

## Selected Articles: War Before Welfare

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### [More Post-GOP Tax Cut Heist Mass Layoffs](#)

By [Stephen Lendman](#), January 15, 2018

Walmart is the latest offender, the world's largest private employer with around 2.1 million workers and staff.

It's also one of the most abusive, notorious for anti-worker practices, including low-pay, poor or no benefits, opposition to unions, racial and gender discrimination, and other mistreatment of its workforce and suppliers, along with disturbing environmental practices.

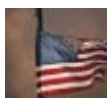


### [The Coming Year in Special Ops](#)

By [Nick Turse](#), January 15, 2018

In 2001, U.S. special operators were targeting just two enemy forces: al-Qaeda and the Taliban. In 2010, his first full year in office, **President Barack Obama** [informed](#) Congress that U.S. forces were still "actively pursuing and engaging remaining al-Qaeda and Taliban

fighters in Afghanistan.” [According to](#) a recent Pentagon report to Congress, American troops are battling more than 10 times that number of militant groups, including the still-undefeated Taliban, the Haqqani network, an Islamic State affiliate known as ISIS-Khorasan, and various “other insurgent networks.”



### [\*\*The Responsibility to Protect the World ... from the United States\*\*](#)

By [Ajamu Baraka](#), January 15, 2018

This “responsibility to protect” (R2P) always had a dubious legal standing, but its moral justification also required a psychological and historical disengagement from the bloody reality of the 500-hundred-year history of U.S. and European colonialism, slavery, genocide and torture that created the “West.”



### [\*\*These Are the 10 Companies That Dominate the Global Arms Trade\*\*](#)

By [Zero Hedge](#), January 15, 2018

**The world puts \$1.69 trillion towards military expenditures per year**, and about \$375 billion of that goes towards buying arms specifically.



### [\*\*The End of the Road for Capitalism or for Us All?\*\*](#)

By [William Bowles](#), January 15, 2018

So nationalisation served two purposes; on the one hand it addressed/absorbed the peoples’ demand for progressive change but without actually abolishing capitalism and on the other, it got the population to bailout a bankrupt capitalist economy. Brilliant! A masterstroke. Well that’s how it appeared at the time.

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