“I want you to act as if the house is on fire, because it is.”

Every gun that is made, every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed. This world in arms is not spending money alone. It is spending the sweat of its laborers, the genius of its scientists, the hopes of its children.

Dwight D. Eisenhower
U.S. MILITARY: Largest Institutional Consumer of Oil / Emitter of CO2

One of the military’s jets, the B-52 Stratofortress, consumes about as much fuel in an hour as the average car driver uses in seven years.

Source: The Green Zone: The Environmental Costs of Militarism

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The U.S. Military Emits More CO₂ Than Many Nations

Estimated carbon dioxide emissions in 2017 (million tonnes)

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Sources: Brown University, BP Statistical Review of World Energy
The U.S. has spent $16 trillion on war in the past two decades.

The cost of shifting our national power grid to 100% renewable energy over the next decade is estimated at $4.5 trillion.

Instead of funding endless wars, we could have transformed our fossil-fueled energy system, with money to spare.

Sources: Brown University Cost of War Project, Wood Mackenzie Deep Decarbonization Report
Sources of Military GHG Emissions

- Military R&D, Production
- Surveillance
- Weapons Testing
- Troop Training
- Base Supply Support, Domestic and Overseas
- Clean Up, Reconstruction
- Conventional Wars
- Cyber Wars
- Low-intensity Conflicts
- Weapons Sales & Arms Races
- War Games
- Military Contractors

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Other groups calling for reductions

The United States spends more on defense than the next 10 countries combined

DEFENSE SPENDING (BILLIONS OF DOLLARS)

$849 Billion

China
Russia
India
Saudi Arabia
United Kingdom
Germany
France
South Korea
Japan
Ukraine

$877 Billion

United States

Other groups calling for reductions

NOTES: Figures are in U.S. dollars converted from local currencies using market exchange rates. Data for the United States are for fiscal year 2022, which ran from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. Data for the other countries are for calendar year 2022. The source for this chart uses a definition of defense spending that is more broad than budget function 050 and defense discretionary spending.

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