

simply ignore the government, not feed it our money, not pay it any mind, not vote for its rigged elections, and instead make for ourselves the image of life we want to live with our neighbors and local communities. It's a "pick yourself up by your bootstraps" approach that doesn't involve as much suffering as would a civil war or other demonstrations of violent opposition. Just stop giving your energy to that which does not serve you and your neighbors and your planet.

The Federal Reserve holds major influence globally, and thus by removing it from power we will influence the global financial institutions to scramble and recover. We must not allow that recovery to occur. We must create a new decentralized global economic system. Minimally, we must create a banking system that has to compete, cannot create trusts or monopolies, and cannot be a privately-owned central bank, and be barred from printing a nation's currency. If we allow private banks to print their own forms of currency, through the mint, but at their expense, we will see a new revenue stream for the federal government, if such a thing is even needed, which I propose it is not, a competitive, non-exploitative banking system, and a greater economic freedom and wellbeing for the general population. We need to restructure the entire economic model that is in operation today.

## DOD AND DHS

The National Defense is the primary and sole responsibility of the Federal Government as laid out in the Constitution. While Congress is solely authorized to declare war, the executive office of the president is the Commander in Chief and has authority over the operations, preparations, and executions of the military and other agencies. The Department of Defense is one of thirteen executive departments that exist to execute the will and authority of the President. The Department of Defense is charged with coordinating and supervising all government functions relating to national security and the US Armed Forces. Its headquarters is in Arlington, Virginia near to Washington, D.C. It is comprised of the Departments of the Army, the Navy, and the Air Force, the National Security Agency, the Defense Intelligence Agency, the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency, the National Reconnaissance Office, the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA), the Strategic Capabilities Office (SCO), the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA), the Missile Defense Agency (MDA), and the Defense Contract Management Agency (DCMA) among other agencies. The DoD was created when the military branches were consolidated into one executive branch. The atrocities committed by this department are innumerable. The very first thing that must be done is a public audit, conducted by Congress for crimes against humanity by decision makers, observed and overseen by third party human rights organizations and barring executive sessions. We need to have an immediate reduction of funding, with restructuring focused on creating highly trained personnel, advanced technology that removes human error and loss of life potential, and release of information to the public through Congressional Committee.

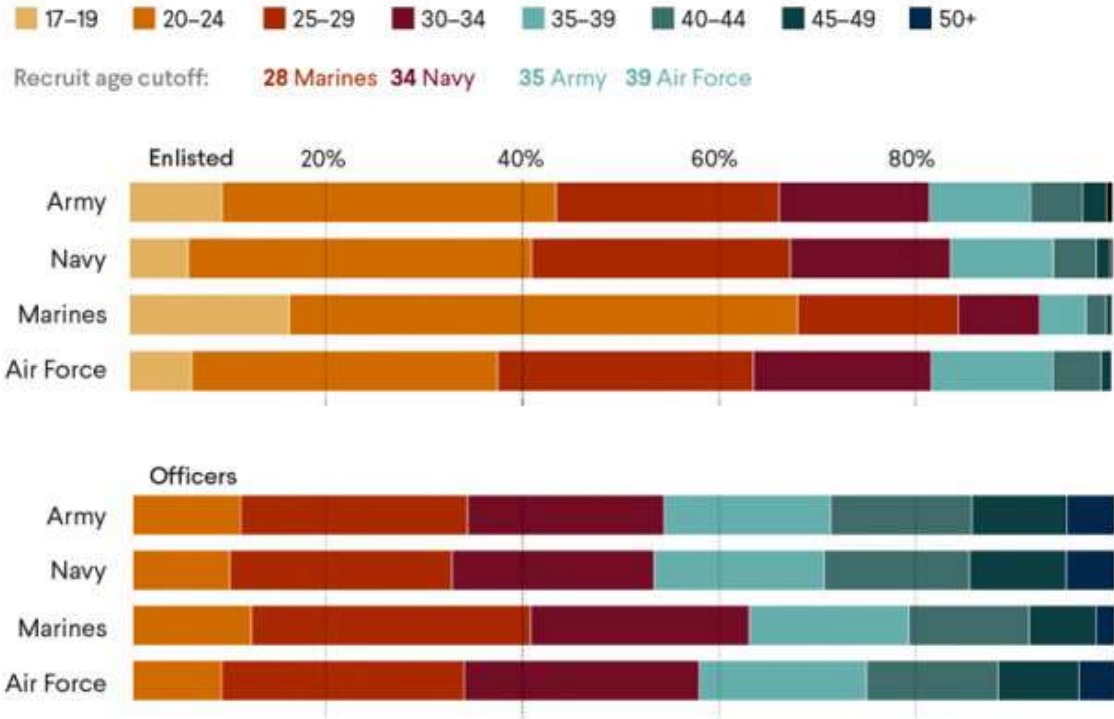
In 1775, the Continental Congress created the Army, the Navy, and the Marines. In the time between then and now, our military has evolved, adapting to meet the demands of the times. After the second world war, the United States became the dominant military power in the world. While many people would say that we were competing with Russia in the effort to produce a dominant force, the reality is that no nation anywhere was able to compete with the post-war United States. Russia was decimated with over twenty million deaths. They were not able to compete with the United States despite the post-war propaganda and social programming that led to the Cold War. The United States used Russia as an excuse to expand its military presence around the world, which is why today, we have the largest, most globally involved, and most advanced military in the world. While this maintains its validity today, the future of our military and our global presence looks to be changing. In WWII, we were facing a major high intensity conflict (HIC). In some ways, the Korean and Vietnam conflicts were mostly low-intensity

conflicts (LIC), involving protracted guerilla warfare and less than conventional warfare and involving political, economic, and military instruments. This became the norm in US military advancement around the world. When we entered Iraq, the potential conventional warfare quickly resulted in a transition to a protracted low-intensity conflict, whereas the conflict in Afghanistan was immediately a low-intensity conflict. The result of this many decades of shaping our military to respond in low-intensity conflicts with nations that are very far from equal in military capability is that we are far from prepared for a high-intensity conflict with nations that have capable and comparable military force.

Today, while our nation faces what appears to be dramatic domestic issues, the global strategic landscape is shifting and there are many nations that are increasing their capabilities while we are demilitarizing and disarming our nation and many of our allies. While it remains improbable that any major nation will attempt a direct conflict with the United States in the near future, the likelihood that the nearly global access that the US military enjoys today will be encroached upon and will diminish. This diminishing of global military presence will result in less ability to respond to situations that develop around the globe. This inability to respond will ultimately empower nations to become more emboldened and involved in their regions with any number of motives unchecked. This could and would result in many detrimental effects on our access to trade and influence and would affect our domestic economy by creating higher prices on imported commodities and force our hand to produce more internally or become more beholden to the will of foreign nations that will likely not share similar values or concern for the welfare of our population. This is obviously not a guaranteed scenario as predictability decreases with time, but we must consider this from the lens of global interest and the probable effect that would result from a weakened military presence globally. While our presence decreases, others will take advantage of that. With this in mind, we must consider the ways in which we can negate or minimize the negative effects of a decreasing, increasing or maintained military budget, a decreasing military presence and increasingly militarily empowered competing and less-than-friendly nations.

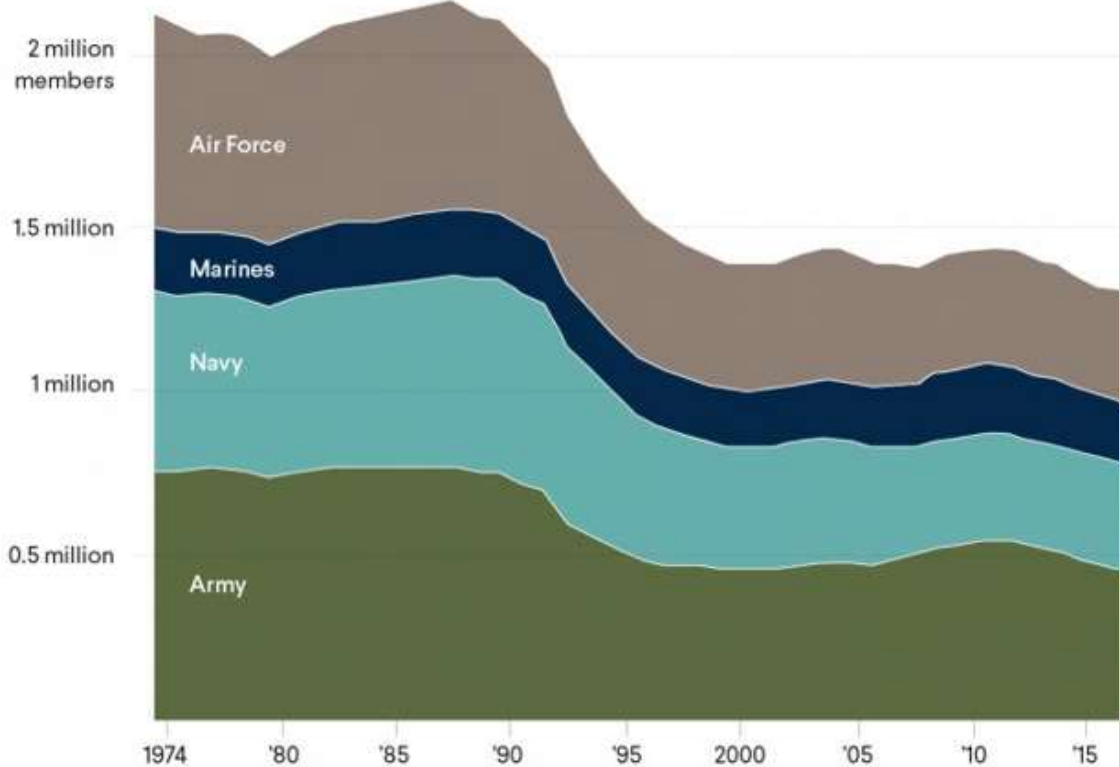
Our military today is largely comprised of wasted resources. We need to focus on creating a streamlined, small elite standing active military force, while supplementing Reserve and National Guard forces with the former active duty personnel. We need to reduce overall costs by reducing excessive waste by implementing public accounting and fiscal management systems as oversight on spending. We need a reduction in the size of active duty military forces kept in foreign countries. By rotating Reservists and Guardsmen on Temporary Active Duty Assignments, we can reduce the cost of maintaining large permanent forces, while keeping readiness in our armed forces. We can offer Off-Duty Military personnel the option to live on bases, without pay, to work on turning open spaces into food gardens and self-sustaining systems. These soldiers would live for free on the base and build these systems in exchange. Veterans and eligible civilians can also be offered this to increase the sustainability of maintaining armed forces.

### Age Distribution by Service, Enlisted and Officers



We are encountering a profoundly disturbing and serious issue within the core of our military. Americans are overweight, undereducated, and often criminally charged. To be specific, over 30 percent of the recruitable population are ineligible for service due to being overweight. 25 percent do not have a high school diploma or GED. 10 percent have criminal histories. In total, over 70 percent of 18-24 year-old potential recruits cannot continue past the recruiting station. Of the eligible potential recruits, only about 15 percent want to join the military. Of those that attempt to join, 30 percent do not pass the ASVAB (Armed Services Vocational Aptitude and Battery) or AFQT (Armed Forces Qualification Test). This leaves the total potential recruit pool in the nation at significantly under a million. And even amongst those, when they have encountered the conditions inside the military, many of them choose to leave. This is one of the biggest threats to our nation, and one that will very likely be ignored and dismissed by much of the population.

Active Duty Personnel, 1974–2016



While several countries around the world are increasing their military spending and capabilities, the U.S. is faced with exceptionally large maintenance fees, seemingly endless wars and occupations, aging pilots, an unhealthy, unmotivated, and uneducated recruiting pool, and an increasingly anti-war general population among other things. As far as criminal backgrounds, we need to eliminate the barring of potential recruits due to cannabis charges. This is a backwards and unrepresentative policy that harms our recruiting and eliminates an entire major subculture of people in this nation from the recruitment pool who would potentially otherwise be incentivized to enlist. Other non-violent crimes need to be reconsidered as well, to eliminate the possibility of blocking potentially successful and sound people. Crimes like having a fake I.D., mutually agreed fighting, failure to render aid after an accident, unlawful use of a long-distance telephone calling card, and vandalism among others are ridiculous reasons to bar enlistment. While high standards must be kept, we also must understand that the applied law of today currently does not accurately portray moral or constitutional law, and the standards that are held for enlistment are not appropriate to accommodate for our need. Law abiding citizens, in a corrupt and undignified legal system, are not the ideal, but the norm. We need to consider the quality of those who are not satisfied with our national legal system and immoral and unconstitutional laws. Charismatic and strong-willed young people who get into minor legal trouble being barred from service is detrimental to our national security and our social identity.

In order to reduce the creeping threat of overwhelming levels of disease and lack of health we need to think not only of the training of individuals when they arrive for bootcamp, but of the caretaking of our national healthcare through mandatory exercise programs and health food requirements at schools. We need to provide education for our children on how to live healthy lifestyles. These programs would affect the cost of healthcare nationally and would reduce the need for more and more hospital visits for individuals. Personal responsibility must be taught to our children, and the military should not be the

place for the first encounter of this virtue. We need to reduce our burden and reliance on support from government while demanding our rights that have been stripped from us over the course of generations. By encouraging programs like boy scouts, that are based in physical fitness, outdoor activity and bushcrafting, cooperation and unification, we can instill core values that can transform our current precarious situation into our greatest strength.

We need to bring about radical changes to the habits that our youth now espouses. Habits like children spending more than seven and a half hours in front of screens daily, high schoolers playing video games for three or more hours on an average school day, excessive consumption of sugar and salt far beyond healthy levels, and unnatural bolting of food that inhibits the body's natural digestive process. The ratio of time spent in sedentary behavior versus exertion no matter how minimal is over 50% across the board for the population over twelve years old. Over six years old, the population spends minimally six hours in sedentary behavior. This abnormal and unnatural behavior is only getting worse. Today, there is marketing that instructs people to do fifteen minutes of physical exertion daily. This small amount of activity is certainly better than no exertion at all, but it is far from a conclusive result to our national emergency in health and healthcare costs. We need to take definitive action to create a healthier population for the defensibility of our nation as well as the reduction in costs that are being wasted in healthcare and causal social programs. While the passage of a singular law to mandate education in health and fitness will not resolve our national problems, it is one step in a direction that we must go to successfully overcome our current social design failures.

Since 1990 the United States has drastically reduced in numbers its personnel and components. In 1990, active personnel amounted to 2.12 million people while today that number has decreased to 1.4 million.

**Table 2.1**  
**Selected U.S. Force Elements, 1990–2015**

Force Element	1990	1996	2003	2010	2015
Active personnel (millions)	2,118	1,547	1,427	1,580	1,433
Army divisions (active)	18	12	10	10	10
Aircraft carriers	14	13	12	11	10
Surface combatants	206	116	106	100	105
SSNs	136	82	56	57	59
Large amphibious vessels	63	39	38	31	31
U.S. Air Force FTR/FGA	3,444	2,485	2,413	2,158	1,570
U.S. Air Force bombers	301	195	199	154	139

SOURCES: IISS, *The Military Balance*, 1991, 1996, 2003, 2010, and 2015 editions.

NOTES: FTR = air supremacy fighter aircraft, whose primary mission is air-to-air combat. FGA = ground attack fighter aircraft, whose primary mission is air-to-surface strike.

Our technology has advanced and has largely made our armed forces less reliant on large numbers of personnel. Today, much of the technology we are implementing allows for smaller amounts of people with a greater number of technical skills and higher intelligence. We are moving away, and have been for quite a while, from disposable soldiers, to indispensable, highly trained, and intelligent warfighters. This evolution makes it possible for less casualties though it has been largely developed with the current

fields of operation in mind. We have been in constant war and conflict with various nations and non-state groups for almost twenty years. We have been almost constantly involved in conflicts around the world for over a century, but the current conflicts have been unceasing, giving them a different sort of operational environment. Our military has been conditioned to deal with the kind of threats faced by nations and non-state groups that are far militarily inferior and non-high intensity combatants. When we consider the fact that China, Russia, and some other nations have steadily been increasing their military funding, we can see that despite our superior military ability that exists today, without taking appropriate action, we will not be able to match the kind of threats that are currently developing. When we consider the possibility of being potentially critically outmatched in 15 years, we must consider the restructure of our military design.

