

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)

["The Future Trajectory of Pentagon Spending in the New Political Climate,"](#) Presentation to the Annual Meeting of the Friends Committee on National Legislation, November 12, 2016

["Don't Get Fooled Again: Pentagon Waste and Congressional Oversight,"](#) February 2016 (report)

Articles

["Trump Should Cut Pentagon Waste and Craft a New Strategy,"](#) *National Interest*, December 21, 2016

["What Will A Trump Administration Mean for U.S. Arms Sales to the Middle East,"](#) *National Interest*, December 12, 2016

["Pentagon's Suppressed Waste Report Is Only Tip of the Inefficient Machine,"](#) *The Hill*, December 6, 2016

["A Policy of Military Restraint Makes Good Sense,"](#) *Washington Post*, November 24, 2016

["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)

["Work on a Solution to End the Threat of Nuclear Weapons,"](#) *Albany Times-Union*, November 21, 2016

["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)

["The Next President Could Cut \\$1 Trillion in Pentagon Spending,"](#) *Huffington Post*, October 27, 2016

["Trump Wants to Run America Like His Businesses: 'God Help Us'"](#) *Huffington Post*, October 21, 2016

["The U.S. Military Is Not a 'Disaster',"](#) *Huffington Post*, September 26, 2016

["How Much Would a Clinton Administration Spend on the Pentagon,"](#) *Huffington Post*, September 20, 2016

["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?,"](#) *Lobellog*, June 29, 2016

["Stop Playing Games With the Pentagon Budget,"](#) *Huffington Post*, June 17, 2016

["Viewpoint: Invest in a Better Future for Our Children,"](#) *South Bend Tribune*, June 5, 2016

["On Nuclear Dangers, Hillary Should Beat Trump Hands Down,"](#) *Huffington Post*, June 2, 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)

["Pentagon Pork Revealed, In Three Amendments,"](#) *Huffington Post*, May 18, 2016

["A Military Budget for a New World,"](#) *New York Times*, May 12, 2016

["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

["Obama Shouldn't Trade Cluster Bombs for Saudi Arabia's Friendship,"](#)
New York Times, April 19, 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

["Lockheed Seeks to Save Troubled F-35 With Exaggerated Job Claims,"](#)
Huffington Post, March 8, 2016

["Military Aid Should Do No Harm,"](#) *U.S. News and World Report*,
March 8, 2016

["Libya and the Perils of Regime Change,"](#) *Huffington Post*, March 8, 2016

["More Arms to Saudi Arabia: More Mideast Conflicts,"](#) *Lobelog*, February
25, 2016

["A Golden Age for Pentagon Waste,"](#) *U.S. News and World Report*,
February 3, 2016

["Five Things Heritage Gets Wrong About Pentagon Spending,"](#)
Huffington Post, January 27, 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 Pentagon waste, “World View with Jerome McDonnell,” WBEZ, Chicago Public Radio, December 8, 2016

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, “U.S.-Saudi Relations to Enter a New Phase,”](#) National Public Radio, September 29, 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

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McClatchy News Service (syndicated), December 28, 2016

["Trump, Taiwan and the Weapons Deal,"](#) *Baltimore Sun*, December 23, 2016

["Defense Companies Won't Slow Sales to Saudi Arabia Despite Obama's Warning Shot,"](#) *Washington Business Journal*, December 14, 2016 (quoted)

["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)

["Donald Trump Defense Pick James Mattis Made Nearly \\$1 Million on Board of Defense Contractor,"](#) *International Business Times*, December 2, 2016 (quoted)

["Ex-Congressman to Lobby Lawmakers for Saudi Arabia,"](#) *Newsweek*, November 27, 2016 (quoted)

["Will Trump Okay Arms Sales to Saudi Arabia?,"](#) *International Business Times*, November 23, 2016

["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*)

["Peter Thiel Explains Why His Company's Defense Contracts Could Lead to Less War,"](#) *Washington Post*, November 8, 2016 (quoted)

["The Obama Administration Can't Get Its Story Straight About Review of Horrific Yemen War,"](#) *Huffington Post*, October 28, 2016 (quoted)

["U.S. Sent Huge Weapons Shipments to Saudi Arabia Weeks Before Yemen Funeral Bombing,"](#) *Mint Press*, October 28, 2016 (quoted)

["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

["Where Is That Wasteful Government Spending,"](#) October 1, 2016
History News Network (quoted, syndicated piece)

["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)

["Congress Issues Wake-Up Call Over Saudi Use of U.S. Weapons in Brutal Yemen Conflict,"](#) *Forbes*, September 22, 2016

["Saudi Arabia Appears to Be Using U.S.-supplied White Phosphorus in Its War in Yemen,"](#) *Washington Post*, September 19, 2016 (project research cited)

["Saudi Arabia Bombs Yemen Water Well, Killing 30 Civilians,"](#) *Mint Press News*, September 13, 2016 (quoted and research cited)

["Cardin Opposes Block on U.S. Arms Sales to Saudi Arabia,"](#) *Defense News*, September 12, 2016 (research cited)

["Obama Administration's \\$1 Billion Arms Deal Aids Saudi Brutality in Yemen, Lawmakers Say,"](#) *Washington Times*, September 8, 2016 (quoted and research cited)

["Trump Would Spend Billions More on the Military, But for What?, Experts Say,"](#) Reuters, September 8, 2016 (quoted, syndicated piece)

["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)

["Obama Administration Arms Sales Offers to Saudi Arabia Top \\$115 Billion – Report,"](#) Reuters, September 7, 2016 (quoted and research cited)

["The U.S. Defense Industry and the 'Weaponization' of U.S. Foreign Policy,"](#) *The Nation*, August 29, 2016 (quoted)

["U.S. Defense Contractors Tell Investors Russian Threat Is Great for Business,"](#) *The Intercept*, August 19, 2016 (quoted)

["On Military Spending and National Defense: Interview With William Hartung,"](#) *Harvard Political Review*, August 3, 2016

["Yes, Now You Can Buy Your Very Own Russian T-72 Tank or Air Defense System,"](#) *National Interest*, July 11, 2016

["How Donald Trump Will Get Real,"](#) *Toronto Star*, June 27, 2016 (quoted)

["The Numbers Racket: U.S. Africa Command Clams Up After Contradictory Claims to Congress,"](#) *TomDispatch*, June 23, 2016 (quoted)

["The Pentagon As a Machine for Cost Overruns,"](#) *Huffington Post*, June 16, 2016 (quoted)

["How Rochester Firms Are Changing Military Combat,"](#) *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*, May 27, 2016

["How Elon Musk Exposed Billions in Questionable Pentagon Spending,"](#) *Politico*, May 13, 2016

["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

["Rights Group: Saudi Arabia Used U.S. Cluster Bombs on Civilians,"](#) *CNN.com*, February 29, 2016 (quoted)

["Waste, Greed, and Fraud: The Business That Makes the World's Greatest Army,"](#) *Harvard Political Review*, February 6, 2016 (interviewed)

["The Military Looks Ahead to the Next Budget Deal,"](#) *National Defense*, January 31, 2016 (quoted)

["Royal Pain: The Setback in Relations with Iran Is Just One of Saudi Arabia's Many Problems," *Bloomberg Business Week*, January 9, 2016](#)

