Articles and Media Appearances 2016
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This report summarizes articles and media appearances by Arms and Security Project director William D. Hartung during 2016. The project’s work during 2016 focused on reining in Pentagon spending and reducing arms transfers to the Middle East, as part of a larger effort to promote a more effective U.S. foreign policy that focuses on preventing conflict rather than engaging in military action.

The Arms and Security Project continued to have one of the largest media footprints of any project working on issues of Pentagon spending and weapons proliferation. The project published three reports in 2016; wrote articles that appeared in 95 media outlets; appeared on 11 radio and TV programs; and was quoted in 48 publications.

This summary includes: 1) Project publications; 2) Articles by Project Director William D. Hartung; 3) Radio and television appearances; and 4) Articles quoting Project Director William D. Hartung or citing project research.

Project Publications

“U.S. Arms Transfers to Saudi Arabia and the War in Yemen,” December 2016 (report)


Articles


“Pentagon Rising: Will a Trump Presidency Be Good for the Military-Industrial Complex?,” *TomDispatch*, November 22, 2016 (also ran on The Nation, Mother Jones, Alternet, Salon, and dozens other web sites)


“Now What?,” (reaction to Trump victory in presidential election), *Huffington Post*, November 9, 2016

“Why Is it So Hard to Cut the Pentagon Budget?,” *TomDispatch*, October 25, 2016 (also ran on the Nation, Mother Jones, Alternet, Salon and dozens of other web site)


“Trump’s Pentagon Plan Could Cost Almost $1 Trillion; Smart Diplomacy Would Be Cheaper, More Effective,” Huffington Post, September 19, 2016

“Questions for the Next Commander-in-Chief,” Huffington Post, September 7, 2016

“From Iraq to Egypt to Yemen, Growing Dangers of Runaway U.S. Arms Trafficking,” Huffington Post, August 26, 2016

“There’s No Business Like the Arms Business,” TomDispatch, July 26, 2016 (also ran on The Nation, the American Conservative, BillMoyers.com, Mother Jones, Huffington Post, Le Monde Diplomatique, and a dozen other web sites)

“Why Congress Should Cap the Pentagon’s Slush Fund,” Defense One, July 19, 2016 (also ran at the Fiscal Times)

“Why Is the U.S. Backing Saudi Arabia in Yemen?,” Lobelog, June 29, 2016

“Stop Playing Games With the Pentagon Budget,” Huffington Post, June 17, 2016


“The Foreign Policy Blueprint Hillary Shouldn’t Follow,” Huffington Post, June 1, 2016

“The Pentagon’s War on Accountability,” TomDispatch, May 24, 2016 (ran at Alternet, Salon, and a dozen other major web sites)


“If You Hate Trump’s Foreign Policy, Wait Until You See Ted Cruz's,” Huffington Post, May 2, 2016

“Ground the Blimp to Nowhere,” Huffington Post, April 28, 2016


“How Not to Audit the Pentagon,” Los Angeles Times, April 10, 2016

“How Not to Audit the Pentagon: 50 Years Later, the Military Waste Machine is Running Full Speed Ahead,” TomDispatch, April 10, 2016 (also ran in Alternet, The American Conservative, Counterpunch, the Nation, Salon, and dozens of other web sites)

“Lockheed Martin, Making Money the Old Fashioned Way,” Huffington Post, March 17, 2016


“Libya and the Perils of Regime Change,” Huffington Post, March 8, 2016


Radio and TV Appearances

Interview on U.S. arms sales to Saudi Arabia, BBC, December 14, 2016

“Trump Criticizes Cost of F-35 Fighter Program,” interview, WHSU Public Radio, Hartford, Connecticut (also ran nationally on NPR’s “All Things Considered”)


Interview on nomination of James Mattis for secretary of defense, WORT-FM, Madison, Wisconsin, December 7, 2016

Interview on impact of Trump administration on weapons contractors, Democracy Now! (syndicated program that runs on both television and radio), November 11, 2016