We need to redesign our military to match the needs of high intensity warfare and ever increasing low-intensity situations like that which we have created in the middle east and elsewhere, while at the same time developing solutions and training for actions within the future connected megacity, where versatility and adaptability to complex, rapidly changing, politically and militarily indistinct or multi-faceted and layered hostile environments exist. High-intensity warfare is the kind that we would face if we were to go to war with Russia or China or any other modernized and capable comparable force. In these situations, we would be encountering many factors that we are less prepared for today than we would need to be to eliminate the chances of devastating results. Like I said above, there are ways to reduce many of the problems that we face today in financing our military and defensive capabilities, as well as providing for a more holistically beneficial organization of the military.

In a war with China or Russia today, there is no guarantee that we would be victorious. Some of the issues we would face are the decreasing capabilities of our own military outlined previously, as well as the fact that we are entering into a new era of warfare, which brings with it greater risks from nations that do not carry the same traditional warfare capabilities of the United States. Technology is advancing rapidly on the path of hyper-sonic precision weapons that can circle the globe and strike targets with little or no comparable defensibility. It is possible to arm small, palm-sized drones with explosives and automate them to target individuals by facial recognition and other biological signatures. These drones would kamikaze into the target and the nation or other actor sending the drone may not be able to be discovered. A nation could arm a million of these drones and deploy them against high value targets. Cyber warfare can be utilized to take down defensive systems in an enemy nation before an armed UAV attack on a target city. Offensive cyber warfare itself is most utilized by the United States, and every time the US uses its advanced viruses or other weapons, it releases that code for study to foreign nations and non-state actors. Every time the US participates offensively in cyber warfare, it gives a boost to all the actors globally who wish to advance their own cyber capabilities, which could then be used against the United States.

This kind of warfare puts the United States into a position of having to defend against nations and non-state actors employing evolved technologies that have not been prepared for or used in combat previously. While the fundamental principles of the art of war will never change, the nature of its expression has changed several times in the past and is changing on a faster scale each iteration. Today we are in a shift of the expression of warfare, and we are not leading the pack in several areas that may become critical deficiencies in a war with nations and non-state actors that are steadily and aggressively increasing their capabilities in this new era of warfare. Biotech implants like RFID chips, conductive tattoos that can store information and transmit it, and more provide an opportunity for warring agencies to use individuals' bodies as weapons. Violence requires motive and responsibility, and it often is unnecessary to achieve the result desired. The threat of harm is far more important. Militaries mostly posture through diplomacy to achieve their goals. The threat that is posed by new technologies in the hands of enemies or capable nations means that we may have to negotiate with greater risk of having to

let go of large portions of our goals or even cultural identity. This is because we no longer would represent the pinnacle of global military might and presence.

Concurrently with the potential harm of new-epoch military technological advancements in the hands of our competitors, is the fact that much of the technology is available and being developed in the United States as well, on top of the traditional military might that exists to back it up. This is not the same for Russia or China, who are forced to utilize the innovative technologies to circumvent disproportions in military capability. While this does show their capacity to attack the current weak points in the armor of the US military, it does not necessarily mean that these technologies give them overall superior strategic might. Some of the limitations of our competitors are the lack of “soft power” that the US has in abundance, like the fact that most of the world has English as a first, second, or third language, while Russia and China enjoy none of that privilege and likely will not in the near future. “The things that we worry about are not the things that end up taking us down, they’re the ones that we don’t worry about because we don’t know to worry about them.”<sup>75</sup> – Dr. Erik Gartzke, UC San Diego.

The Virtual Theatre is a new aspect of warfare, adding another dimension to the battlefield. This is the capability for command and control centers, Predator or Reaper pilots, or even recruitment and propaganda machines to operate discretely while affecting targets anywhere on the globe. It means that a Predator or Reaper operator of the 432<sup>nd</sup> Wing of the US Air Force, reclining behind a joystick at Creech AFB, Indian Springs, Nevada, can send a precision missile at a target anywhere in the world, destroying human lives, often including ones that had nothing to do with the target. It means that command and control centers in a friendly country can directly remotely control missions against targets in other parts of the world. It means that the internet can be utilized to recruit people from anywhere around the globe to participate in actions against targets. This new dimension to warfare makes legal grey areas around the rules of war and which areas of the globe are acceptable targets as within the bounds of the theatre of war. Drone pilots who take violent military action at Creech AFB opens the door for Creech itself to be attacked by those groups being targeted. This distinction could mean that it becomes acceptable for states and non-state actors to target locations where drone operators work and live, potentially creating casualties in the general public in the vicinity of these warfighters. Since the war theatre boundaries have expanded, the threat against targets globally that are distant from the more intense location of fighting, become legally and practically more compelling targets.

The introduction of AI into the military may bring about negative results that counteract the positive. As automation and autonomy increase in use, the role of political decision-making will become more and more delegated to smaller and smaller sectors to be able to respond instantly to raid attacks while those politicians may begin to disregard their military advisors in favor of AI algorithms. Governments may lose their ability to maintain support and legitimacy of their people, while those same populations lose faith in military institutions. Wars will be much more frequent and require less to incite, as human involvement, and thus risk, increases. The military may lose its moral relation to its population of service. Machines fighting means that war will likely lose its moral prohibition. And learning machines may alter their own programs and orders as they gain greater learning. “As long as humans are responsible for directing war, for writing code, for fielding and maintaining machines, warfare is going to be an instrument of policy and the province of warriors at some degree.”<sup>76</sup> – Dr. Frank Hoffman, National Defense University.

Major General Robert Scales, Close Combat Lethality Task Force, theorized that there are two major factors that must be considered when questioning whether we are actually seeing an evolution in warfare. These factors are: Firepower, which is composed of lethality, range, and precision and Maneuverability, which is composed of protection and speed. If technology advances these factors, then warfare will see epochal change. Between WWI and WWII, we saw the epochal change in the realm of speed with the discovery of the wireless and the combustion engine. During and after WWII, the epoch advanced with changes to lethality, range, and precision. Today, Russia’s hypersonic missiles are an

example of the continuation of that epochal change. “United States cannot win a war if its on the defensive. We can’t risk the loss of manpower facing a peer competitor who in many ways are better than us.”<sup>77</sup> – Robert Scales. We cannot compete but at best parity levels with Russia in the coming decades in firepower. We can use Disaggregation which means that we would need to have control of the cyber domain to aggregate forces at command quickly and disaggregate them just as quickly for offensive and defensive measures. This can only work when we control the cyber situation. Lastly, we can increase the speed variable in our military technology to bring our military to compete on the offensive. Speed increases would need to be vast to compete with the unique areas of advancements in competing nations.

Globally, urban social disorder is on rise, individual and interpersonal violence is increasing, while people are increasingly taking matters into their own hands, such as in unofficial rescue work after natural disasters and other situations. The amount of interactivity and arrangements between people, corporations, and governments in wartime may result in a shifting of power centers from where they now lie. The ability for non-state actors to take action in a warzone utilizing individuals or interacting in war environments in numerous other ways indicates a transition from traditional roles. In general, in war and combat situations, overall lethality is decreasing, and non-state conflicts (Over 1000 combatants) are increasing.<sup>78</sup> -Dr. Zalman, Dr. Hoffman, Dr. Gartzke, & Maj. Gen. Scales, 2018

Nations that have nuclear weapons inherently deter conventional warfare. In such, they are incentivized and motivated to utilize proxy warfare to achieve political goals. The ability for a state to hire a non-state armed group to attack an enemy in irregular warfare tactics is increased in these nuclear nations, as they will deter a conventional warfare response simply by having nuclear weapons. This creates a trend of ever-increasing amounts of unconventional actions between states, non-state groups, and even down to individuals.

*“The military implications are obvious, if difficult to act upon in today’s fiscal environment. There’s a clear and continuing need for Marines, for amphibious units and naval supply ships, for platforms that allow operations in littoral and riverine environments, and for capabilities that enable expeditionary logistics in urbanized coastal environments. Rotary-wing or tilt-rotor aircraft, and precise and discriminating weapons systems, will also be needed. There’s also a clear need to structure ground forces so that they can rapidly aggregate or disaggregate forces and fires, enabling them to operate in a distributed, small-unit mode while still being able to concentrate quickly to mass their effect against a major target. Combat engineers, construction engineers, civil affairs units, intelligence systems that can make sense of the clutter of urban areas, pre-conflict sensing systems such as geospatial tools that allow early warning of conflict and instability, and constabulary and coast guard capabilities are also likely to be important. The ability to operate for a long period in a city without drawing heavily on that city’s water, fuel, electricity, or food supply will be important as well, with very significant implications for expeditionary logistics.”*

– David Kilcullen<sup>79</sup>

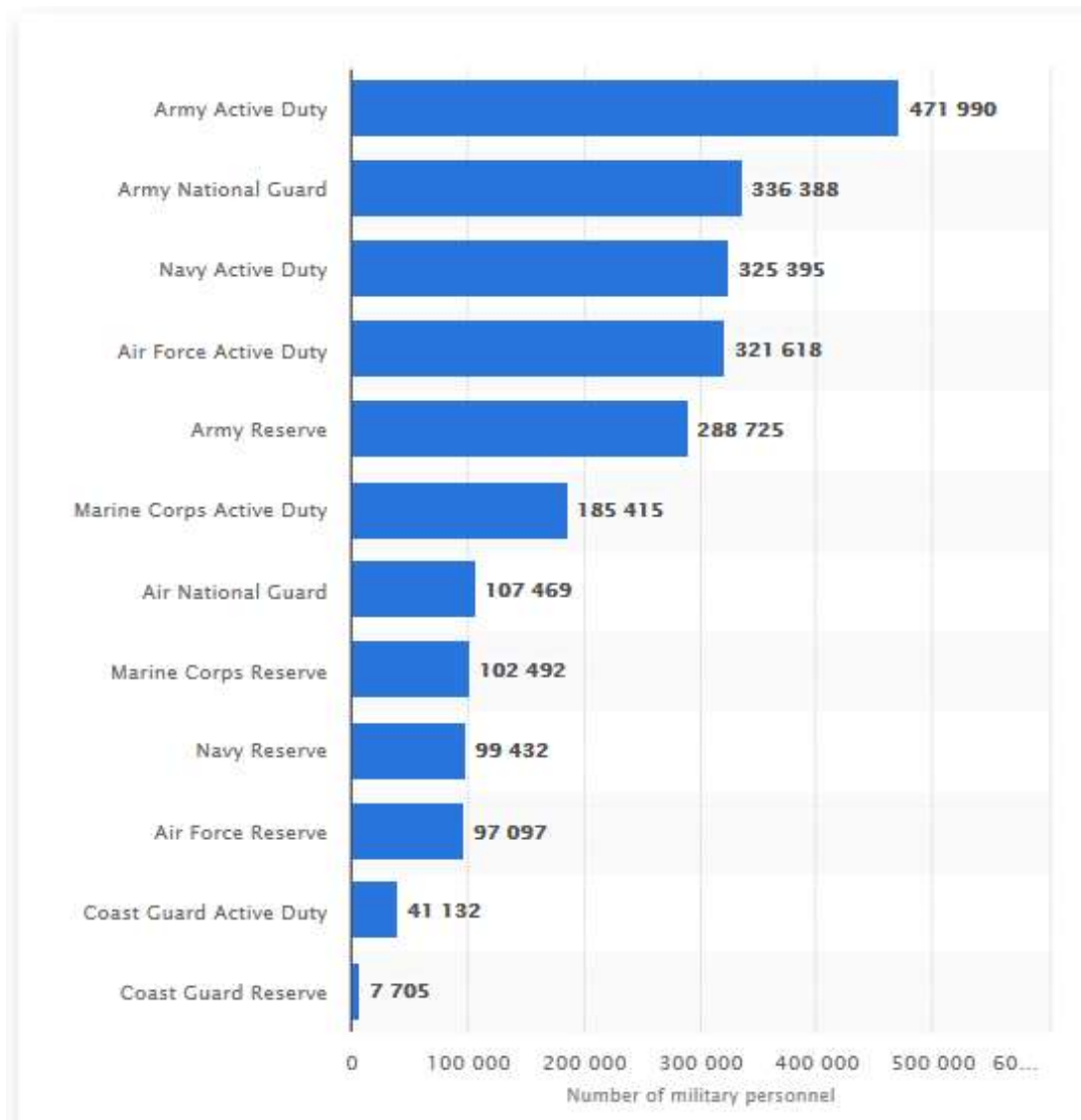
The balance between endless growth of government to protect the population from foreign states and non-state actors and the fact that endless growth will inevitably lead to Orwellian dystopia, is one that will either be hammered out on a battlefield of immense complexity, or delicately threaded to form a balance between the needs of all the people. While cities in the United States are not likely to fall into the kind of struggles to be seen in Karachi or Mexico City in the very near future, the fact is that the connectivity of all major cities and their hinterlands will make it impossible to completely avoid the social and economic changes that happen in any city anywhere in the world. Building walls will no longer



protect anyone. The new age of warfare will be fought far from conventional means and will involve highly trained small teams tasked to locations based on complex agendas to serve states, non-state actors, or even individuals. When civil war does erupt in the United States, it will be the states that secede and distinguish themselves as separate from the federal government that will prosper the most. Unburdened by international treaties and trade agreements, these sovereign states could commit to new agreements more suited to their populations needs and make alliances between each other to maintain military support for each other without sacrificing each states self-interest.

If you haven't noticed, Texas is *not* California, though that isn't stopping Californians from moving there and attempting to make it New California. Cities within states are *not* the state. Cities are composed of entirely different rules than the rural areas of any place. To live in a city is to become a dependent person immediately. To live in a rural location is to be forced to become independent to varying degrees. City-states could develop which would be a positive result, as they would not be able to make demands upon the surrounding lands, but rather be forced to become useful in trade with those lands. They could not expand indefinitely into the hinterlands, because they would be forced to concede to a boundary. How clear it is to anyone who has ever visited Austin, Texas, that a city can be culturally, economically, and philosophically incongruous to its surroundings. It is a disservice to people everywhere that cities and states share laws that affect each other in opposing ways.

If the United States were to fall into civil war, the real threat would not be our own government alone, but also the predatory nations and non-state actors that exist around the world that would take advantage of the disruption to attack us. What then can we do to both conquer domestic oppression by our government and protect ourselves against foreign attackers? We must consider firstly the worst-case scenario, which is that our own civil war would lead to a nation such as Russia, Iran, or China or all three and more invading and finally conquering the United States and taking it in the same fashion that the United States has taken advantage of Afghanistan, Iraq, Guatemala, and numerous other nations. That is, they would emplace a government that would act as puppet to the designs of that conquering nation. Our people, land, assets, military, and everything else being under the discretion of use of that entity. While I find this scenario extremely unlikely to ever actually occur, as states down to individuals would continue to fight any occupation successfully for quite a long time, probably outlasting any occupiers' abilities to maintain their grip, we must still look at worst case scenarios. The most likely version of any attack upon the United States is in rapid attacks upon key infrastructure that causes redistribution of assets and resources, leaving other areas open to attack, in a continual pressure that wears down the responsivity of the government. That same government would be compelled to fight on multiple fronts, both an internal war and a defensive war against highly advanced militaries and low-tech, highly tactically proficient insurgents. The threat of civil war would not only be between the federal government and the states, but also conflict between neighbor to neighbor, county to county, city to rural surrounds, racial territorialism, and lastly state to state and non-state to state.



We need to implement a more socially responsible, educated, healthy and trained culture that encourages the public to join the military, become trained, and still live whatever lives they desire in civilian life. Imagine a rotating reserve force of five million people. The amount of people trained and prepared to gear up and ship out would increase our capabilities while reducing the budget required to maintain active personnel. If we reorganize the military to reflect more rotations more frequently, people could be transferred from fields of combat with efficiency and at the greater reward of the military as a whole. Our nation was founded on revolution.

The war for our liberation from an oppressive and constricting mercantilism and a tyrannical government was fought in the backyards and the streets of the revolutionary. Today, we could easily resolve many of our social problems by incentivizing the military as a technical profession and a rewarding experience that can be had while living normal lives when not active. This would serve to create a more informed and responsible gun owning population along with a higher level of personal responsibility amongst the general population. In both the military and the police, firearm education is lacking, but between the two, the military certainly provides a better education. Reservists could be trained extensively on firearms and safety and given plenty of resources and time to further their skill

with their firearms. It would provide a way to inspire our younger generations to be involved, mature, and mentally and physically healthy members of our society. While many people might argue the point that the military breeds good results in society, that argument more often if not universally comes from people who have not participated in it.

