

Oil and the Military-Industrial Complex

According to the US Senate, the American fossil fuel industry gets over \$600 billion of subsidies EACH year:

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New Joint Bicameral Staff Report Reveals Big Oil's Campaign of Climate Denial, Disinformation, and Doublespeak

New Documents Expose the Fossil Fuel Industry's Deceptive Commitments to Reduce Emissions, Misleading Statements About the Alleged Climate Safety of Natural Gas, False Promises on New Technologies, and Obstruction of Investigation

"The Budget Committee has heard warnings from credible experts about climate-caused economic shocks—many of which are already raising costs for families—and our joint investigation with the House Oversight Committee Democrats reveals new details about the disinformation campaign Big Oil is waging to obstruct action on climate safety," **said Chairman Whitehouse**. "For decades, the fossil fuel industry has known about the economic and climate harms of its products but has deceived the American public to keep collecting more than \$600 billion each year in subsidies while raking in record-breaking profits. As this joint report makes clear, the industry's outright denial of climate change has evolved into a green-seeming cover for its ongoing covert operation—a campaign of deception, disinformation, and doublespeak waged using dark money, phony front groups, false economics, and relentless exertion of political influence—to block climate progress."

Source:
<https://www.budget.senate.gov/>

The US military is the single largest institutional user of fossil fuels in the world:

COSTS OF WAR



Pentagon Fuel Use, Climate Change, and the Costs of War

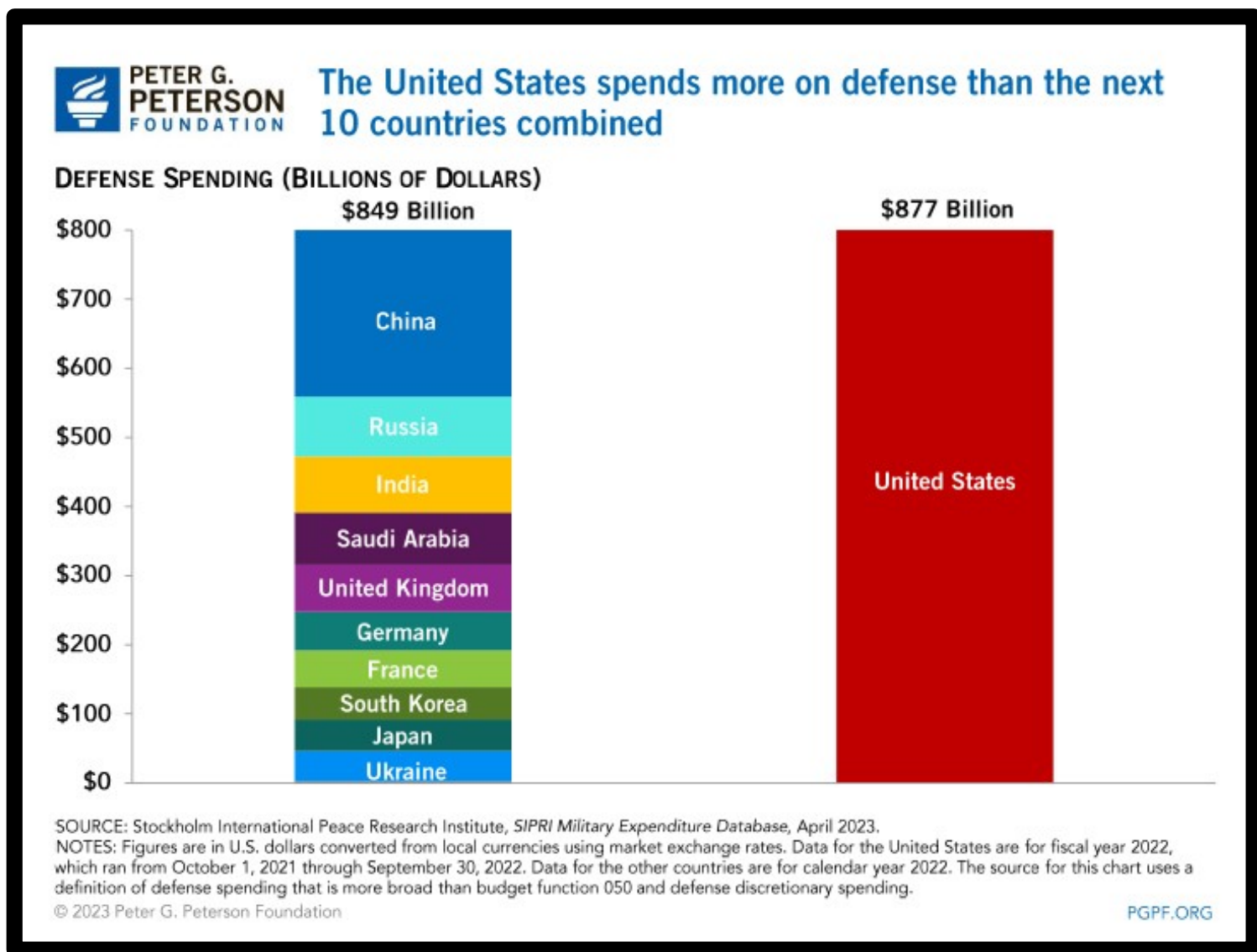
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emphasized energy security—energy resilience and conservation—it is still a significant consumer of fossil fuel energy. Indeed, the DOD is the world's largest institutional user of petroleum and correspondingly, the single largest institutional producer of greenhouse gases (GHG) in the world.⁵ From FY1975 to FY2018, total DOD greenhouse gas emissions were more than 3,685 Million Metric Tons of CO2 equivalent. While only a portion of US total emissions, US military emissions are, in any one year, larger than the emissions of many countries. In 2017, for example, the Pentagon's total greenhouse gas emissions (installations and operations) were greater than the greenhouse gas emissions of entire industrialized countries, such as Sweden, Denmark and Portugal and also greater than all CO2 emissions from US production of iron and steel.

