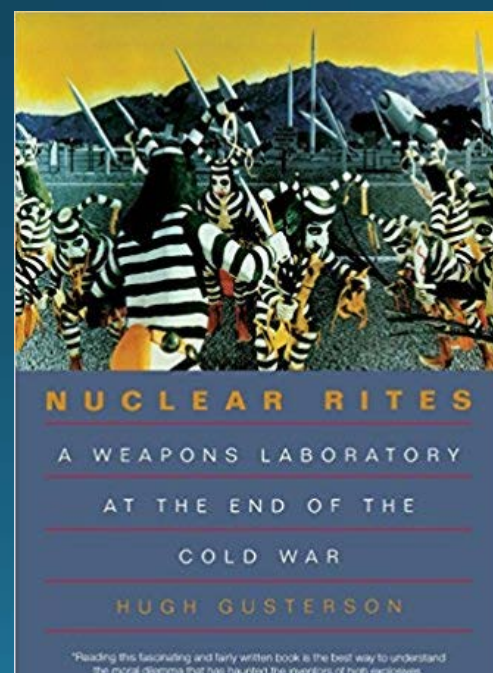
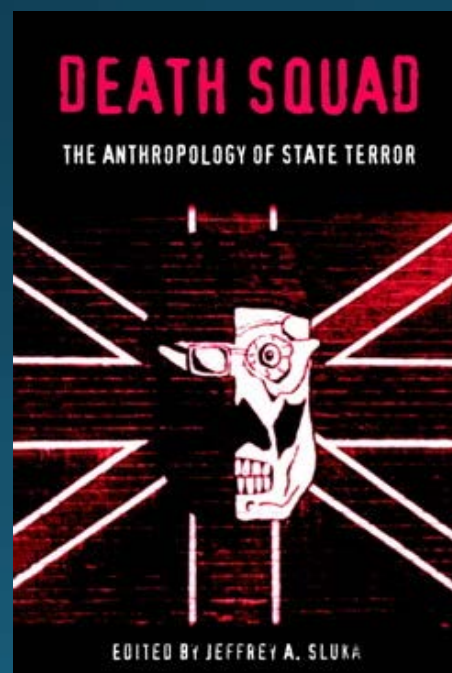
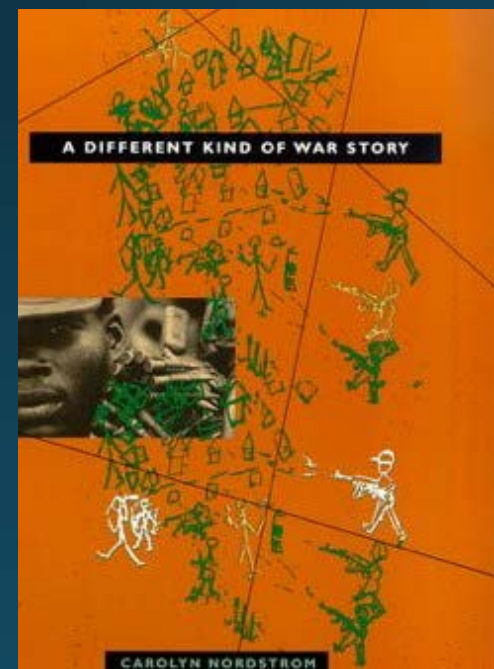
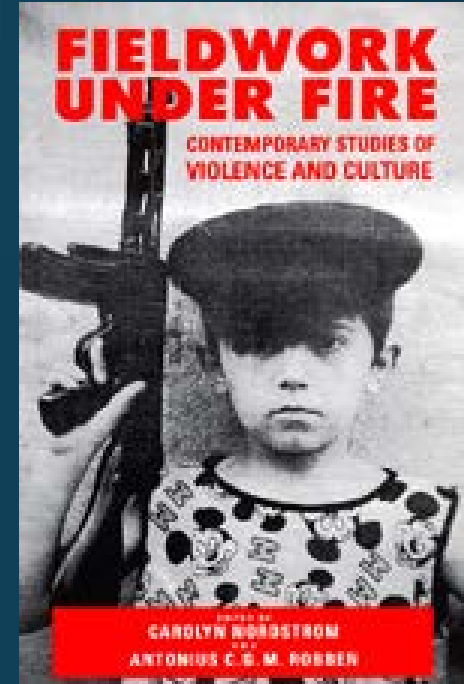
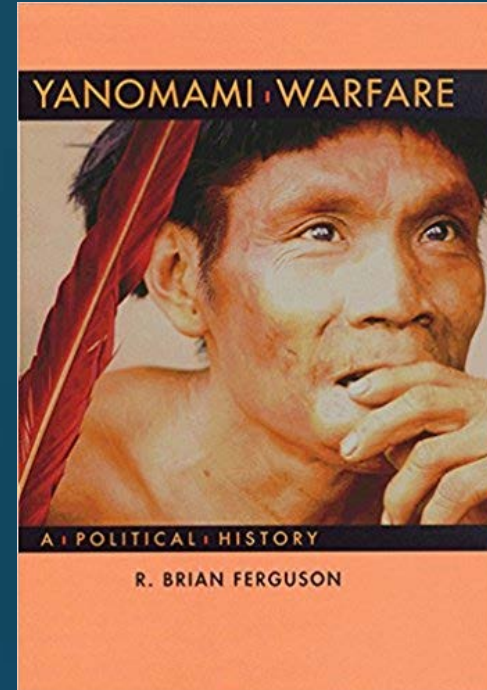