In my own experiences I found a wealth of valuable takeaways from being in the military, and especially being a combat veteran. While this is true, I can easily say, as many others can as well, that I do not agree with many, if not the vast majority of policies, practices, and methods our nation and our military choose to engender and use to interact with other nations. So often people choose to take the easy way out of any situation and throw the baby out with the bathwater. They will say, because the military is involved in situations that result in death and destruction, then all the military is bad. These kinds of black and white opinionated ignorant resolves are more problematic than any amount of military action taken by any military that ever existed. It is the ignorant, dissonant, and very bombastic and opinionated people that are not hesitant in shouting down their perceived enemies and opponents and demand results to match their limited perception. But these people cannot be called the problem either. In a corrupted system like the one we have today, and have had for many years, we must not place blame on the children who grew up within the corruption and thus learned to be corrupt, but rather the individuals and groups that have devised, developed and perpetuated the system in all its limitations. So, when it comes to our military issues, just like our financial issues, our farming issues, and all others, we must make the corrections that resolve to eliminate the built-in mechanisms that result in our lack of success and the perpetuation of unnecessary suffering.

A direct influence upon the ability for our military to continually evolve and better itself is the condition of the general population and its perception toward foreign policy. While divisiveness is bred around the nation, pitting races, sexes, religions, and parties against each other, the world will not wait. Our success as a nation in defending itself from foreign threats will directly reflect the internal composition of our population and our ability to be cohesive and unified. As long as we are separate and indecisive, we are weak and ineffectual. As long as people are ignorant of the true nature of the activities that are occurring on this planet, they will make decisions based on ignorance. This leads us to the corporate controlled, self-interested media, which amounts for almost all of the media in the United States and around the world. We need to understand the nature of the world, and we cannot get this understanding by watching any media on the television today. The biases run so deep that it is oxymoronic to even attempt to gain insight into truthful information by turning the television on. Newspapers, television, radio, and much of the internet is controlled by the same few companies pushing the same narrow agenda through stringently tested psychological and behavioral manipulation.

So how do we get valid and timely information? I have found the best method to discern validity is to find independent reporters and compile information for yourself from observing the content that the people on the scene develop. Of course, many people will have bias at that level, but it is important see the conditions on the ground rather than the conditions on the privately owned set with teleprompted, indoctrinated and ignorantly emotional people that look more like manikins or cartoons than people. There are thousands of independent reporters that film on the ground all over the world. Find their content and learn what it actually looks like on the ground. Don't fight the corporate media, just ignore it. Turn off the propaganda machine by putting your attention on the factual information and the scientific approach. Give your attention to those who deserve it. We will either unite as a defensible nation or we will be divisive and divided by shallow arguments and unreal dangers fed and manufactured by intentional hysteria producing private interests. Unity breeds strength inherently.

We need to pay our military better. Private contractors who bear little to no accountability to their nation or their communities, are paid averages over six figures while the average military grunt is getting something between \$20,000 and \$50,000 annually and must be accountable to his nation and his community. A large number of contractors are prior military, police, or federal agents. Rather than

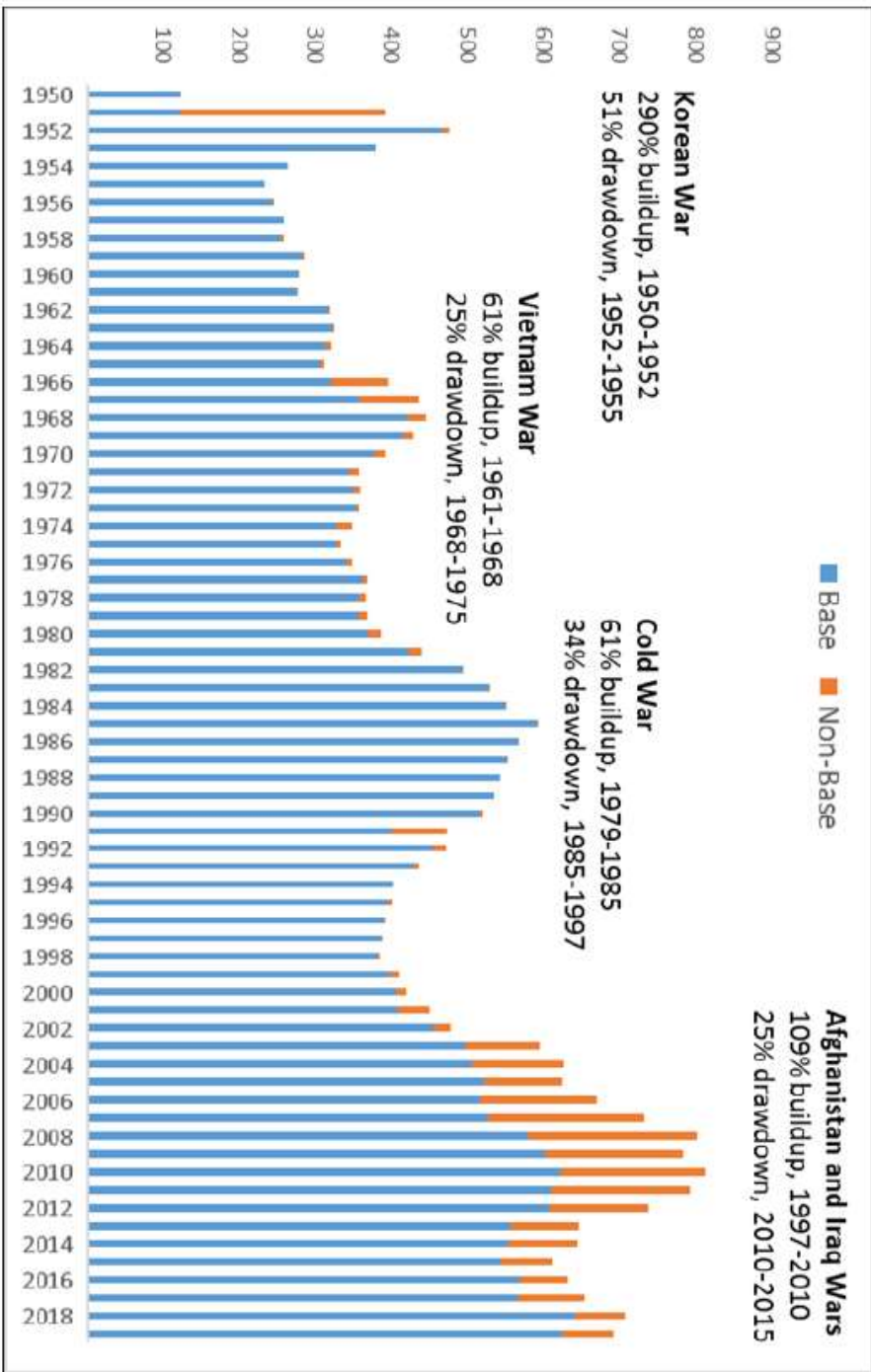
encouraging this privatization of military force backed by government, would it not be better to incentivize career-making in the US military, combined with the transition of active-duty majority to national guard, reservist, and militia majority. An exceptionally large force could be maintained by allowing for alternating active-duty periods amongst a large population of people that have been trained and are continually being trained over the years of service that make very little interruption of their civilian life, including their education, their family life, their careers that develop their unique abilities to be even more useful soldiers. What if our military was composed of millions of people, but whom only had to be in service for one month of any year, rotating duties between them? We could pay our military service better and be fully equipped and ready at all times. Pay schedules would involve only periods of active duty, and benefits would be cumulative based on service, both temporally and by scale of risk assumed and real combat involvement.

But payment does not necessarily mean money alone. Instead, we can offer incentives that amount to great value and encourage people to join the military that otherwise would have not found interest. As the Romans did, we can offer our military personnel arable land after a certain amount of time served. We can offer free passive energy housing on bases to veterans, reservists, and even civilians who cultivate food and perform maintenance on bases, which will generate a higher level of resource fulfillment and sustainability to bases and eliminate their reliance on external sources. Multiple purposes can be satisfied by offering off-grid housing and living options on bases to veterans especially, as it will go a long way in reducing veteran suicide and homelessness. It will give meaning and purpose to veterans who are desperately seeking those things. By offering both land and on-base off-grid housing, we can incentivize much of the population to join. If we combine this with reducing our active personnel and increasing vastly our reservist personnel, we will see an increase in interest in the military. With a larger reservist force, we can have a constantly ready force, an informed and trained population, and a better managed budget.

While we pay our military subsistence wages, the bulk of personnel funding for global “war on terrorism” and other efforts is provided to mercenary groups called defense contractors. These agencies are non-state actors that provide physical and otherwise support for nations, primarily the United States, to conduct violent oppression of other nations and to promote the unjustified occupation of those same sovereign nations. These non-state, corporate actors are able to operate in the United States, against the people of the United States as easily as they can be called upon to serve U.S. interests in Iraq, Afghanistan, Yemen, Syria, Libya, or any other place they are contracted to work in. It is not irregular for an employee of a defense contractor to make 6-figure pay while soldiers make \$20,000-\$30,000 annually in a warzone during wartime.

# Appendix A. Defense Spending: FY1950-2018

Figure A-1. DOD Spending in Historical Perspective, FY1950-FY2018



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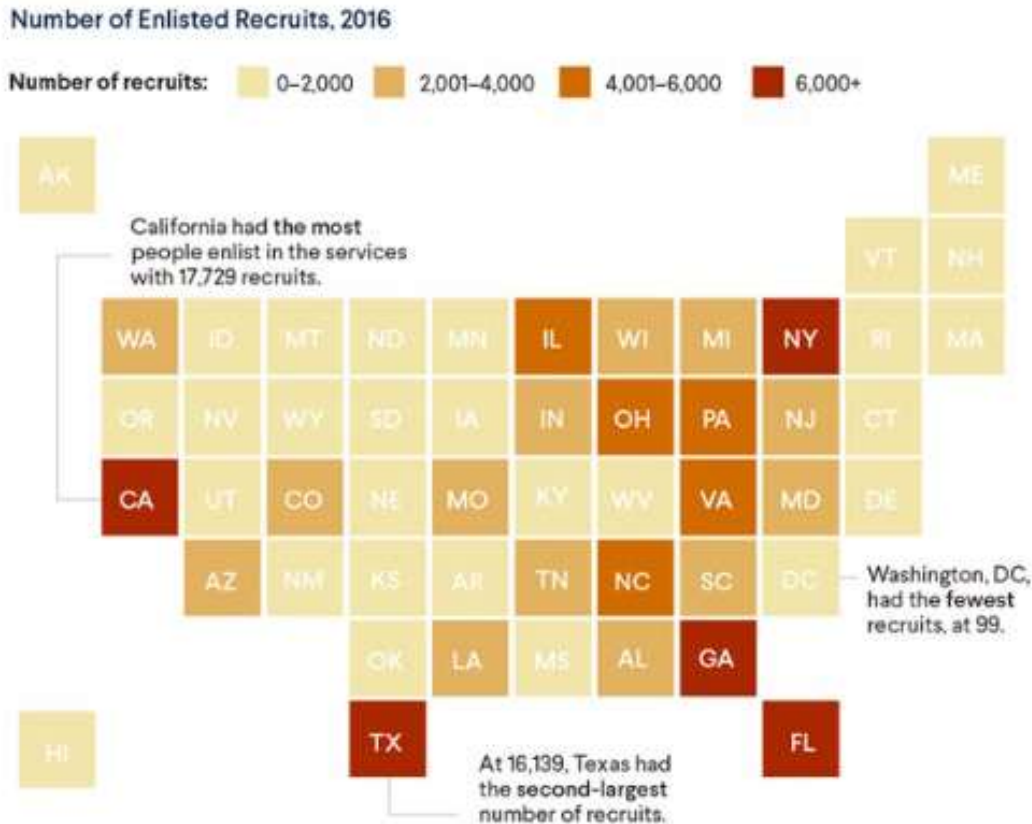
The military is potentially the most proficient money waster outside of politicians. It has almost no financial institutions and it does not have a fiduciary responsibility to keep accurate books. Enormous sums of money are lost and misused, and the public will never know where it went. Companies like Boeing, Raytheon, Lockheed Martin, Northrup Gruman, and General Dynamics are given hundreds of billions of dollars, and their CEO's make hundreds of millions of that. Bases that are no longer in service are forced to be maintained by the DoD by law since 2013. So much waste occurs, and so much could be done to enhance not only our military, but our society, if only we implemented a new structure. We

need to end administrative waste, allow obsolete base closures, demand accountability by creating a public financial institution to maintain exact books, demand accountability from companies like those mentioned above, and reduce the military's civilian workforce, unless other incentive programs like those mentioned above are created to offset direct costs. The civilian workforce can be maintained or even increased, which increases the quality of life for all people living on bases and creates better flow of military activity for higher efficiency, if we simply reorganize bases to become truly self-sustained.

The society within the military can be improved in various ways that will not only incentivize more recruitment but will enhance its performance. We can improve military society by eliminating restrictions altogether on the growing and maintaining of beards excluding in situations where the beard would interfere with necessary duties. We need to recognize what the military is there to do. It is not a video game or novel. The composition and conduct of the military has a real and direct effect upon the wellbeing of the nation. The military is the sword of the nation when needed as well as the shield. It exists to buffer violence from the general population. It exists to fight necessary wars and is composed of volunteers from amongst the population. We need to allow our military to be as advanced and flexible as it possibly can while only activating it when and where it is needed for the caretaking and wellbeing of the nation. If we consider the nature of warfare today, we must understand that the reach of violence has grown. Due to the greater reach of this violence, our military must be able to respond quickly, efficiently, and successfully to foreign threats.

The military needs to be maintained and respected. On the flip side of this, we the people, who make up the military must be ready, able, and willing to defend against tyranny and oppression from within. For many generations, we have been subjected to incremental takeovers of our society and removal of our Constitutional Rights and our human rights. Mostly this has not been hidden from the public, but rather it has been a slow encroachment in which the people have given away their rights for unsatisfied promises for greater wellbeing or security. Our military is not a tool of the government to wield for private interests, it is a tool of the public to defend themselves from real threats to their wellbeing. We need to recognize the corrupted government and deny them the authority to wield the military when that authority is abused. This knowledge and empowerment must be taught to the military, rather than blind obedience and servility despite the nature of the commander and the government. This may or may not be possible due to the fact that the military leadership is directly politically involved and thus just as likely to be corrupted as the average politician undoubtedly is.

Our military is not a separate entity from our population, but it is to a certain degree unrepresentative of the entire population. New England has a relatively low recruitment rate compared with any other part of the nation. The Southeastern states have the highest representative number of enlistees. Enlistment age individuals from Florida, Georgia and Maine are twice as likely to enlist than those from North Dakota or Utah. The vastly greater number of enlistees come from the South. This disproportionate recruitment means that the culture within the United States military is predominantly influenced by these highly represented States. Another way of looking at this is that the military is composed of people who have preference for military service as well as those that are culturally supportive of the military.



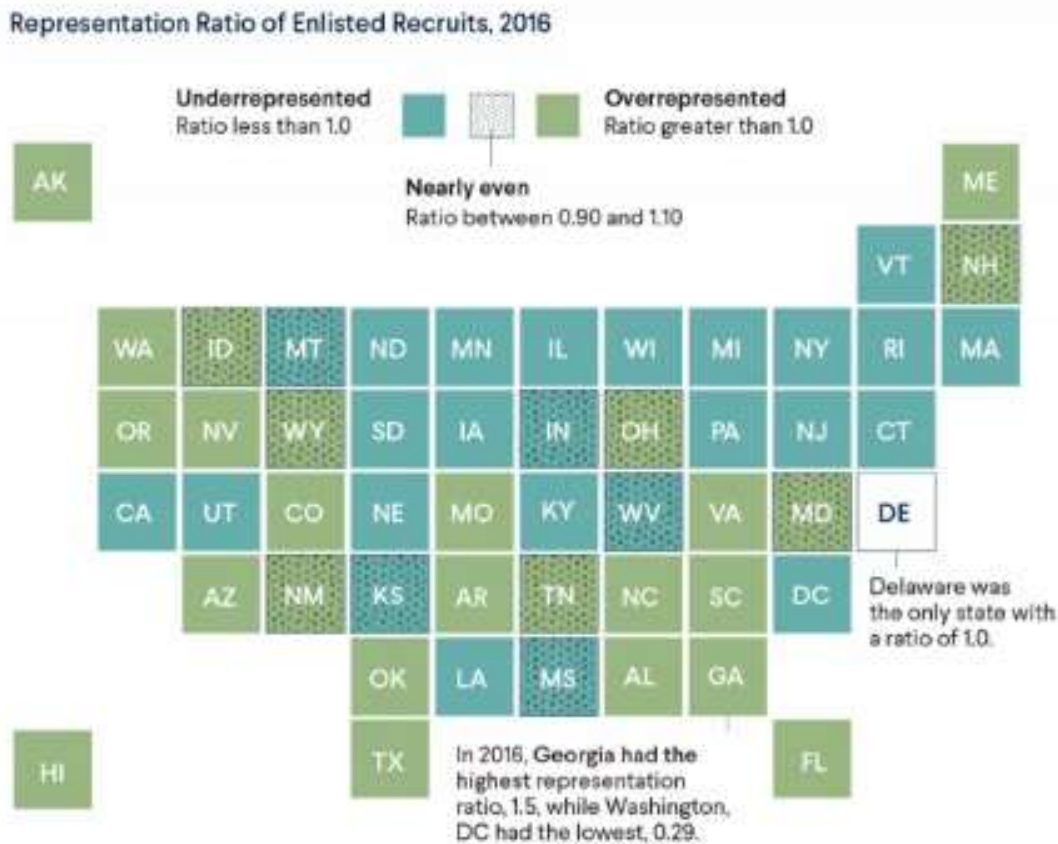
We need to increase pay and offer further incentives to make enlistment a preferable choice to a wider range of potential recruits in the population, especially amongst technically proficient sectors of the population.