Source:
watson.brown.edu/costsofwar

Over \$800 billion of taxpayer money per year goes to weapons corporations to make the vehicles, planes and ships which use the oil:



Source: www.pgpf.org/



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And in order to protect those oil supplies, the US maintains over 25 military bases in the Middle East/Persian Gulf region:

U.S. Bases in the Middle East



Source:

www.americansecurityproject.org

The infrastructure of these overseas military bases are built and maintained by large corporations (like Halliburton/KBR) with billions of dollars every year:

The Nation.

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The \$385 Billion Military-Industrial Boondoggle You've Never Heard Of

America's foreign bases are more staggering than ever—and, with your tax dollars, an empire of private contractors is holding them down.

Some of the money clearly pays for things like salaries, health care, and other benefits for around one million military and Defense Department personnel and their families overseas. But after an extensive examination of government spending data and contracts, I estimate that the Pentagon has dispersed around \$385 billion to private companies for work done outside the US since late 2001, mainly in that baseworld. That's nearly double the entire State Department budget over the same period, and because Pentagon and government accounting practices are so poor, the true total may be significantly higher.

Beyond the sheer volume of dollars heading overseas, an analysis of Pentagon spending reveals a troubling pattern: the majority of benefits have gone to a relatively small group of private contractors. In total, almost a third of the \$385 billion has flowed into the coffers of just 10 top contractors, including scandal-prone companies like KBR, the former subsidiary of Halliburton, and oil giant BP.

Summary:

- The American oil companies get \$600 billion in taxpayer subsidies per year
 - Large amounts of this fuel goes to vehicles, planes and ships in the US military, the largest institutional user of fossil fuel in the world
- Over \$800 billion each year of taxpayer money goes to weapons corporations to make the vehicles, planes and ships which use the oil
 - Resulting in over 2 dozen military bases in the Middle East dedicated to protecting the flow of that subsidized oil
 - Which leads to billions of dollars of taxpayer money each year going to corporations to build and maintain these bases that protect the oil

Latin: Cui Bono?

English: Who Benefits?