

Money for the Wrong Something. The Corrupt Rabbit Hole of “Obscene Military Spending”

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This writer has been focussing tirelessly on the (obscene) fact that over half of our federal taxes goes down the rabbit hole of military spending. Well, writer and researcher Andre Damon of the World Socialist Website just wrote a piece on July 1st on this very subject. He stated that under phony populist demagogue Trump the Senate (with the help of 36 Democrats) passed the largest ever Pentagon budget. Taking over from Democrat Obama, where under his watch the said budgets even surpassed the ones under the war mongering Bush/Cheney cabal, 'The hits just keep on comin!' From the \$619 billion in 2016 to \$700 billion in 2017 to the \$716 billion in 2018 to...drum roll please... \$750 billion passed last Thursday. This now makes military spending AKA Defense spending (has a better 'secure our borders' flavor to it, yes?) accounting for... drum roll again... around 60% of the federal budget!

Imagine if you will that if just 25% of that money immediately went for things like A) Jumpstarting full Medicare for All with no need for buying supplemental private add on insurance (Read [Which Path to National Improved Medicare for All?](#)) B) Fixing our roads, bridges, power distribution *below ground* like in Europe, and money to sure up coastal areas to stand up to hurricanes better; C) Having an Amtrak to rival the railroad travel and accessibility that the Europeans have had for generations; D) Begin to institute public banking whereupon, with low or non profit, the consumer will save immeasurably. (Read [The Public Banking Revolution Is Upon Us](#) by Ellen Brown)

To put things into perspective, according to Andre Damon, Russia's *annual* military budget is \$61 billion, and they sure as hell kept our USA wolf from overtaking Syria and Venezuela! He goes on to report that the Democratic controlled House of Representatives is only proposing a \$733 billion Pentagon budget. That's some Green Deal hah? One surmises that most of those new Dems, you know the myriad of ex military and CIA folks, must have joined with their *bipartisan* colleagues to keep the money rolling into the War Economy and OUT of the Green Economy.

When will Sanders and AOC and the handful of true progressives walk away from that corruption? What in the hell good is it to belong to a party that may win elections, and then do as little as possible to help we working stiffs... AND make the world a little less crazy. Duh, it's called 'Lead by example'! As far as the other and much more ruthless party, they are far beyond help. Yet, half of the voting suckers choose them for a myriad of reasons... yet never to save their working stiff asses! So sad this country that I love.

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