We need to release the budget of all intelligence agencies in the United States. Congressional Committees need to directly monitor and audit the activities of the intelligence community. Congress specifically needs to audit the intelligence community to determine what, when, why, where, and how activities or programs have targeted the American population. Intelligence gathering on specific targets of interest that have shown patterns of risk behavior that could harm the population in some way and gathering intelligence on the entire population regardless of criminal or innocent activity, the government has no right or excuse to surveil its own population. In fact, in the United States, we have it written into the bones of our laws, the constitution, that no government interference is permissible where there is not prior reasonable evidence of criminal activity. Our government excuses itself by using legalese and interpretations built upon other interpretations of the law that eventually eradicate the bounds of their given powers. Releasing all intelligence budgets open source, including historical budgets, where regards the use of assets to target the American population, would reduce some of the harm, as the accounting of these transactions would hold those who benefitted directly from harming their own nation to account. Congress is not truly capable of being accountable to the population and is equally as corrupted as the intelligence agencies that have violated their constitutional oaths and the people of this so-called free nation where people are nearer to thought crime and future crime punishments than they can imagine. 1984 in 2026 perhaps.

Some number of violations by the intelligence agencies have been made publicly accessible by whistleblowers like Edward Snowden and many others. The public now has the proof of abuse by the government to evoke a revolution, and yet the public is mostly ignorant of the fact that Edward



Snowden even exists beyond some fleeting bite-sized media coverage that discourages further investigation.



What is the balance between the public and thus the world knowing what the military and agencies of government are doing, and the protection of the people from abusive foreign entities, whether they be nations or stateless? The greatest threat to any population in all of history has been its own government. Thus, the clear order of operations ought to be for any population to guard itself from that entity, and to secure it to the greatest extent possible before moving on to the challenges posed by foreign nations and others. When the nation itself is secured internally, then the population can consider its neighbors and the threats they pose. Firstly, the population must be free from the state having the potential to cause great death and suffering to the people. Secondly, the people must have security in small cells, thus keeping diversity of responsibility alive. This means that townships and villages, and cities, and finally states maintain their sovereignty to the degree that they can defend themselves instantly from the aggressions and demands of the institution that claims greater authority. These two tenets will allow for the nation to be kept from internal genocide and other types of harm perpetrated by centralized governments.

One uncomplicated way to provide for the first tenet, taking away central governments potential, is to disregard all firearms laws entirely and affirm that the clear right to bear *any type* of arms includes those that could be used by the population to defend against missiles, tanks, UAVs, and other modern military technology and firepower. Besides solving the problem of one's own central government potentially seeking to drone strike the population, you also provide the greatest barrier to any foreign powers ability to conquer the population, as every person in your nation potentially has more firepower at their fingertip than a squad or platoon of the enemy has. I'd feel quite a bit safer if I knew my neighbor had an anti-aircraft missile launcher in his shed, but that's just me. Perhaps this wouldn't work everywhere



though. I will talk later about the differences between city and rural populations and the ways in which the laws might be framed to better suit these distinct cultures.

We must remember to focus on problems in the correct order, rather than the ones that get shouted the loudest by puppets on the television. What the tell-a-vision does today, mostly, is serve the interests of the very same gatekeepers and social engineers that control the entire spread of major media coverage, even those channels that seem so indie and fresh. They are not there to serve you. They are there to direct your attention various objects and events and to use linguistic, emotional, and behavioral manipulation techniques to guide you into conscious or unconscious conclusions about world events, social norms and even spiritual and religious universal truths. This is all bolstered by the ability of the government to harness any information about any person in the United States so long as there is even the slightest use of the internet or even the use of smart meters on one's home.

What exactly did Edward Snowden reveal? Well, here are some of those revelations. Virtually all telephone companies share their customers information with the NSA. A program called PRISM, makes it possible for the NSA to compel Google, Facebook, Microsoft, Apple, and other companies to release to them user data from their servers. The Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ), which is the British version of the NSA, teams with the NSA to tap fiber optic cables globally to intercept data flowing through the internet in a program called Tempora. Some of the companies that collaborate with Tempora are Verizon Business, British Telecommunications, Vodafone Cable, Global Crossing, Level 3, Viatel, and Interoute. They collect enormous amounts of information on all internet users.

GCHQ, and thus the NSA, has the ability to control people's phones, even while the phones are turned off. The various things they can do include, turning phones on or off remotely, listening to conversations and noise in the area around the phone through the phones microphone, track the phones position constantly, and hide the presence of these tools from detection by users.

The NSA can intercept package deliveries before arrival to a person's home. They can open these packages and observe contents and install espionage tools and software programs. Some of these tools include the ability to log keystrokes and transmit them wirelessly, even when a computer is disconnected from internet, to imitate a GSM cell phone tower to monitor cell communications, the ability to inject and monitor device data via radio waves, the ability to transmit cell phone geolocation through secret text messages, and to hack computers and provide remote access through mimicking USB and ethernet connectors. These tools allow the NSA to invade almost any type of prevention measures to protect and secure one's privacy.

The NSA collects email and contact lists from internet and smartphone users that amounts to potentially 250 million contact lists annually. The Boundless Informant (BOUNDLESSINFORMANT) is an NSA code name for a data analysis tool that tracks all metadata collected by the NSA globally and makes a heatmap of that data to indicate locations and target countries. Billions of pieces of information were being collected every month, with billions of data pieces collected in the U.S., despite the NSA declaring it did not gather data on Americans and didn't even have the capacity to do so. A project named Bullrun used a variety of hacking tools, like Brute-Force Attacks to invade encryption systems like HTTPS and SSL, which are used for online banking and purchases across the internet. This was part of the greater project to decrypt the internet entirely to prevent anyone or any entity from being able to secure and privately hold information. Even the opening of apps on your phone, like games, can provide NSA access to your personal data, like name, age, sex, email, and geolocation. Some of the worst offenders are Twitter, Google Maps, Flickr, Facebook, Instagram, and Pinterest.

Another project of the NSA, revealed by Snowden, is XKeyscore. This program is a tool that allows the NSA to search all user activity on the internet. The NSA destabilizes and bypasses encryption technologies used by private people and companies by forcing companies to install backdoors, hacking into servers and computers, and promoting weak algorithmic encryption technology use. The Tailored Access Operations (TAO) are an elite unit of hackers employed by the NSA to hack computers, infect

them with malware and other types of invasions. They are the black bag team of the NSA. The NSA also has infiltrated the links connecting Google and Yahoo data centers when they could not get access legally. The NSA collects over 200 million text messages daily through Project Dishfire.

*"I don't want to live in a world where everything I say, everything I do, everyone I talk to, every expression of creativity and love or friendship is recorded."*

-Edward Snowden

On September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020, a three-judge panel of the United States Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit ruled that "the metadata collection exceeded the scope of Congress's authorization ... which required the government to make a showing of relevance to a particular authorized investigation before collecting the records..."<sup>80</sup> This ruling does not indicate the actual removal of the NSA tools or the deactivation of them, but reflects the court decision to refute the legality of the tools and actions. What NSA does could be anything from the end of surveillance or a simple a process of hiding their activities deeper in the amalgams of the legal justifications they use to practice surveillance in any way on Americans and the rest of the world. Seeing as their behavior shows a fundamental pattern of conduct that aims to inspect all people in total intimacy, it is almost insane to believe they will not be progressing on the path of technological and physical invasion. The decision only reflects one aspect of the NSA collection anyway.

A couple of the agencies that work with the NSA and other government intelligence agencies are Raytheon and Booz Allen Hamilton. These agencies are the equivalent of Academi and Titan Corp, but instead of working as military contractors, they are cyber security contractors. In the end these amount to the same thing, as cyber warfare is the task at hand in regard to the hiring of Booz Allen Hamilton, Raytheon and other private agencies. It is often a cyber war on the people of any target nation, including the U.S., at the behest of the government, domestic or foreign.

I do not mean to impugn the governments of the world alone in this, but to also criticize the growing data collection that exists in private business hands that can be easily mishandled. We know that it is possible for a service to exist like google, without the need for them to have access to the personal information of its users. It is completely possible that these companies formulate their products to work for the people, anonymous to the creators of the programs. They do not do this because their business model is invasion, collection, and dissemination to the highest bidder. These mega-servers that store user data can be eliminated completely in the service to the people and have no effect on the ability of the product to serve the people. It is possible, and very probable, that an even greater threat than NSA data collection exists when that data is in the hands of these monopolist, banker-affiliate, plutocratic business moguls. How will they use this information but to influence the population of the world to conform to their will? And when we really look at this problem, can it not be seen that Google and NSA are one and the same. The Plutocracy exists, and it will operate through whatever medium presents itself to achieve its ultimate and immediate goals. Of course, we are always the hopeful, docile population, who will await the decree of our masters, the state, and its friends the monopolists, are we not?

When we know that we are being surveilled universally and that our constitutional and human rights have been circumvented and intentionally violated, what makes the public shrug it off and continue to support the system? It is an amalgam of decisions made by mostly subconsciously weighing the cost/benefit ratio of taking action against the government. It is easier to continue as if the information did not exist and that the government was not doing what it is now proven to be doing. It is easier to continue to go to work and school and perpetuate the system if it means the uncomfortable confrontation with our government and our ignorant neighbors can be avoided. It is largely

indoctrinated cowardice and docility. It is the effect of the mass surveillance itself, along with other factors such as political and private industry collusion.

We need to increase funding to research and development in the creation of technologies that can reduce the possibility for wars to manifest. DARPA, among others, needs to be empowered to a great extent to produce these technologies, as they are perfectly placed for this cause. We need to focus more attention on technology that will inhibit war rather than technology that will fight one. We need technology that can serve the advancement of the population as well as create defense systems to meet the demands of security from modern threats. While some technologies and research must remain secret to the world for security reasons, much of the technologies can also be used for the public wellbeing. There must be interactions with universities, labs, and public agencies to produce these technologies for the betterment of the public and the planet. We need a reduction in arms production to match the needs of the United States alone thus ending the sale of arms to foreign countries, pending an audit by Congress observed by human rights organizations. All sales of arms must be publicly and explicitly declared, with statements from officials on the purpose and intended effect of the arms. All this can be done, but the likelihood of its success is almost zero. We have a corrupted Congress, and thus we must ask, who audits the auditors. It seems we must establish a system for ensuring the total transparency of our Congress before we can proceed with these and other programs for auditing. Again, the likelihood of success is nearly zero. Those with power are extremely unlikely to relieve themselves of it willingly.

### DHS

The Department of Homeland Security, or DHS, is a cabinet department of the U.S. Federal Government with responsibilities in public security, including anti-terrorism, immigration, border security and customs, cyber-security, and disaster prevention and management, created in response to 9/11 in November 2002. Supposedly comparable to Interior or Home ministries of other countries. The DHS is the third Largest Cabinet Department after DOD and Veterans Affairs. The DHS includes the Coast Guard, Customs and Border Protection, Secret Service, TSA, and FEMA. It has over 240,000 full-time workers and a 2021 budget of \$197.9 Billion.<sup>81</sup> Originally created to prevent terrorist attacks on US soil, the DHS has grown into the most hostile, invasive, criminal, fanatic, and unaccountable agency in the United States. The agency has purchased enough ammunition to date to wage constant war for over 20 years, with more stockpiled ammunition than that appropriated to the U.S. military. DHS trains police agencies to militarize and mesh with federal controllers.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), an agency within the DHS, was created in the 1970's under President Carter. It is an amalgam of the disaster relief agencies that existed prior, with the focus of prevention and response to disaster emergencies. FEMA is documented and has been verifiably building American detention/internment/concentration camps.

*"...in 2006, it was announced that Kellogg Brown and Root, a subsidiary of Halliburton, had been awarded a \$385 million contract to build American detention facilities. Although the government and Halliburton were not forthcoming about where or when these domestic detention centers would be built, they rationalized the need for them in case of 'an emergency influx of immigrants, or to support the rapid development of new programs' in the event of other emergencies such as 'natural disasters.'"*

- John Whitehead<sup>82</sup>

A database called "Main Core" contains information on over 8 million, as of 2008, Americans who are considered potentially dangerous threats to the government. Both left and right wing "extremists" are included in that list, including animal rights activists and libertarians, and military veterans returning from

Iraq and Afghanistan. By now, you are likely to be on this list, especially if you are reading books like this one. Constitutional defenders, bulk food purchasers, and gun owners are prime targets on this list. DHS has funded and incentivized the surveillance network that extends across the country and is becoming ever more invasive and inescapable, scanning images for license plates and biometrically for facial recognition en masse. Stingray devices allow local police agencies, let alone the DHS and other federal agencies, to track cell phones and their users wherever they go and create track records of movement and interaction. DHS Checkpoints on roads and VIPR task forces at “soft targets” like malls and stadiums make random, forced, illegal ID checks and create a pervasive atmosphere of fear and anxiety in the public, producing chronic docility in the weak and stupid and growing disaffection in the intelligent, willful, and resilient. The strict bureaucratic and hierarchical nature of today’s national police force, structured like the military, with less accountability and more murder, makes our nation and thus the world a far more dangerous place for the people of today, and more importantly for the people who will inherit the results of a police state. Just ask the Poles or Cossacks.

*“The menace of a national police force, a literal standing army, vested with massive power cannot be overstated, nor can its danger be ignored. Indeed, just about every nefarious deed, tactic, or thuggish policy advanced by the government today can be traced back to the DHS, its police state mindset, and the billions of dollars it distributes to police agencies in the form of grants... Historically, the establishment of a national police force has served as a fundamental building block for every totalitarian regime that has ever wreaked havoc on humanity...the calling cards of these national police agencies remain the same: brutality, inhumanity, corruption, intolerance, rigidity, and bureaucracy—in other words, evil.”*

– John W. Whitehead<sup>83</sup>

Rex-84 was the code name for militaristic training in the 1980’s, created and facilitated by the DOD and FEMA, in how to counter domestic civil unrest. 34 different federal agencies participated.

We need to conduct a universal audit by Congress to determine human rights violations and violations of citizens’ rights in the US, observed by a human rights organization. This department needs to be renamed. The history of the reference to the Homeland and the purpose of the agency, reflects the Nazi Party in Germany, and a statism and nationalism which used the term in its actions violating human rights. We need to reduce the size of the agency, eliminate it altogether or reallocate the assets and focus of the agency. The three largest cabinets being those that support military action, police state activity and the people that are harmed by those things, indicate a flawed structure. We do not need more police enforcement. We do not need TSA molestation of children, or adults, at airports. Today, the TSA has the means and authority to run searches on travelers extending deep into their personal life, including prior flight itineraries, property records and other personal information. They have implemented body scanners that emit harmful radiation and take extremely intimate, detailed images of travelers.

We need to reduce these agencies to reflect the reality of the needs of the nation rather than the indoctrinated story of our situation spouted on the privately owned news channels and the bought and paid for political establishment of today. If the government is the only part of society that has the authority to abuse people and violate their constitutional and inherent rights, we the people need to remember why the second amendment exists.

