

“War is a racket.” Smedley Butler, US Marine Maj. Gen.

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**We need a Ceasefire Now in Gaza and the West Bank**

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**We have an urgent, moral responsibility to save the lives of those being bombed and denied food, water, fuel, and electricity. Too many innocent Palestinians and Israelis have been killed. All parties must respect international humanitarian law. Release all hostages!**

66% of all likely voters say the US should call for a ceasefire and de-escalation of violence in Gaza.

**The US should get the Israeli Government, Palestinian Authority, and leaders of Egypt, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia together to problem-solve. How about a 5-year plan starting with a ceasefire?**

## War Spending

- In just the last year, spending on Ukraine alone is close to \$100 billion US taxpayer dollars. Who benefits? The booming US defense industry. Companies like Lockheed Martin and Raytheon have seen stock prices skyrocket since the war began. Who pays? Working-class and poor people who suffer more each day.
- The US spends more on national defense (war) than China, India, Russia, United Kingdom, Saudi Arabia, Germany, France, Japan, and South Korea — combined.
- **Nuclear Arsenal spending: US \$44.2 billion Russia \$8.6 billion** The White House plans to increase ‘national security’ spending to a mind-blowing \$813.3 billion for the next fiscal year. What exactly is the “free world” that politicians claim depends on the US military? Americans continue to struggle with food insecurity and lack proper medical care, calling the “freedom” of US society into question.  
-PeoplesDispatch.org

*In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence, whether sought or unsought, by the military-industrial complex. The potential for the disastrous rise of misplaced power exists and will persist.* -President Dwight D. Eisenhower (Farewell Address)

## Looking for truth in reporting?

The corporate media receives funding from the massive arms industry, so finding honest news becomes important. Here are some independent award-winning journalists to consider:

Eva Bartlett – Canadian American reporting on the ground from Gaza, Syria, and now the Donbass

John Pilger – Australian journalist living in the UK

Aaron Mate - Canadian journalist

Max Blumenthal – American journalist

Kit Klarenberg - British journalist

Margaret Kimberly – American journalist

Matt Taibbi - American journalist

Danny Haiphong – American journalist

Alison Wier - American journalist, Umich. alum

Caitlin Johnstone – Journalist in Australia

(There are many more independent journalists) **OVER**

**Despite what the media is saying, the Ukraine war is not a good vs. evil fight. Below is a nuanced look at the lead-up.  
NATO: US military arm in Europe.**

~ **TIMELINE** is from a *New York Times* ad, May 16, 2023; link at the end. ~

1990 – U.S. assures Russia that NATO will not expand towards its border “...there would be no extension of...NATO one inch to the east,” says US Secretary of State James Baker.

1996 – U.S. weapons manufacturers form the Committee to Expand NATO, spending over \$51 million lobbying Congress.

1997 – 50 foreign policy experts including former senators, retired military officers and diplomats sign an open letter stating NATO expansion to be “a policy error of historic proportions.”

1999 – NATO admits Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic to NATO. U.S. and NATO bomb Russia’s ally, Serbia.

2001 – U.S. unilaterally withdraws from the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty.

2004 – Seven more Eastern European nations join NATO. NATO troops are now directly on Russia’s border.

2004 – Russia’s parliament passed a resolution denouncing NATO’s expansion. Putin responded by saying that Russia would “build our defense and security policy correspondingly.”

2008 – NATO leaders announced plans to bring Ukraine and Georgia, also on Russia’s borders, into NATO.

2009 – U.S. announced plans to put missile systems into Poland and Romania.

2014 – Legally elected Ukrainian president, Viktor Yanukovich, fled violence to Moscow. Russia views ouster as a coup by U.S. and NATO nations.

2016 – U.S. begins troop buildup in Europe.

2019 – U.S. unilaterally withdraws from Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty.

2020 – U.S. unilaterally withdraws from Open Skies Treaty.

2021 – Russia submits negotiation proposals while sending more forces to the border with Ukraine. U.S. and NATO officials reject the Russian proposals immediately.

Feb 24, 2022 – Russia invades Ukraine, starting the Russia-Ukraine War.

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