

“War is Peace, it Makes Us Rich and Safe”... or So Says the Mainstream Media

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Image: An Iraqi woman with her dead child. Source: [A Real Cost Of The Iraq War](#)

War is Peace. What was known as a famous quote from George Orwell's fiction *1984* has become a reality. Or maybe it is still fiction if you consider that the mainstream media is making up reality on a daily basis.

On April 28, 2014, the homepage of The Washington Post web site featured the picture of a nuclear explosion with the following title: “War is brutal. The alternative is worse.”

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Peace is worse than war? Diplomacy worse than a nuclear explosion? I wonder if people in war torn Iraq, Afghanistan, Palestine and the likes agree.

The subtitle is probably the apex of nonsense: “War may be the worst way imaginable to create peaceful societies, but this professor argues that it’s the only way.” Professor? How can you be a professor and say something so illogical? And how can a newspaper be taken seriously when it publishes such absurdities?

But it gets worse, if that’s even possible. Clicking on the article, you get this:



In the long run, wars make us safer and richer



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By Ian Morris, Published: April 25 [E-mail the writer](#)

Ian Morris, a professor of classics at Stanford University, is the author of “War! What is it Good For? Conflict and the Progress of Civilization from Primates to Robots.”

“Wars make us safer and richer”. Wow. Really?

Who’s “us”? Certainly not the American people:

The decade-long American wars in Afghanistan and Iraq would end up costing as much as \$6 trillion, the equivalent of \$75,000 for every American household, calculates the prestigious Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government...

It is also imperative to recall that the Bush administration had claimed at the very outset that the Iraq war would finance itself out of Iraqi oil revenues, but Washington DC had instead ended up borrowing some \$2 trillion to finance the two wars, the bulk of it from foreign lenders.

According to the Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government 2013 report, this accounted for roughly 20 per cent of the total amount added to the US national debt between 2001 and 2012.

According to the report, the US "has already paid \$260 billion in interest on the war debt," and future interest payments would amount to trillions of dollars. (Sabir Shah, [US Wars in Afghanistan, Iraq to Cost \\$6 trillion](#))

So, who's "us" getting richer? The bankers maybe? Because if war makes some people rich, it's the bankers:

Bankers are [often the driving force behind war](#).

After all, the banking system is founded upon the counter-intuitive but indisputable fact that [banks create loans first, and then create deposits later](#).

In other words, virtually all money is actually created as debt...

Debt (from the borrower's perspective) owed to banks is profit and income from the bank's perspective. In other words, banks are in the business of creating more debt ... i.e. finding more people who want to borrow larger sums...

What does this have to do with war?

War is the most efficient debt-creation machine...

War is also good for banks because a lot of material, equipment, buildings and infrastructure get destroyed in war. So countries go into massive debt to finance war, and then borrow a ton more to rebuild. (Washington's Blog, [War Creates Massive Debt and Makes the Banks Rich](#))

"Us" is probably also the military industrial complex, for which peace is enemy number one:

The fact that military activities may become a profitable enterprise leads to the realization that peace is the main enemy of the military-industrial complex. A simple metaphor can illustrate this problem. Grape growers, the wine industry and wine marketers would be completely out of business if people stopped drinking wine. In a similar way, the military-industrial complex would be put out of business by lasting peaceful conditions because the development, production, marketing and use of military equipment would be not needed.

To stay in business, this complex needed the wars in Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan, the

“cold war” with the Soviet Union, war on terrorism and various other wars. And it needs to be involved in new conflicts, such as in Ukraine at this time. (Vashek Cervinka, [Peace is the Enemy of the US Military Industrial Complex](#))

WE, the people of the world, don't want wars and WE are not getting “richer” and “safer” with wars. It's actually quite the contrary. Wars ruin economies and guess what? Wars kill people! How are mass killings and massive debts making “us safer and richer”?


Even though he received the [Stanford University Dean's Award](#), which “recognizes the efforts of exceptional teachers in the School of Humanities and Sciences” and is “given for excellence in graduate education” and “achievements in teaching”, Professor Morris seems to ignore the existence of what is probably the most important judgement in the history of mankind, [The Nuremberg Judgement](#), which says:

To initiate a war of aggression, therefore, is not only an international crime; it is the supreme international crime differing only from other war crimes in that it contains within itself the accumulated evil of the whole.

We live in a world where award-winning Humanities and Science teachers promote war, the supreme international crime. It cannot get more Orwellian than that.

Global Research has, since 2001, been fighting against this Orwellian view of the world promoted by the mainstream media, such as The Washington Post. We do our best to expose the lies of the US-NATO war machine and the so-called “stenographers to power”. But to fight this warmongering juggernaut, we need your help.

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