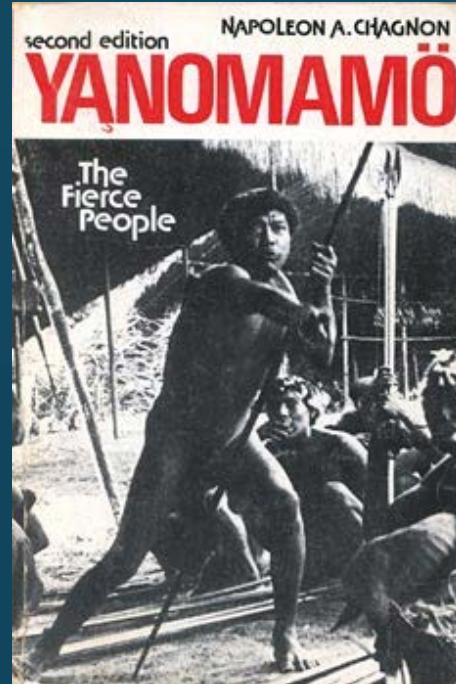
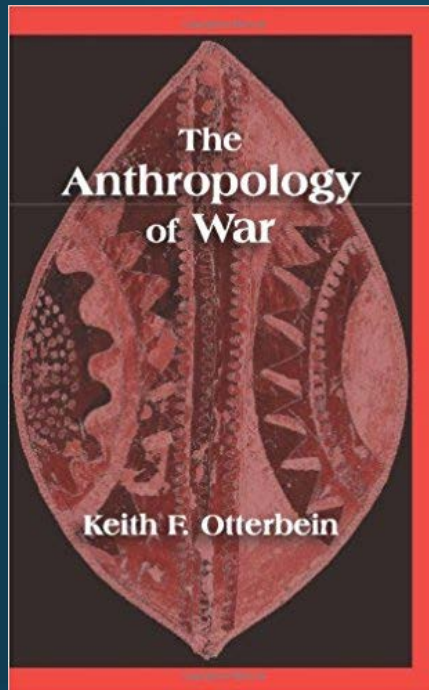
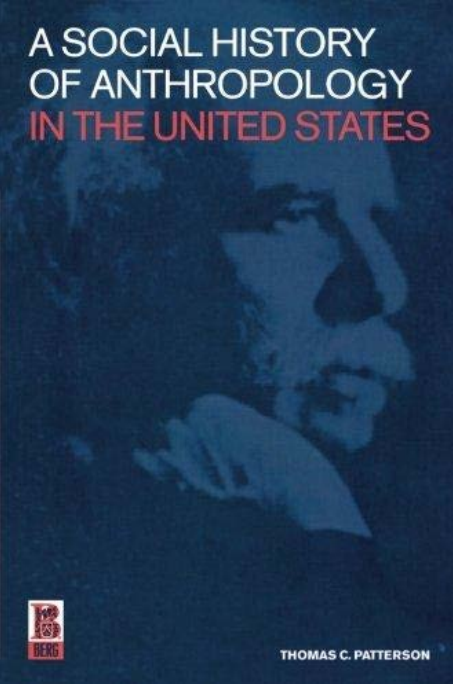
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