Interview, “How the Pentagon Became the World’s Weapon System Superstore,” War Stories (Reuters podcast), September 2, 2016

“You Don’t Get a Full Sense of What a Devastating Trade This Is,” Counterspin (syndicated radio program), August 12, 2016

“As Saudis Continue Deadly Bombing of Yemen, Is Obama Trading Cluster Bombs for Riyadh’s Loyalty?,” Democracy Now (syndicated radio and television show), April 21, 2016 (interviewed)

“EU Parliament Adopts Call for An Arms Embargo Against Saudi Arabia,” Real News Network (television, syndicated), February 26, 2016 (interviewed)

“As Saudi Arabia Executes Sheik al-Nimr, Will U.S. Respond by Cutting $50 Billion in Weapons Sales?,” Democracy Now, January 4, 2016 (syndicated television and radio program)
Articles Quoting Project Director or Citing Project Research


“Trump, Taiwan and the Weapons Deal,” Baltimore Sun, December 23, 2016


“U.S. Halts Sale to Saudi Arabia Over Yemen War,” Middle East Eye, December 14, 2016 (quoted)

“U.S. to Halt Some Sales to Saudi Arabia, Citing Civilian Deaths in Bombing Campaign,” Reuters, December 13, 2016 (quoted, appeared in scores of other outlets)


“Ex-Congressman to Lobby Lawmakers for Saudi Arabia,” Newsweek, November 27, 2016 (quoted)


“President Trump Is Likely to Increase Pentagon Spending $500 Billion to $1 Trillion,” Forbes, November 9, 2016 (quoted)

“Obama’s Final Arms Export Tally More Than Doubles Bush’s,” Defense One, November 9, 2016 (also ran in Government Executive)


“Five Reasons to Expect Clinton to Overspend on Defense (Albeit Not as Badly as Trump,” Forbes, October 27, 2016 (quoted)

“We Are Living in the Golden Age of Pentagon Waste and Corruption; Trump Will Make it Much Worse,” Alternet, October 23, 2016

“The $6 Trillion Issue You Won’t Be Hearing About at Tonight’s Debate,” New York magazine, October 19, 2016 (quoted)

“Obama Could End the Slaughter in Yemen Within Hours,” Huffington Post, October 8, 2016


“This Is Why We’re Frustrated: Adventures in the World of American Anger,” Salon, September 23, 2016 (quoted)

“America Has Gotten So Absurd We’re Considering Electing a Walking Ponzi Scheme as President,” The Nation, September 22, 2016 (quoted)


“Obama Administration’s $1 Billion Arms Deal Aids Saudi Brutality in Yemen, Lawmakers Say,” Washington Times, September 8, 2016 (quoted and research cited)


“Obama Administration’s Saudi Criticisms Don’t Stand in Way of Record Weapons Sales,” World Politics Review, September 8, 2016 (research cited)

“5 Corporations Now Dominate Our Privatized Intelligence Industry,” The Nation, September 8, 2016 (quoted)

“Obama Administration Offered $115 Billion in Arms to Saudi Arabia,” The Guardian, September 8, 2016 (quoted and research cited)


“How Donald Trump Will Get Real,” Toronto Star, June 27, 2016 (quoted)

“The Pentagon As a Machine for Cost Overruns,” Huffington Post, June 16, 2016 (quoted)


“It’s Remarkable How Little News Comes Out of Saudi Arabia,” Counterspin (syndicated radio show), April 28, 2016 (research cited)

“Tunisia’s Getting More Guns than Democracy,” Foreign Policy, April 21, 2016 (quoted)

“After We Audit the Pentagon, Maybe We Should Audit the Audit,” Reason, April 19, 2016 (quoted)

“Obama Went From Condemning Saudis for Abuses to Arming Them to the Teeth,” The Intercept, April 19, 2016 (quoted)

“Runaway Blimps and Blinky Fighter Jets: The Pentagon’s Real Skill is Making Money,” Inverse, March 11, 2016


