

Our survival as a planet depends on drastically curbing greenhouse gas emissions in the very near future.

Our survival also depends on completely eliminating the danger of nuclear weapons.

By fortunate coincidence, **the resources (federal funding, private funding, scientific and technical expertise, jobs and infrastructure) currently being wasted on nuclear weapons can be shifted to the production of green technologies to address the climate crisis.**

### *Our survival is not guaranteed.*

- ⌘ *Will we rise up and demand that the US military's devastating impact on climate change be stopped?*
- ⌘ *Will we join the global family to demand that all war—and its degradation of our small planet—cease?*
- ⌘ *Will we and all peoples of the world raise our voices as one to demand an end to nuclear weapons?*

The US spends 37% of all worldwide military funding—more than the next seven highest-spending countries combined.

## What You Can Do

- ⌘ Educate yourself.
- ⌘ Seek information at [internationalpolicy.org](http://internationalpolicy.org); [watson.brown.edu/costsofwar/](http://watson.brown.edu/costsofwar/); [nuclearban.us](http://nuclearban.us); [veteransforpeace.org](http://veteransforpeace.org); [worldbeyonddwar.org](http://worldbeyonddwar.org); [wilpf.pdx.org](http://wilpf.pdx.org) (women's international league for peace and freedom); [armscontrol.org](http://armscontrol.org); [usnuclearexcess.org](http://usnuclearexcess.org); [ipsdc.org](http://ipsdc.org) (institute for policy studies); [nationalpriorities.org](http://nationalpriorities.org).
- ⌘ Talk to your friends and neighbors.
- ⌘ Write your legislators, asking them to transfer funds from military budget to green energy, community services, education—and to press for more-comprehensive nuclear arms treaties.
- ⌘ Join a peace group to magnify your efforts. Local peace groups include Veterans for Peace, Albany Peace Seekers, Alternatives to War, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

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## *Concerned about*

# **CLIMATE CHANGE?**



## *Learn about the US Military's Devastating Impact!*

There's no stopping climate change without stopping the war industry.

### Military Operations Poison The Planet

The **US military is the single-largest industrial producer of greenhouse gases in the world**; from 2001 to 2017, the US military emitted roughly 1.2 billion metric tons of CO<sup>2</sup> equivalent.

While meaningful climate action has stalled on Capitol Hill\*, Pentagon planners have been preparing **a militarized, “armed lifeboat” response to climate chaos**—shutting borders, controlling movement, and increasing international meddling—because they consider the potential **200 million climate refugees** to be a terrorist threat.

*You are not mature enough to tell it like it is. Even that burden you leave for us children... You say you love your children above all else, and yet you are stealing their future in front of their very eyes.* —Greta Thunberg

*War is a racket. It always has been. It is possibly the oldest, easily the most profitable, surely the most vicious. It is the only one international in scope. It is the only one in which the profits are reckoned in dollars and the losses in lives...*

—General Smedley D. Butler, referring to WWI, from his book, *War is a Racket*

### Military Oil Control Destroys Climate

**One of the primary purposes of the military is to control supplies of fossil fuels.** That keeps us addicted to fossil fuels.

As long as we allow the government to spend more than **\$1.5 trillion a year on the military and fossil fuel subsidies**, we will not transition off them.

“Of course it’s about oil, we can’t really deny that.”—General John Abizaid, former CENTCOM Commander.

**An estimated one-quarter to one-half of all interstate wars since 1973 have been linked to oil.**

\*There are military subcontractors in the home district of nearly every Representative and Senator, meaning funding and jobs, which directly impacts all their votes.

### Risk of Nuclear War Is Real and Growing

The **US has abandoned several treaties designed to reduce the risk of nuclear war.**

We’ve added tactical weapons and Artificial Intelligence controls that increase the risk of using nukes.

We’re investing **nearly \$2 trillion to upgrade a system that can destroy the world many times over**, and which **does not make us safer.**

Our “defense” system can also be used offensively by providing cover for a first strike—a policy the US refuses to abandon.

These threats to other nuclear powers have initiated **an expensive and extremely dangerous arms race, with China as well as Russia.**

Nuclear weapons—not global warming or ozone depletion—are the greatest environmental danger to the planet from humans.

### Nuclear War Is Another Existential Threat

Detonating **between 50 and 100 nuclear bombs - just 0.03% of the world's arsenal - would...create effects that would be much greater than global warming and any volcanic eruptions in history.**

Tens of millions of people would die, global temperatures would crash and most of the world would be unable to grow crops for more than five years.