There is no justification for engaging in warfare without provable provocation that threatens the safety of a population. I will speak more on interventionism later, but the act of interfering in other nations for selfish interests is a violation of the human rights of the people. Humanitarian propaganda has paved the way for the United States and other nations to invade and destroy nation after nation and bend them to

their will. If we can say it was wrong for Britain to flush Chinese markets with opium to induce a crisis through addiction, which they did, we can equally say that the United States interfering in the economies, politics, and other social aspects of other nations to those nations' detriment and subjugation, is as heinous and wrong or worse as it means we are continuing to utilize these practices century after century for ill-gotten selfish gains.

*“Clausewitz thought that the use of absolute war or total war would be counter to the desired political ends of a war, thus making limited war preferable to meet limited political ends. But we’ve seen however that the NATO alliance has gone beyond seeking limited political ends. Vis-à-vis, its state enemies. They now seek a state’s total annihilation, and they are therefore willing to use absolute war without limits to achieve that. This use of absolute war has even extended into the legal realm. One American legal academic, David Kennedy, at Harvard, said in a paper discussing hybrid warfare, that warfare has become a legal institution and that therefore the rules of war, while limiting conduct in war, also positively permit the killing of people as a function of that institution... over the centuries we’ve tried to place rules and limits on the methods and weapons that can be used. But the rules enshrined into various Geneva Conventions and the Nuremburg Principles governing superior responsibility are more designed for conventional war and are more difficult to apply practically in hybrid war. Hybrid war blurs the distinctions between combatants and non-combatants. For instance, an obvious example is a civilian computer operator engaged in cyber warfare or a civilian contractor working somewhere in the United States operating a drone which drops a bomb on a wedding party in Afghanistan. Is that person a combatant or a civilian? (If) he’s a combatant, he’s subject to... retaliation. If he’s a civilian, he should be protected. What is his status?... The blurring of these lines is a justification for committing war crimes against civilians. Now NATO irregular forces, generally, are not subject to military discipline... they use Blackwater mercenaries, and other, what they call, contractors...the command structures are more fluid, enforcing discipline is very difficult, and the rules are more and more difficult to apply, and punishing them, their officers, for crimes is more difficult to prove, chase them down, and even identify them. Their chain of command is not clear and even the identity of commanders are often not known... who is responsible for their actions? Is it the corporation, is it the shareholders of the corporation, the director of the corporation, or the United States government which ordered the actions and engaged those men? This is not at all clear and not defined in the codified law. (Vague rules of warfare are) an attempt to evade the laws of war by obscuring them and totally negating them. Now we see this attempt to blur the legal lines with the use of the word, for instance, terrorism, to describe an armed attack by combatants against U.S. forces, or other approved forces. This means an act of war is redefined as a criminal act and so the combatants are not entitled to be treated as combatants but neither are they treated as ordinary criminals, they are placed outside of all legal norms and subject to arbitrary punishments and torture and execution. It also obscures the causes of the attack, the political objective of the attack and denies there is one. This clouds all analysis of events and leads to false conclusions in action. We also see this, where NATO has tried to justify its illegal actions through the use of criminal indictments issued by controlled tribunals to attack and delegitimize enemy leaders as heads of state. We saw that with Gaddafi, Milosevic, Saddam Hussein, as you’ve seen it against Laurent Gbagbo and others in Africa. We see it also with the phrase humanitarian interventions, creating and using false morality to justify immoral and illegal wars. We see it in the creation of the construct of*

*the war on terror. A war on tactic, not an idea, to justify... any and all operations that are outside permitted legal actions of war. We see it expressed at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba, with the Americans redefining prisoners of war as unlawful combatants, to avoid proper treatment of prisoners of war pursuant to the Geneva Conventions... the whole purpose of international law and humanitarian law is to make sure civilians and combatants are protected and that war is eliminated and abolished... and the American attempt to try to negate international law is a crime against humanity and I think it should be regarded as such and exposed as such."*

- Christopher Black: Limited and Absolute War: Clausewitz and NATO Aggression – Theory and Reality, Jan 26, 2016<sup>84</sup>

Terrorism is defined variably by different sources as...

- a. *the systematic use of terror especially as a means of coercion* – Merriam-Webster
- b. *the calculated use of violence to create a general climate of fear in a population and thereby to bring about a particular political objective* – Encyclopedia Britannica
- c. *Criminal acts intended or calculated to provoke a state of terror in the general public, a group of persons or particular persons for political purposes are in any circumstance unjustifiable, whatever the considerations of a political, philosophical, ideological, racial, ethnic, religious or any other nature that may be invoked to justify them.* – U.N. General Assembly

*'Terrorism' may well be the most politicized term in the political vocabulary these days. Used as a label for a certain form of political violence, it reflects, if it 'sticks', negatively on a political opponent, demonizing him and de-legitimizing his conduct. In its pejorative dimension. The fate of the term 'terrorist' is comparable to the use and abuse of other terms in political vocabulary - terms like 'racist', 'fascist' or 'imperialist'. As one author, Philip Herbst, put it,*

*"Carrying enormous emotional freight. terrorism is often used to define reality in order to place one's own group on a high moral plane, condemn the enemy. rally members around a cause, silence or shape policy debate, and achieve a wide variety of agendas.... Terrorist became the mantra of our time, carrying a similar negative charge as communist once did. Like that word, it tends to divide the world simplistically into those who are assigned the stigma and those who believe themselves above it. Conveying criminality, illegitimacy, and even madness, the application of terrorist shuts the door to discussion about the stigmatized group or with them. while reinforcing the righteousness of the labelers, justifying their agendas and mobilizing their responses."*

- Schmid, Alex P., "The Definition of Terrorism". The Routledge Handbook of Terrorism Research. Routledge. p. 39<sup>85</sup>

Before September 11, 2001, the number of terrorist events worldwide were insubstantial compared to the number of events that followed. In death tolls in the last 30 years, terrorism has never produced the equivalent of suicide (>1%) or drug disorders (>.2%) or even come close, as its highest rate was .08% of global deaths in 2014.<sup>86</sup> The direct statistical correlation that exists between the War on Terror, instituted after 9/11, and the increase in reported global terrorism activity is undeniable and obvious to the extreme. Without a doubt, the cause of the increase in terrorism by its current definition and use, is the creation of the War on Terror and the methods by which the United States primarily chose to interact with nations around the world, with extreme prejudice towards middle eastern Islamic countries, as it had dealt before with Central American Sovereign States, like Nicaragua, Southeast Asian

Countries, as in Vietnam, and Eastern European Countries, as in Kosovo, just to name a few, though the term applied was communists, fascists, or any other controlled demonizing terminology.

Even though the rise in terrorism has occurred strategically over the last 20 years, almost humorously, it has not led to significant enough loss of life to justify the incredibly massive funding that has been delegated to war and "Homeland Security". Why would the country require TSA to molest our nation's youth to prevent planes being used as missiles, when a nominally intelligent person could devise a thousand ways to blow up a building without needing a plane in the first place. The TSA hasn't prevented a single terrorist event. What they have done extremely well is show just how docile the population of Americans is today. They have been one more slice of our constitutional and human rights cut out.

Terrorism is a joke. If we want to be afraid of something because it may, *may*, kill us, we need look no further than cardiovascular disease and cancer which amount to between 40 and 50 percent of all deaths in the US. We don't need to be at war with "terrorists", but we do need to end the chronic diseases that are running rampant through our society due to environmental manipulation and commercial greed and apathy. It does not take a brilliant mind to see the depravity of our societal norms. It only takes a small amount of courage to look at things outside of the box in which we are forced to conform.

"Terrorism" has now been around for the entire life of the world's population of people 20 and younger. The war on terror, having never reduced the threat of attacks or produced a single notable positive effect on the wellbeing of any population of people on the planet, has in fact made our world considerably more dangerous. It has allowed the corporate governments to centralize even more than they already were and to consolidate internationally to become ever more dominant in deciding the fates of individual people around the globe. Larger central government with little to no real accountability and less represented and affirmed rights of the people amounts to one thing in any timeline, and that is slavery. The inevitable fate of the population of the world, and most potently the United States, is the realization that they have never stopped being slaves. That they have been influenced and manipulated for generations beyond count, and that in that moment of insight and revelation, they realize it is too late. They have already given the rights that protected them away in exchange for the insincere and deceptive empty promises of puppets on a screen.

Or...

The population comes to realize it's been duped and rises together to build a better world.

*"I am not terrified of the terrorists; i.e., I am not, myself, terrorized. Rather, I am terrified of the terrorized; terrified of the bovine masses who are so easily manipulated by terrorists, governments, and the terror-amplifying media into allowing our country to slip toward totalitarianism and total war."*

– Dan Sanchez

*"Considering Islamic terror killing an average of 3.2 Americans per year (45 deaths divided by 14 years) since late 2001, here are ten causes of death more worthy of their fear:*

- 1. Television: TV might be linked to earlier deaths among those who watch more than a few hours a day, but more concretely, the devices themselves kill 176 people a year. Literally. They fall on people. That's 55 times more deaths than Islamic terror claims annually.*
- 2. Fireworks: According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, celebrating the 4th of July might be more deadly than Islamic terror attacks. The organization reports an average of 7.1 deaths per year — meaning Americans are more likely to blow themselves up than be eviscerated by the jihadist bombers they so fear.*

3. *Cows: Yes, cows. According to the CDC, cattle slay an average of 20 Americans every year. While these deaths occur mostly among farm workers, dogs kill 28 Americans per year, spiders kill seven, and venomous lizards and snakes kill six. All of these animals are still more likely to kill an American than the caliphate and other Islamic boogeymen.*
4. *Elevators: While the fear of dying as a result of an elevator malfunction has probably plagued many Americans at one time or another, such a worry is likely fleeting. However, if Americans are truly concerned with “common sense,” a virtue Donald Trump frequently touts, they would do well to readjust their phobias. Elevators kill 27 Americans per year, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and the Consumer Product Safety Commission.*
5. *Choking: Americans will sooner perish from choking on food or other objects than from an Islamic terror attack. At least 2,500 people per year are killed by this type of asphyxiation — 781 times more than from a jihadi assault. Hot dogs are particularly menacing. Perhaps we should ban them in the same vein as Trump’s proposed ban on Muslims. Then again, killing fewer cows to grind up for beef dogs might lead to an uptick in cattle-on-human violence. America is at a perilous crossroads.*
6. *Lightning: People often quip that one is “more likely to be struck by lightning” when they want to highlight an event’s improbability. However, even as the number of deaths from lightning decreases over the long-term, it is still higher than the number of people killed by Muslim terror attacks each year. Forty-nine people per year die from being struck by lightning — more than 15 times the rate of death from Islamic extremist murders.*
7. *Car accidents: Though most Americans are aware of the high risk of death by car accident, this knowledge doesn’t mitigate their extreme Islamophobia. The Association for Safe International Road Travel estimates about 37,000 Americans die each year in vehicular accidents, over 11,562 times the number killed by Muslim fanatics.*
8. *Heart Attacks: Heart attacks are one of America’s leading killers, claiming 190,625 times more American lives than Islamic terror. 610,000 Americans die from heart attacks per year. Cancer kills 589,430 Americans annually, and diabetes is the main cause of death for 69,071 Americans per year. They are responsible for astronomically more fatalities than radical Islamic terror.*
9. *Police: According to a three-year average of American police killings logged by killedbypolice.net — a more comprehensive database than the federal government’s — police killed 998 people on average per year from 2013-2015. That’s roughly 312 times the average annual number of people killed by Islamic extremists since 9/11. The average number of people killed by Islamic terrorism in the last three years is 7.7 — including the recent shooting in San Bernardino — and by that parallel measure, police are still about 130 times deadlier than terrorists.*
10. *Prescription Painkillers: The CDC estimates that 44 people die per day from overdosing on pharmaceutical painkillers. Never mind that that number is almost 14 times the number of Americans killed by Islamic terrorism each year. Based on the CDC’s figure, about 16,060 Americans die annually from painkillers — making the Big-Pharma money-makers 5,019 times more deadly than the Islamic terror that has Americans trembling whilst hiding under their blankets.*

*Other notable risks of death greater than an Islamic terror attack include scalding tap water, which kills 100 American per year; bad medical care, estimated to be responsible for at least 100,000 deaths in the U.S. annually; and hypothermia, which kills 1,340 Americans per year. Oh, and don’t forget Christmas trees. Fires caused by Christmas trees*



*kill roughly ten people every year. Are Christmas trees conspiring with their lights to traitorously wage war on Christians via suicidal self-combustion?*

-Carey Wedler, 10 Things More Likely to Kill You Than Islamic Terror, The Anti Media, 2015

*The Nazis had a name for their propaganda and mind-control operations:*

*Weltanschauungskrieg— “world view warfare.” As good students, they had learned many tricks of the trade from their American teachers, including Sigmund Freud’s nephew, Edward Bernays, who had honed his propagandistic skills for the United States during World War I and had subsequently started the public relations industry in New York City, an industry whose raison d’être from the start was to serve the interests of the elites in manipulating the public mind.*

*In 1941, U.S. Intelligence translated Weltanschauungskrieg as “psychological warfare,” a phrase that fails to grasp the full dimensions of the growing power and penetration of U.S. propaganda, then and now. Of course, the American propaganda apparatus was just then getting started on an enterprise that has become the epitome of successful world view warfare programs, a colossal beast whose tentacles have spread to every corner of the globe and whose fabrications have nestled deep within the psyches of many hundreds of millions of Americans and people around the world. And true to form in this circle game of friends helping friends, this propaganda program was ably assisted after WW II by all the Nazis secreted into the U.S. (“Operation Paperclip”) by Allen Dulles and his henchmen in the OSS and then the CIA to make sure the U.S. had operatives to carry on the Nazi legacy (see David Talbot’s *The Devil’s Chessboard: Allen Dulles, The CIA, and The Rise of America’s Secret Government*, an extraordinary book that will make your skin crawl with disgust).*

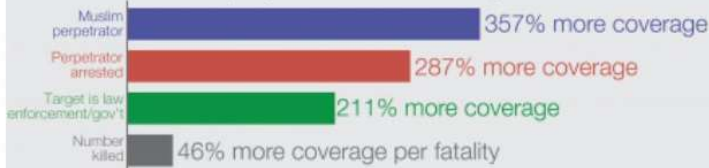
-Edward Curtin, *Psychological Warfare: The CIA Then and Now: Old Wine in New Bottles*, GlobalResearch<sup>87</sup>

## What determines the amount of media attention a terrorist attack receives?



The strongest determinants of the amount of media coverage a terrorist attack received in the United States during the period from 2006 and 2015. This is shown as the average increase in the number of news stories an attack receives based on its characteristics.

### All media sources (major and local outlets)



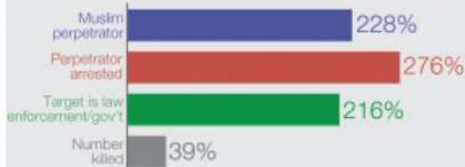
### Major media sources

Five media sources are referred to as 'major' in the original study: CNN.com, The New York Times, Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, and USA Today.



### Non-major media sources

\*Non-major' sources, in this study, are several thousand local newspaper outlets from across the US.



During this 10-year period there were two attacks which dominated media coverage: the Boston Marathon and the Fort Hood attacks. This shown result held true regardless of whether these dominant events were included or excluded.

