Arms and Security Project Media Hits
January through December 2017

This listing includes articles by project director William D. Hartung; articles quoting or citing the project or its work; and radio and TV appearances. The project published 5 research reports; articles that appeared in 99 newspapers and web sites; project director William D. Hartung was quoted in 56 news outlets and appeared on 15 radio and TV programs. The 170 total media “hits” registered by the project added up to over three per week.

The project appeared in a full range of outlets, from conservative and libertarian to moderate/mainstream to progressive. Major appearances included multiple articles or cites in the New York Times, Washington Post, Los Angeles Times, the Nation, Newsweek, the New Yorker, and appearances on Democracy Now! and National Public Radio.

Research Reports

“Donald Trump’s Dangerous Love Affair With Saudi Arabia and Its Impact on Mideast Security,” Middle East Institute, University of Denver, December 4, 2017

“U.S. Arms to the UAE and the War in Yemen,” Arms and Security Project, Center for International Policy, September 27, 2017

“Arms Sales to Saudi Arabia: The Corporate Connection,” Arms and Security Project, Center for International Policy, August 10, 2017

“Spending on the Pentagon and Related Programs: A Primer,” Arms and Security Project, Center for International Policy, July 26, 2017

“The Military Budget and the Costs of War: The Coming Trump Storm,” Arms and Security Project with the Watson Center, Brown University, April 12, 2017

Articles by Project Director William D. Hartung

“Reaganomics on Steroids?,” Inkstick, December 14, 2017
“In 2018, the Trump Administration Will Continue to Tout the Job Impacts of Arms Exports,” Forum on the Arms Trade, December 11, 2017

“How to Wield Influence and Sell Weaponry in Washington,” *TomDispatch*, November 9, 2017 (ran on over a dozen web sites, including The Nation, Antiwar.com, BillMoyers.com, Lobelog, Mother Jones, Asia Times, Eurasia Review, Common Dreams, Huffington Post, Salon, Truthout, and War is Boring)

“Donald Trump’s Hollow Promises on Arms Sales to Japan,” *Inkstick*, November 9, 2017

“$5.6 Trillion and 16 Years Later, Are the Post-9/11 Wars Worth It?,” *The Hill*, November 8, 2017


“A Breath of Fresh Air on U.S. Nuclear Policy,” *Lobelog*, October 27, 2017

“Corporate Patriots or War Profiteers?,” *Medium*, October 23, 2017

“A Vote This Week Could End U.S. Involvement in the Yemen War,” (with Kate Kizer) *Lobelog*, October 11, 2017


“U.S. Arms and Training Fuel UAE’s War in Yemen,” *Lobelog*, September 29, 2017
“Sanders Outlines Vision of a Progressive U.S. Foreign Policy,” CIP Americas Program (blog), September 27, 2017

“Trump’s UN Speech is Bush’s ‘Axis of Evil’ On Steroids,” The Hill, September 20, 2017

“Why Diplomacy With North Korea Works Better Than ‘Fire and Fury’,” The Hill, August 9, 2017

“Boosting Pentagon Spending At the Expense of Domestic Programs Puts Lives at Risk,” Medium, July 29, 2017

“A Guide to Trump’s $1 Trillion Defense Bill,” The Nation, July 25, 2017 (originally appeared in TomDispatch, and was also posted at Alternet, BillMoyers.com, Common Dreams, Daily Kos, Huffington Post, Salon, Truthdig, Truthout, and numerous smaller web sites)

“Pentagon Cries Poverty As Trump Marches to War,” Democratic Socialist, July 5, 2017

“Congress Should Stop Supporting the Saudi Bombing Campaign in Yemen,” with Arnie Alpert, Keene Sentinel (New Hampshire), June 22, 2017

“Destabilizing the Middle East (Yet More),” TomDispatch, June 20, 2017 (appeared on over a dozen web sites, including Alternet, Common Dreams, Daily Kos, Google News, Lobelog, Oped News, Medium, and Truthdig)


“There’s Less Than Meets the Eye in Trump’s Saudi Arms Deal,” Defense One, May 22, 2017

“What Trump Should Not Do When He Meets the Saudis,” CNN.com, May 19, 2107


“The American Way of War is a Budget Breaker,” TomDispatch, May 9, 2017 (also appeared in Antiwar.com, BillMoyers.com, Huffington Post, Lobelog, Salon, Truthdig, Truthout, and War Is Boring, among other sites)

“U.S. Pressure on the Saudis Can Help Promote Peace in Yemen,” The Hill, April 20, 2017

“Trump Bombings: The Mother of All Distract ions?,” CNN.com, April 14, 2017

“Reviving the Peace Movement for the 21st Century,” The Nation, March 22, 2017


“The President Who Loved Generals,” TomDispatch, March 5, 2017 (Appeared on a dozen other web sites, including Antiwar.com, BillMoyers.com, Common Dreams, Huffington Post, Lobelog, Salon, Truthdig, Truthout, and War is Boring)


“America Has Too Many Military Bases,” with Christopher Preble, The National Interest, February 6, 2017