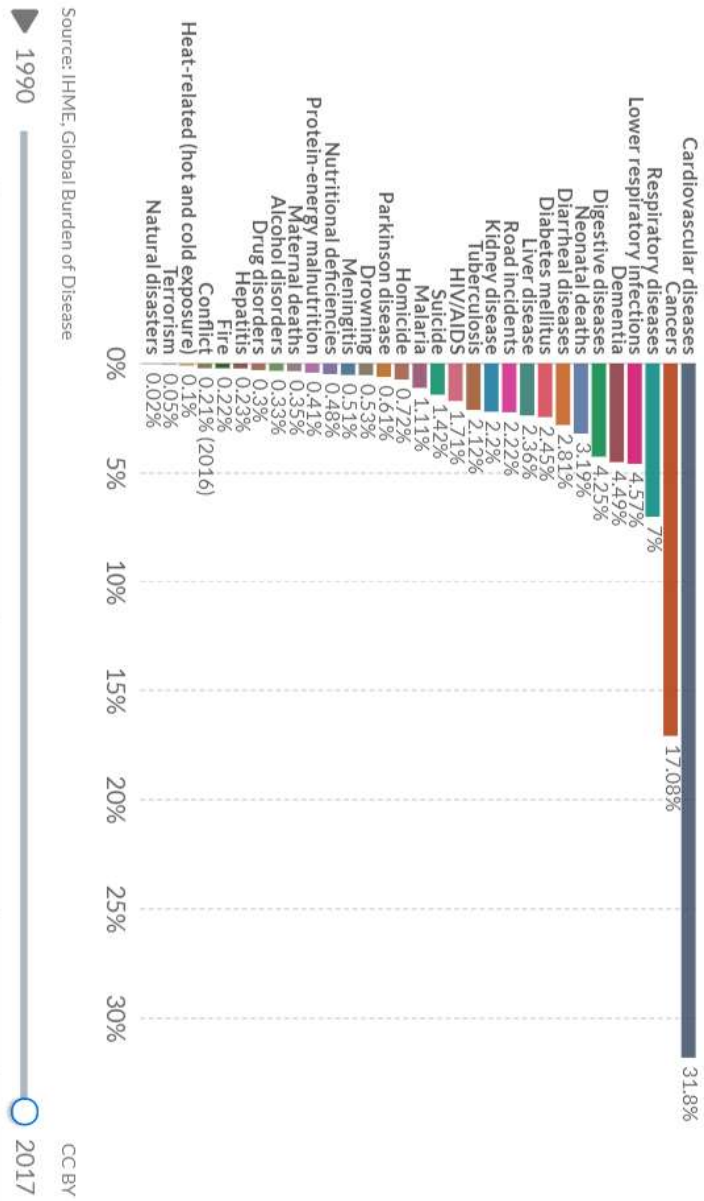
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## Share of deaths by cause, World, 2017

Data refers to the specific cause of death, which is distinguished from risk factors for death, such as air pollution, diet and other lifestyle factors. This is shown by cause of death as the percentage of total deaths.

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Source: IHME, Global Burden of Disease

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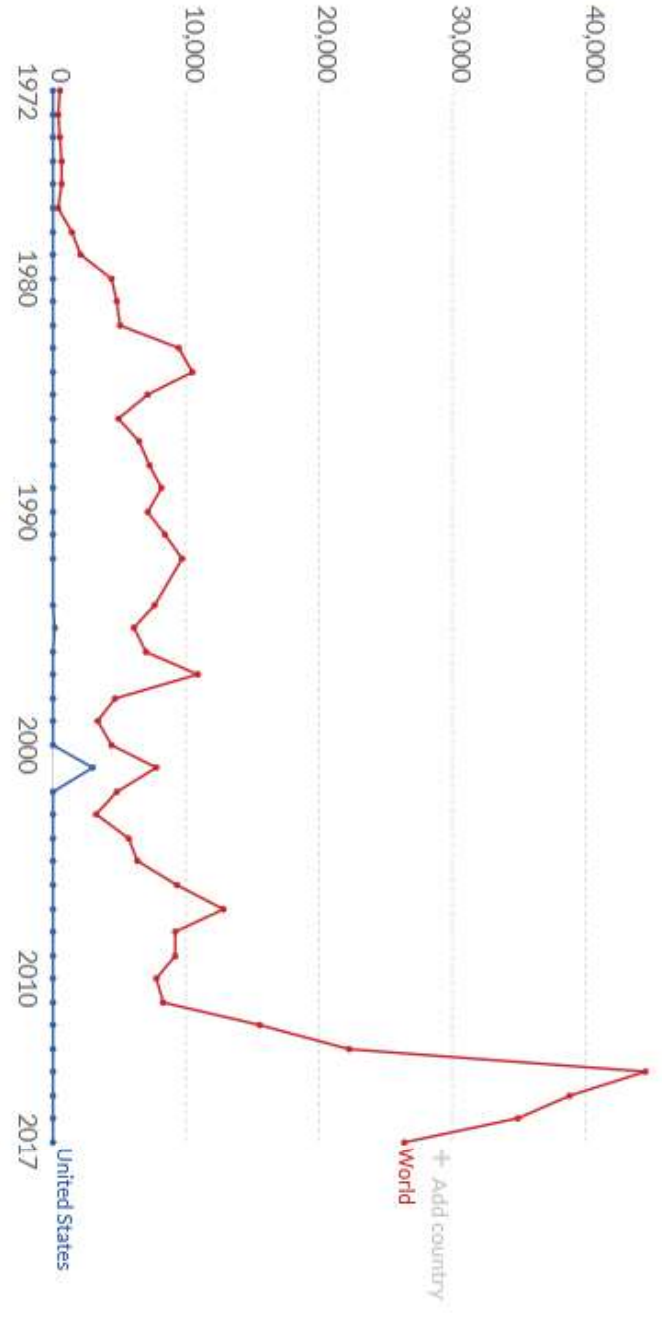
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# Deaths from terrorism

Confirmed deaths, including all victims and attackers who died as a result of the incident

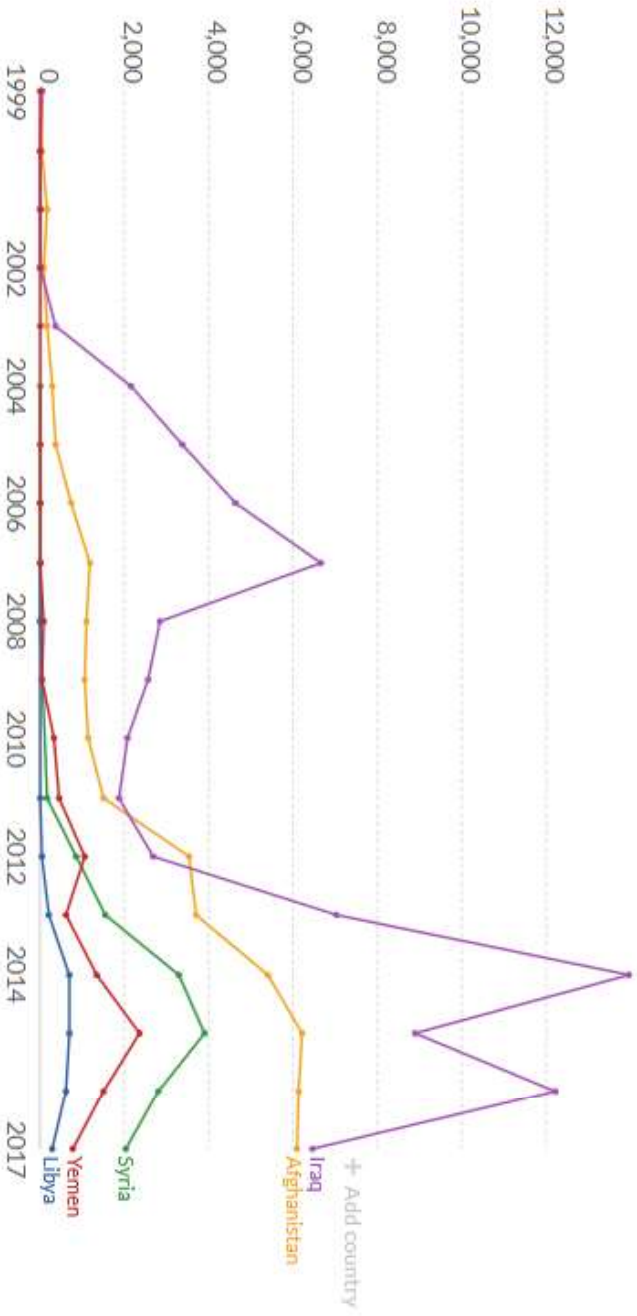


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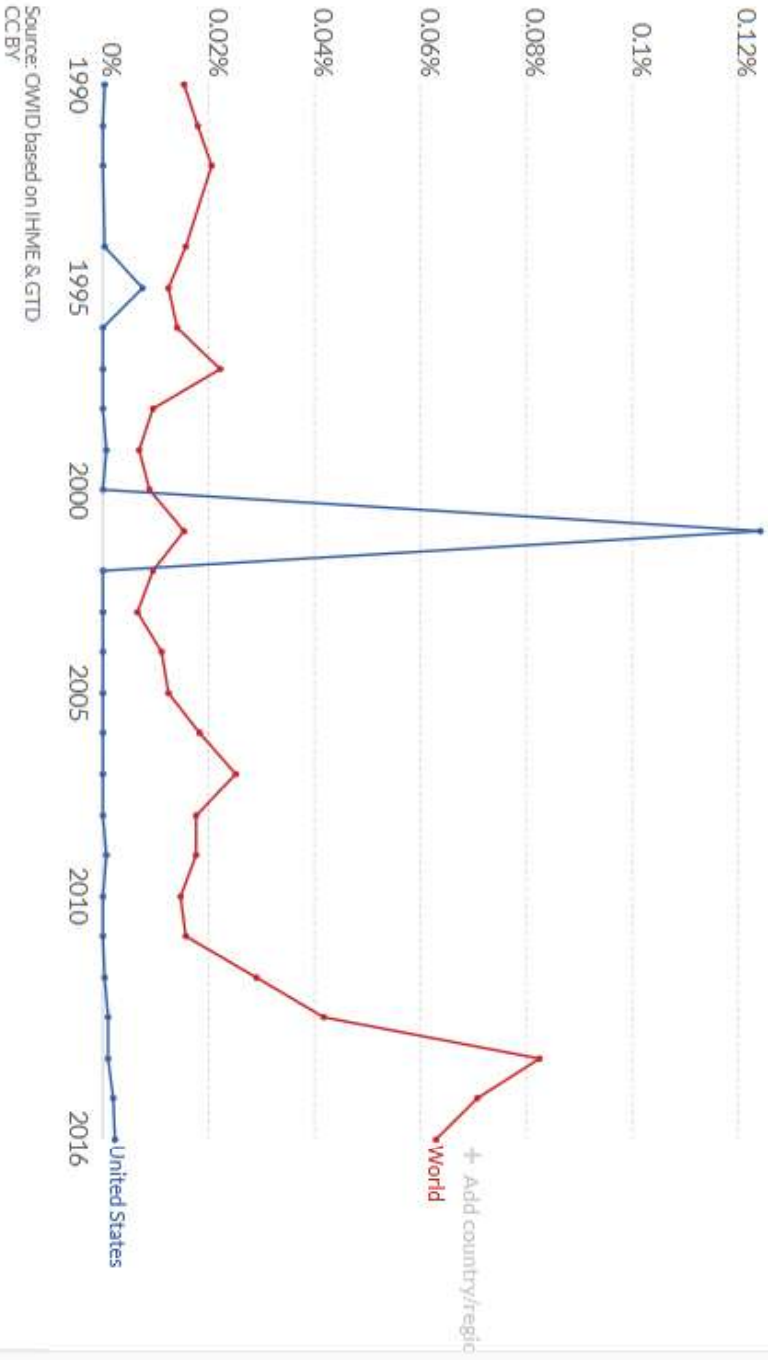


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# Terrorism as a share of total deaths

Deaths from terrorist attacks given as a share of total deaths (from all causes) in any given year.



Source: OWID based on IHME & GTD  
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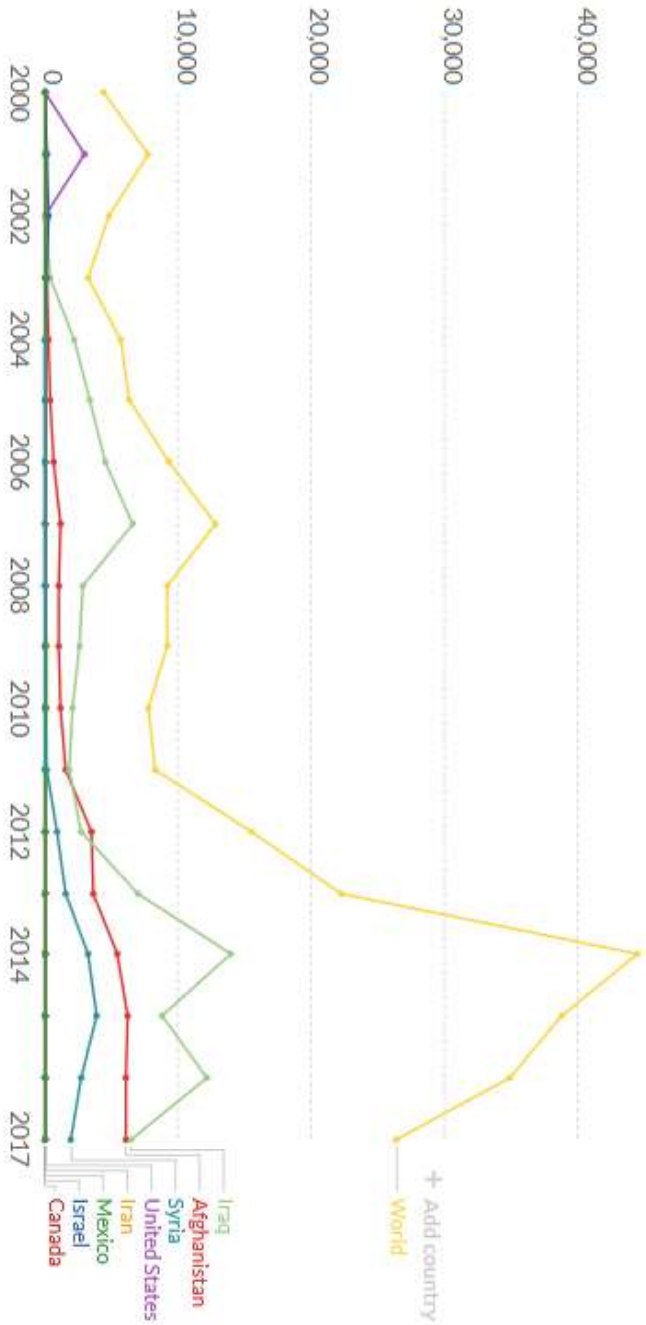
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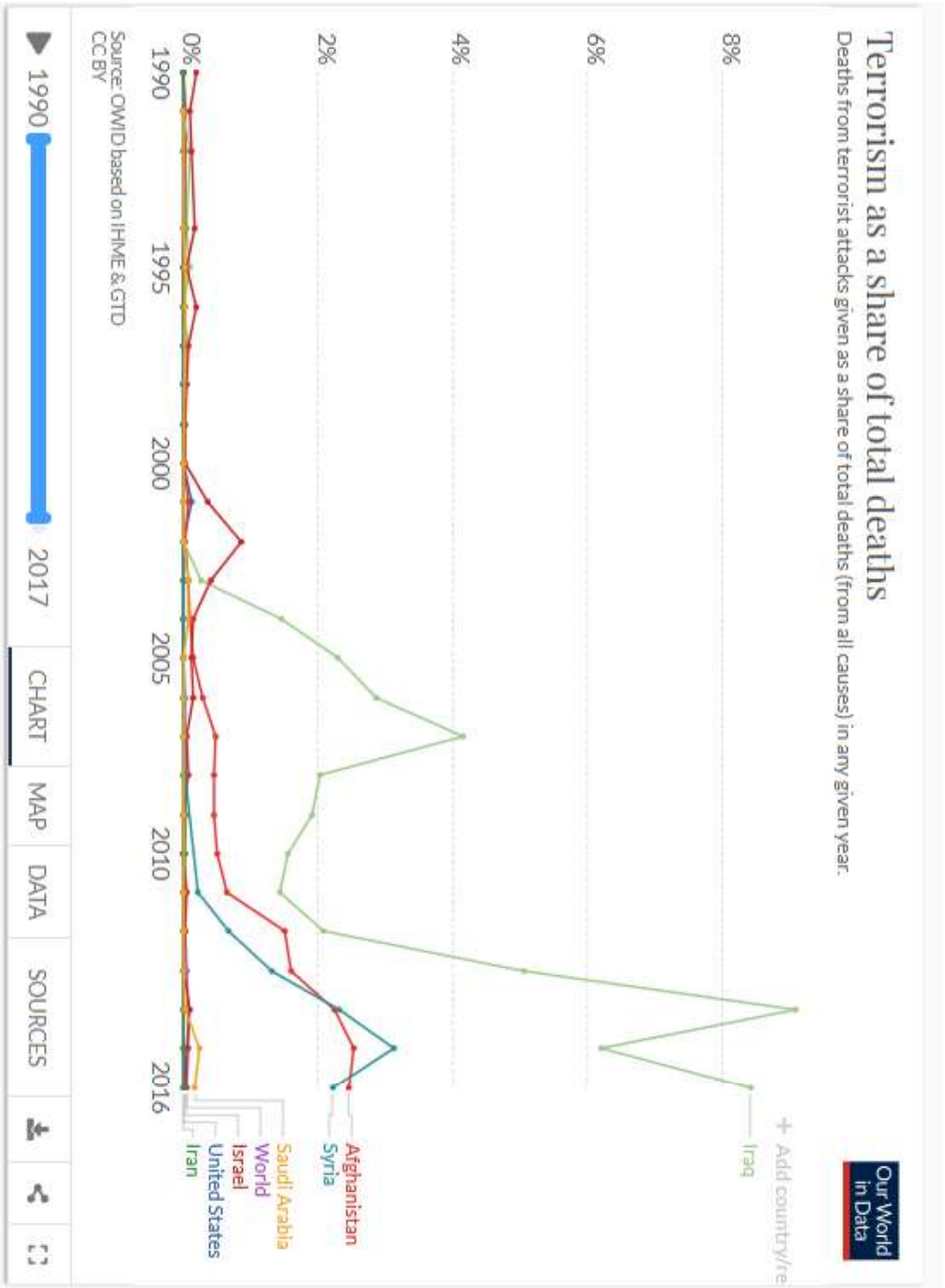
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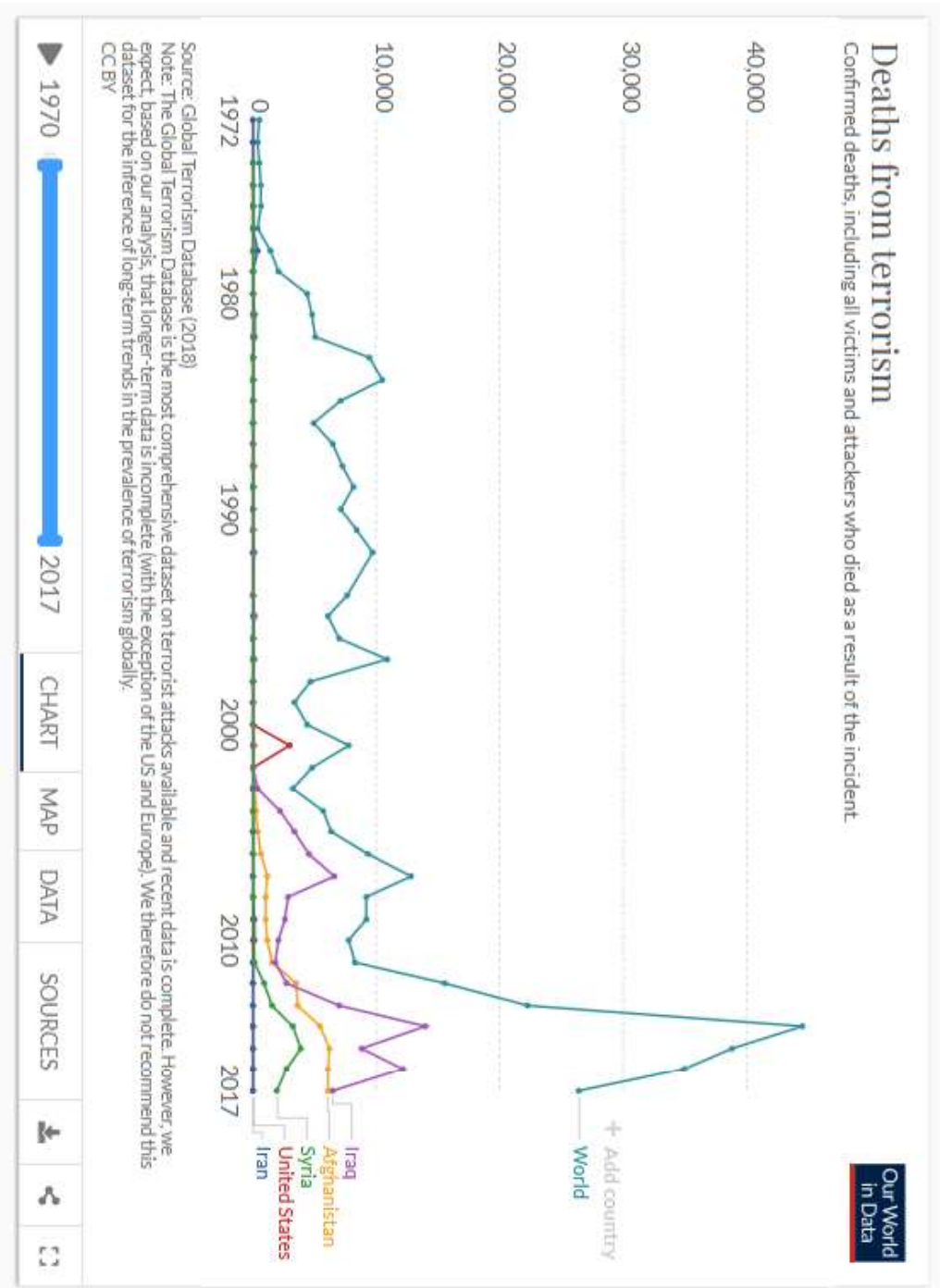


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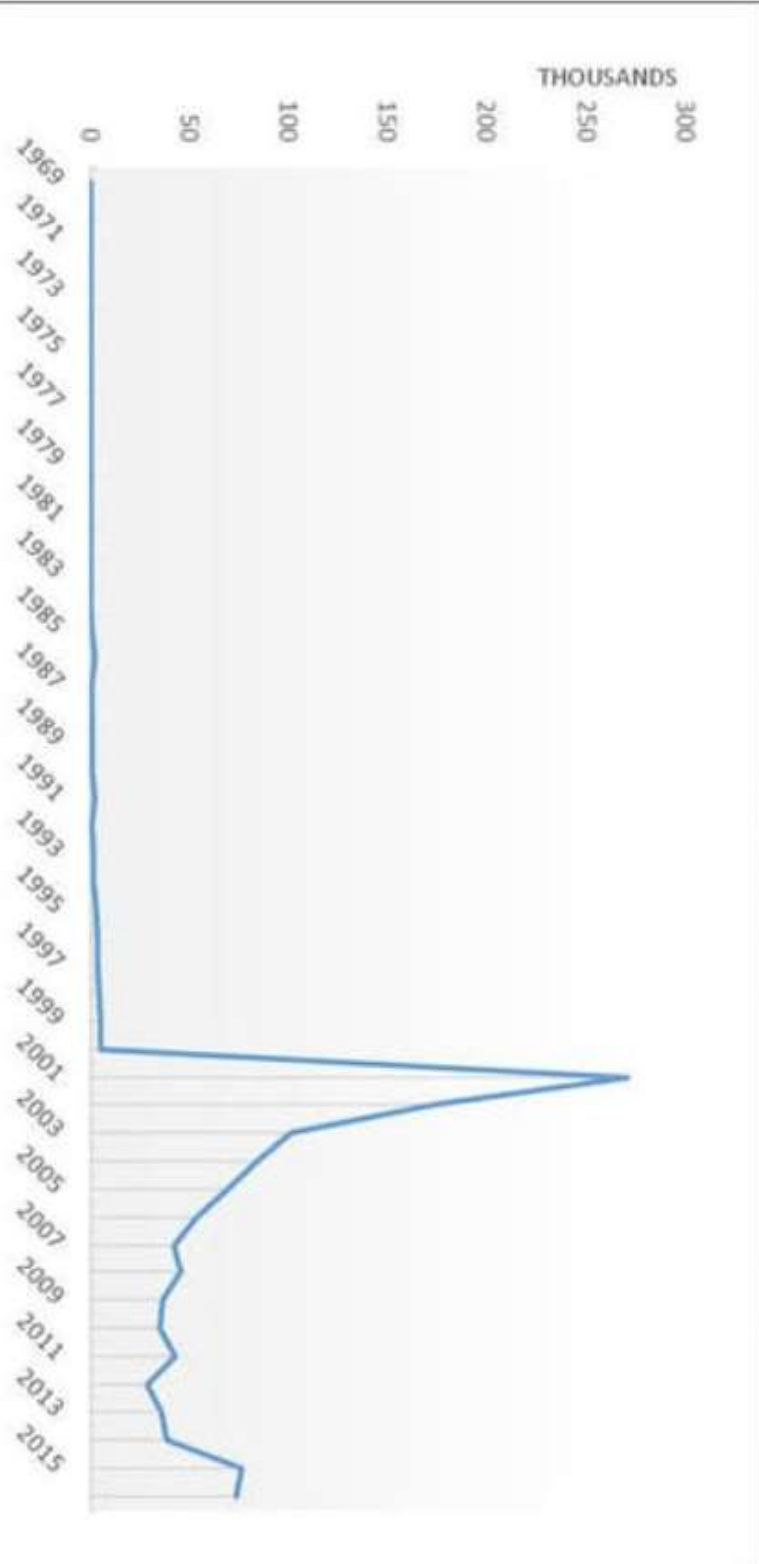
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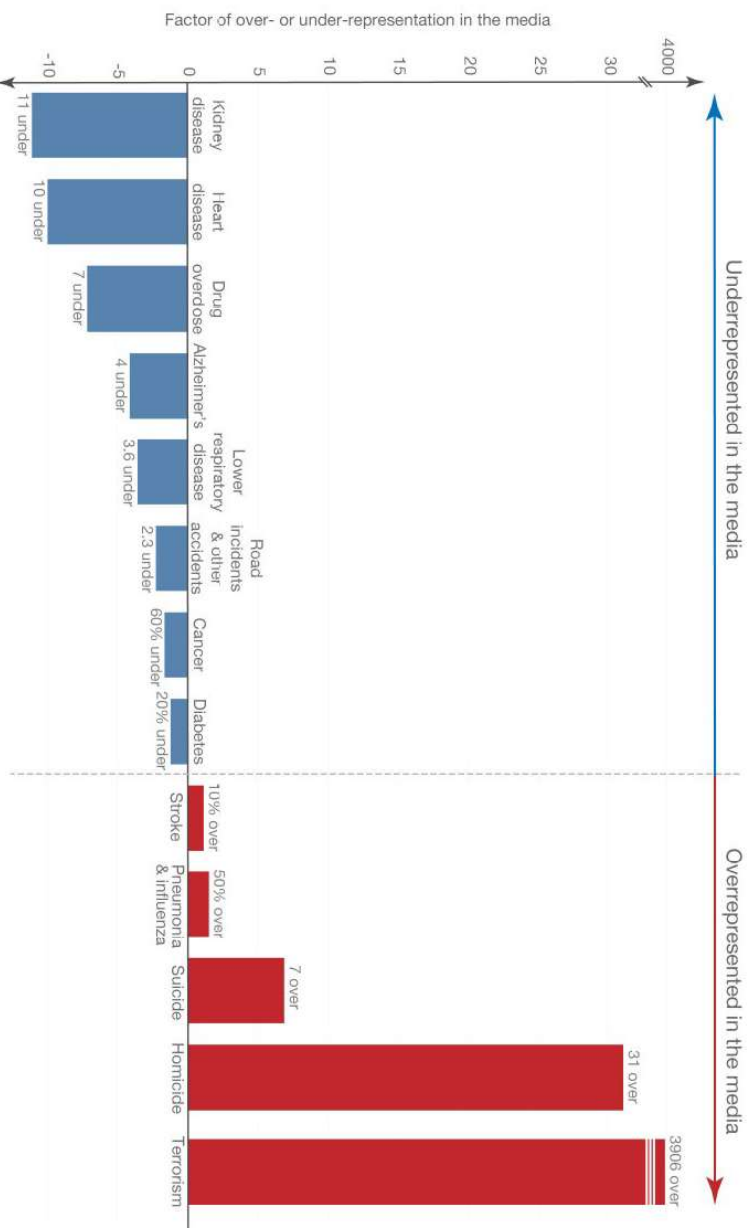
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Source: Factiva. Filters: all dates, duplicates similar (exclude); search date: February 11, 2017

# Does the news reflect what we die from?

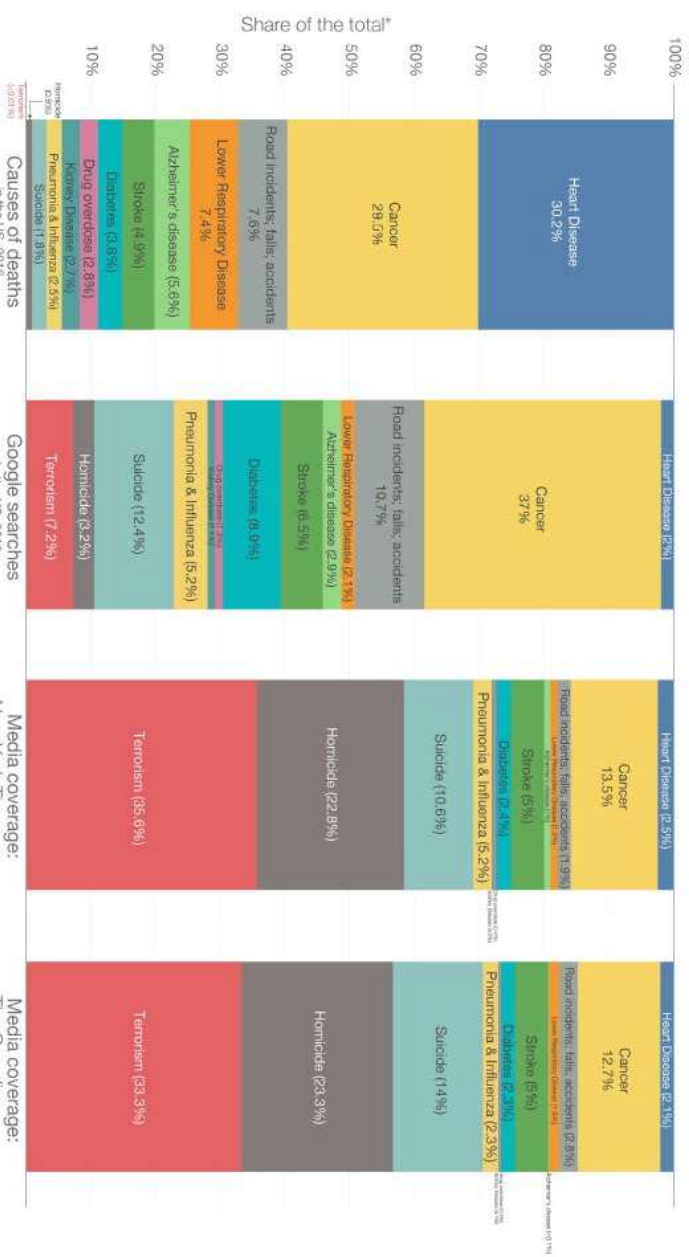
Comparison of the share of deaths from 13 different causes in the US to the share of media coverage these topics get in the *New York Times* and *The Guardian* newspapers.



Source: Based on data from Shen et al. (2018), "Death: reality vs. reported." Full data available at: <https://owensher24.github.io/charting-death/>. This is calculated based on the ratio of each cause of death's proportion of total deaths (in the 13 categories) to each cause's share of media coverage. The figure shows the factor by which each cause of death in 2016 is over- or underrepresented in the media (e.g., homicides are overrepresented by a factor of 31 in the media relative to its share of deaths). Media coverage data is measured as the annual average over the period from 1999 to 2016. The causes of death shown here account for approximately 88% of total deaths in the United States in 2016. This is a visualization from OurWorldInData.org, where you find data and research on how the world is changing. Licensed under CC-BY. The authors Hannah Ritchie and Max Roser.

# Causes of death in the US

## What Americans die from, what they search on Google, and what the media reports on



\*This represents each cause's share of the top ten causes of death in the US plus homicides, drug overdoses and terrorism. Collectively these 13 causes accounted for approximately 88% of deaths in the US in 2016. Full breakdown of causes of death can be found at the CDC's WONDER public health database: <https://wonder.cdc.gov/>

Based on data from Stern et al (2018) - 'Death' really vs. reported. All data available at: <https://overseerend.github.io/visualizing-death/>  
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 Not all causes of death are shown. Shown is the data on the ten leading causes of death in the United States plus drug overdoses, homicides and terrorism. All values are normalized to 100% so they represent their relative share of the top causes, rather than absolute counts (e.g. 'death' represents each cause's share of deaths within the 13 categories shown rather than total deaths). The causes of death shown here account for approximately 88% of total deaths in the United States in 2016.  
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# What share of global deaths result from terrorism?



In the period 1990 to 2017 the annual share of deaths from terrorism has ranged between 0.01% to 0.05% globally.