“What Happens When All We Have Left is the Pentagon?,“ TomDispatch, February 2, 2107 (Appeared on Antiwar.com, BillMoyers.com, Common Dreams, Huffington Post, Lobelog, Salon, Truthdig, Truthout, and War is Boring, among others)

Articles Citing Project Research or Quoting Project Staff

Lawrence Wittner, “Why the Merchants of Death Survive and Prosper,” History News Network (syndicated), December 31, 2017

Eric Lutz, “Could Trump’s Bluster Undermine the Common Ground the U.S. and the UN Have Reached on North Korea?,” Mic, December 27, 2017


Nick Turse, “Donald Trump’s First Year Sets Record for U.S. Special Ops,” TomDispatch, December 14, 2017 (also ran in The Nation and numerous other major web sites)


Nauman Sadiq, “Exploiting Terrorism for ‘Strategic Objectives,’” Daily Times, (Pakistan), December 13, 2017


Jonathan Marshall, “The Ever-Expanding War on Terror,” Middle East Online, November 15, 2017

Charlie May, “The Democrats Are Perfectly Positioned to Be the Party of Peace, But They’ve Chosen War,” Salon, November 12, 2017


D. Parvaz, “Trump’s Strategy In Asia: Weapons Sales as Diplomacy,” Think Progress, November 7, 2017

Les Neuhaus, “Trump’s Unscripted Diplomacy Not Well Received, by Japan, South Korea,” New York Observer, November 7, 2017

Katrina vanden Heuvel, “America’s Expanding ‘Shadow War’ In Africa,” Washington Post, November 1, 2017

Andrea Germanos, “Saudi Bombing Kills 29 in Yemen as Vote Looms to End Carnage,” Common Dreams, November 1, 2017


Robert C. Koehler, “The Violence Comes Home Again,” Common Dreams, October 5, 2017 (also posted at Huffington Post)


Report on U.S. arms to UAE and the war in Yemen cited in Politico’s Morning Defense, September 27, 2017

Report on U.S arms to UAE cited in Foreign Policy’s Situation Report, September 27, 2017


Samuel Oakford, “The U.S. Military Can’t Keep Track of Which Missions It’s Fueling in Yemen,” September 18, 2017


Alex Nunes, “The Question Beneath Electric Boat’s Ascent: Why Do We Need These Ships,” Providence Journal, September 15, 2017

David Axe, “Trump’s Weapons Pledge is No Game Changer for South Korea,” Daily Beast, September 6, 2017


Project report on top U.S. companies arming Saudi Arabia cited in Defense One’s Global Business Brief, August 17, 2017


“Israel, Saudi, UAE Team Up in Anti-Qatar Lobbying Move,” Malaysia Digest, June 10, 2017


Dave Gilson, “Trump’s Massive Saudi Arms Sale Was All Sizzle and No Substance,” Mother Jones, June 6, 2017


Bryan Schatz, “The (Possibly Illegal) Art of the $100 Billion Saudi Arms Deal,” Mother Jones, May 19, 2017


Mark Mayfield, “A Budget Alarmingly Short on Humanity,” Tuscaloosa News (Alabama), March 19, 2017


“There’s One Shocking Obama Legacy the Media Is Desperately Trying to Ignore,” The Canary, January 6, 2017

**TV and Radio Appearances**


“The Emergence of the Nuclear-Industrial Complex,” Background Briefing With Ian Masters (syndicated radio originating from KPFK Los Angeles), November 22, 2017

“The Nuclear Enterprise Is on Autopilot,” Counterspin, November 21, 2017 (radio show syndicated on 150 stations in the U.S.)

“Divided Congress Decides to Spend $700 Billion on Military and War,” Real News Network (TV), November 18, 2017
“Can Congress Stop President Trump From Going Nuclear?,” Real News Network (TV), November 15, 2017

“The American Military in the Age of Endless War,” To The Point With Warren Olney, KCRW-FM, Santa Monica (syndicated on NPR outlets throughout the United States), November 7, 2017

Interview on U.S. arms sales and jobs, Marketplace, (syndicated on NPR stations across the U.S.), November 6, 2017

BBC Interview on impact of U.S. arms sales to the UAE, October 28, 2017

“’They Don’t Care Who the Guns Go To’: Experts Warn Trump Administration Plans to Widen U.S. Arms Exports,” Democracy Now, October 3, 2017 (TV and radio, syndicated)

“Trump’s Fantasy Budget Hides the Real Costs,” Real New Network, July 28, 2017 (TV, syndicated on East Coast of U.S.)

Interview on Trump’s Missile Strike on Syria, CNN, April 17, 2017 (see excerpt in Raw Story: https://www.rawstory.com/2017/04/cnn-panelist-nails-trumps-p-t-barnum-foreign-policy-as-the-mother-of-all-distractions/ )

“Trump Greenlights Arms Sales to Bahrain and Many Other Countries,” Real News Network, April 12, 2017

“Does Trump Stand to Benefit Personally Off the Wars He’s Escalating in Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Somalia?,” Democracy Now, April 11, 2017


“Intelligence Is Big Business,” Marketplace, January 5, 2017 (syndicated on NPR affiliates throughout the United States)