## 55,945,000 people died in 2017



26,000 were victims of terrorism in 2017 (terrorism accounts for 0.05% of all deaths)

Data source: Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) for the total number of deaths. Terrorism deaths from the Global Terrorist Database (GTD). Deaths from all causes and terrorism have been rounded to the nearest thousand. This is a visualization from OurWorldInData.org, where you find data and research on how the world is changing.

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*“On the morning of September 11th, 2001, 19 men armed with box-cutters, directed by a man on dialysis in a cave fortress half-way around the world, using a satellite phone and a laptop directed the most sophisticated penetration of the most heavily defended airspace in the world. Overpowering the passengers and the military combat trained pilots on four commercial aircraft before flying those planes wildly off-course for over an hour without being molested by a single fighter interceptor. These 19 hijackers, devout religious fundamentalists, who like to drink alcohol, snort cocaine, and live with pink haired strippers, managed to knock down three buildings with two planes in New York, while in Washington, a pilot who couldn’t handle a single engine Cessna was able to fly a 757 in an 8000 ft descending 270 degree corkscrew turn to come exactly level with the ground, hitting the Pentagon in the budget analyst office where DOD staffers were working on the mystery of the 2.3 trillion dollars that defense secretary Donald Rumsfeld had announced missing from the Pentagons coffers in a press conference the day before, on September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2001. Luckily, the news anchors knew who did it within minutes... ‘Osama Bin Laden’... the pundits knew within hours... ‘Osama Bin Laden’... the administration within the day... ‘the terrorists who committed these acts and those who harbor them’... and the evidence literally fell into the FBI’s lap... ‘the hijackers passport was found blocks from the World Trade Center crash site, if you can believe that’... but for some reason a bunch of crazy conspiracy theorists demanded an investigation into the greatest attack on American soil in history. That investigation was ‘delayed’, ‘underfunded’, ‘set up to fail’, a ‘conflict of interest’, and a cover up from start to finish. It was based on testimony extracted through torture, the records of which were destroyed. It failed to mention the existence of WTC7, ABLE DANGER, P-Tech, Cybele Edmunds, OBL and the CIA and the drills of hijacked aircraft being flown into buildings that were being simulated at the precise same time that those events were actually happening. It was lied to by the Pentagon, the CIA, the Bush Administration, and as for Bush and Cheney, well, no one knows what they told it because they testified ‘In Secret’, ‘Off The Record’, ‘Not Under Oath’, and ‘Behind Closed Doors.’ It didn’t bother to look at who funded the attacks because the question is of ‘little practical significance.’ Still the 9/11 Commission did brilliantly answering all of the questions the public had, except most of the victims family members questions and pin blame on all the people responsible, although no one so much as lost their job. Determining the attacks were ‘failure of imagination’, because ‘Nobody in our government at least, and I don’t think the prior government could envision flying airplanes into buildings (BUSH)...’ except the Pentagon, FEMA, NORAD, and the NRO. The DIA destroyed 2.5 terabytes of data on ABLE DANGER, but that’s okay because it probably wasn’t important. The SEC destroyed their records on the investigation into the insider trading before the attacks, but that’s okay because destroying the records of the largest investigation in SEC history is just part of routine record keeping. NIST has classified the data that they used for their model of WTC7’s collapse, but that’s okay, because knowing how they made their model of the collapse would ‘jeopardize public safety.’ The FBI has argued that all material related to their investigation of 9/11 should be kept secret from the public, but that’s okay because the FBI probably has nothing to hide... Osama Bin Laden lived in a cave fortress in the hills of Afghanistan, but somehow got away. Then he was hiding out in Tora Bora, but somehow got away. Then he lived in Abbottabad for years, taunting the most comprehensive intelligence dragnet, employing the most sophisticated technology in the history of the world for a decade, releasing video after video with complete impunity and getting younger and younger as he did so, before finally being found in a daring seal team raid which wasn’t recorded on video, in which he*

*didn't resist or use his wife as a human shield and in which these crack special forces operatives panicked and killed this unarmed man. Supposedly the best source of intelligence about those dastardly terrorists on the entire planet. Then they dumped his body in the ocean before telling anyone about it. Then a couple dozen of that teams' members died in a helicopter crash in Afghanistan... If you have any questions about this story, you are a batshit, paranoid, tin foil, dog abusing baby hater and will be reviled by everyone. If you love your country and or freedom, happiness, rainbows, rock 'n roll, puppy dogs, apple pie, and your grandma, you will never ever express doubts about any part of this story to anyone, ever. This has been a public service announcement by the friends of the FBI, CIA, NSA, DIA, SEC, MSM, White House, NIST, and the 9/11 Commission. Because ignorance is strength."*

– James Corbett<sup>88</sup>

Governments around the world have used false flags to accomplish their goals despite their unpopularity, including the United States government, such as in the Pan Am 103 bombing, USS Cole bombing, Oklahoma City bombing and the 1993 bombing of the World Trade Center. The amount of collusion that exists between all the major financial and political persons makes it obvious to the casual observer that insurance claims on the towers set just before their controlled demolition/false flag, the witness of Israeli Special Forces celebrating a few blocks from the towers in the aftermath, the complete lack of scientific approach and investigation, the ridiculous claim that the “planes” that crashed into the Pentagon and Shanksville were vaporized but fingerprints and DNA survived, the lack of evidence to accuse Osama bin Laden or Al Qaeda or any other middle eastern person, the lack of technical capability of the supposed hijackers, the concurrent military simulations of the exact scenario that was actually occurring, the lack of public accountability by government officials including President Bush and VP Dick Cheney, and the use of fear and crises to deny human rights and constitutional rights to people around the world and people of the U.S.A., especially through the Patriot Act, the MCA (Military Commissions Act), the NDAA (National Defense Authorization Act), the AUMF (Authorization for Use of Military Force Against Terrorists (2001 – Present)), and in general every other action of the government in some way, that **THE GOVERNMENT FUCKING DID IT!** To even consider anything else after truly considering all the evidence and diving deep is to profess complete cowardice or stupidity. To willfully ignore the truth professes the same. The fallout from the population's general acceptance of the official narrative includes the accumulating deconstruction of our rights, the murder of innocent people around the world to combat the ambiguous “War on Terror”, and the immense wealth transfers that have accompanied the diminishing voice, health, and intelligence of the people.

The Patriot Act expanded the definition of terrorism to include very many normal activities and gave permissions to government agencies to spy on Americans, you know, just in case there might be someone out there who didn't care for direct taxation. “Hastily passed 45 days after 9/11 in the name of national security, the Patriot Act was the first of many changes to surveillance laws that made it easier for the government to spy on ordinary Americans by expanding the authority to monitor phone and email communications, collect bank and credit reporting records, and track the activity of innocent Americans on the Internet. While most Americans think it was created to catch terrorists, the Patriot Act actually turns regular citizens into suspects.”<sup>89</sup>

The MCA of 2006 gives the president absolute power to decide who is an enemy of our country and to imprison people indefinitely without charging them with a crime. It eliminates due process, rejects core American values, and permits coerced evidence.<sup>90</sup>

“The NDAA is an annual bill that lets Congress set guidelines for defense policy. Though funding for the U.S. military must be approved through appropriations bills, Congress uses the NDAA to establish defense priorities, make organizational changes to military agencies, and provide guidance on how

funding should be used. In addition to the Department of Defense, the legislation also covers military-related programs run by other agencies, such as the Department of Energy's nuclear weapons programs and the Federal Bureau of Investigation's counterintelligence activities. A relatively rare example of bipartisanship in Congress, the NDAA has been passed for 60 straight years. That consistency has also made the bill a popular vehicle for tacking on legislation that has little to do with defense." – Tom Barkley.<sup>91</sup> "Let's be clear: the NDAA grants the president the power to kidnap any American anywhere in the United States and hold him or her in prison forever without trial. The president's own signing statement, incredibly, confirmed that he had that power. As I have been warning since 2006: there is not a country on the planet that you can name that has ever set in place a system of torture, and of detention without trial, for an "other", supposedly external threat that did not end up using it pretty quickly on its own citizens." – Naomi Wolf<sup>92</sup>

The AUMF, passed 3 days after 9/11 allowed "the President to use all necessary and appropriate force against those nations, organizations, or persons he determines planned, authorized, committed, or aided the terrorist attacks that occurred on September 11, 2001, or harbored such organizations or persons, in order to prevent any future acts of international terrorism against the United States." In other words, he could point his finger at anyone, and a bomb would drop, no questions need be asked. "By 2017 it had been invoked over 30 times to justify U.S. troop deployments in over 10 countries. In 2016 President Obama pointed to the AUMF as authorization allowing him to use military force against ISIS in Syria and Iraq without additional congressional authorization. In July 2019, after the Trump administration briefed Congress on possible ties between al-Qaeda and Iran, many questioned whether or not the act could be used to authorize war against Iran 18 years after the 9/11 attacks." – Michael Boyd<sup>93</sup>

The amount of evidence and expert reporting on the collapse of the towers on 9/11 is so vast that it is impossible at this point to refute. The Architects and Engineers for 9/11 Truth Petition is signed by 3,529 Architects and Engineers. These are experts across many fields that have shown solidarity for the truth about 9/11 to be shared openly. The fact is that not a single building collapsed due to airplanes. The official narrative states that "...the planes hit the towers, cutting through some exterior and interior supporting structural steel columns. The fuel from the planes ignited office fires across several floors... According to official government reports, the fires weakened the structural steel framing of both twin towers, leading to sudden, progressive and total collapses... Does the official explanation make sense? Was there a comprehensive investigation that examined all of the evidence?" - Richard Gage, AIA, Founder of Architects and Engineers For 9/11 Truth<sup>94</sup> (Gage)

"The heat from the fire supposedly softened the steel and thereby brought the buildings down. If you have a flame at 750 degrees, you can hold that flame under a steel beam forever and you'll never reach a high enough temperature to bend steel let alone melt it. So immediately I knew, at that point, that the official explanation was dead wrong." - Robert Podolsky, M.S., Physicist/Engineer. First responders and others on site reported waves of explosions before, during and after the moment of the plane crashes. "The only way that I can see that the towers could have collapsed is that the interior columns were compromised." - Richard Humenn, P.E., Original WTC Chief Electrical Design Engineer. Multi-ton steel beams were propelled and ejected laterally away from the collapsing buildings, which could only happen if there was something to propel them, exclusively indicating explosions.



The amount of material left after the collapse was far from the total material composing the towers, indicating that somehow whole floors and major steel beams, and other material was disintegrated, pulverized, or melted. FEMA documented that steel had been melted and partially evaporated, though NIST omitted this evidence from their official report. Molten steel flowed throughout the collapse site.

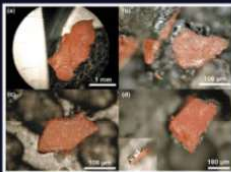
- ① **Multi-ton steel sections** were **ejected laterally** up to 600 ft. at 50 mph leaving **expanding dust and smoke trails** – a geometry caused by high explosives, not a “gravitational collapse.”
- ② Isolated high velocity ejections of **smoke and dust** documented at 200 ft./sec. 20 – 60 stories below the progressing destruction zone – indicating explosives.
- ③ The structural steel below would have arrested any collapse from above, but the **destruction zone** not only proceeded symmetrically downwards, it even **accelerated through what was the path of greatest resistance**.
- ④ **Complete destruction** of the towers occurred with an extremely **rapid onset** of destruction, **shattering** the structural steel frame.
- ⑤ 180,000 tons of concrete were **pulverized** in mid-air – almost all “pancaked” floors, floor trusses, and metal decking were missing.
- ⑥ **Massive volumes** of rapidly expanding **cauliflower-shaped pyroclastic-like clouds** were produced indicating large amounts of explosions visible all the way down the sides of the buildings.
- ⑦ Over one hundred first responders reported **explosions and flashes of light**.



**Previously molten iron-microspheres** (USGS/EPA) were ubiquitous in the WTC dust, comprising up to 5% of the samples (RJ Lee). **Thermitic reactions** can account for the spheres.



**Extremely high temperatures** far above those of normal office fires, persisted for weeks in the pile, as indicated by various sources (e.g. infrared images by MTI, EarthData and NASA). Engineers described the **melting of structural steel** in the debris pile. Glowing yellow molten metal flowed from the 78th floor of WTC 2.



WTC dust samples contain small chips of **highly energetic nano-thermite composite materials** – uniformly nano-sized, appropriately proportioned, and embedded in an organic matrix.

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“So, what is this molten metal? It is direct evidence for the use of thermite.”-Steven Jones, Ph.D., Physicist. Steel Melts at 2750°F and thermite reaches over 4500°F in about two seconds.

“In the dust we found what we characterize as unreacted thermitic material, in the shape of some very tiny red grey chips, and in the reaction they produce molten iron, which is the prime indication of a thermitic reaction, and such a reaction can be used to destroy steel structures. What we have found is a modern version of thermite, which we call nano-thermite, which is produced in a different way. It is not just two powders being mixed, the material is

actually built from the atom scale up, we call them bottom-up procedures, which is what you do in nano technology. The ingredients are much smaller which means they’re reacting faster, and they’re more easily ignited.” – Niels Harrit, Ph.D., X-Ray Time-Resolved, Spectroscopy Research.

But what happened to World Trade Center 7, a 47-story steel frame skyscraper, not hit by a plane, but symmetrically collapsed regardless on the same day as the other WTC buildings? The official report claims the building collapsed due to normal office fires. Interestingly and notably, no

building of this kind has ever collapsed due to office fires. “High rise buildings simply do not collapse due to fire. There has never been... an experience where a high rise building that was steel frame completely collapsed.” – Scott Grainger P.E., Forensic Fire Protection Engineer. “The coup de Grace for me was when I found out that building 7 had collapsed later that day, and when I saw building 7 come down, to me, the fact that it looks like a perfect controlled demolition of an intact building, I mean, that’s what I call a smoking gun.” - Dr. Robert Bowman, Lt. Col USAF, Ret. and Former Director, Advanced Space Programs, DoD

Before any investigations could get underway, all the demolished materials were hauled out of the site and shipped out the of the country. The mobilization of the cleanup was extremely efficient and was underway before people had even absorbed the shock. Premeditated demolitions work similarly efficient, sometimes. "400 truckloads per day of material were taken away from the world trade center site and sent to China for recycling."- Joel Miller, High-Rise Architect. Investigations into the cause of collapse were never properly done. Building 7 was collapsed through controlled demolition. That is the ONLY way.

All of the World Trade Center buildings were demolished by controlled demolitions, as evidenced by experts globally, and denied by government agencies across the board. The propaganda machine was phenomenally successful, as usual, in demonizing anyone who contradicted the official narrative, and despite many reporters and news agencies accidentally revealing precognition of the event, such as reporting on the plane crash in the first tower before it even happened, the media blitzkrieg of terrorism news, emotional manipulation, and subtle coercion effectively hypnotized the willfully ignorant, stupid, statist, or highly impressionable population. Hate for middle easterners, fear of terrorist attack on one's church, patriotic music about putting boots up asses, because "that's the American way," all created a seemingly beautiful catharsis, while yet a highly stressful, lightshow distraction.

*"Our job is to give people not what they want, but what we decide they ought to have."*

– Richard Salant, Former President of CBS News

So much psychological warfare energy has been applied to this topic, that many people just can't even focus upon hearing it brought up. The emotions that have been pegged to catchphrases and keywords, such as "conspiracy theorist", have made the conversation nearly taboo in the minds of millions of Americans. I have not gone into any extreme detail here, but simply laid out some crumbs. If you have the ability to focus for more than eight seconds, the capacity to hold two opposing viewpoints at the same time without needing to define one or the other as the truth, and the skill to do independent research or the energy to learn how, please investigate this more for yourself. Once you start to genuinely look for the truth, there is no way it will be shielded from you. Sometimes it is frightening to think that such a thing could happen as one's own government killing its own people, but historically, that is what all governments are most skilled at and most notorious for. There are millions upon millions of people who all share in the liberated perspective, seeing what they simply refused to look at before. It is up to you to choose whether you will blindfold yourself or walk boldly into dark places carrying a light for others.

## PRIVATE OWNERSHIP OF EARTH AND ALL UPON HER

What is fundamental to society more than anything else? Land. Without the land, there would be no us. It provides us with shelter, food, fresh naturally filtered water, and the means by which to conduct our life in all other ways. When we consider the vast importance of land, it must come naturally next to consider how to live in care of it both individually and communally. Interestingly and devastatingly, the more freedom that has been given to wider sectors of the human population, the more destruction of the natural environment has occurred. We need to investigate thoroughly the way land has been utilized and how that has gotten us, the human population into precarious environmental, political, social, and financial situations globally.