America’s Incredible, Shrinking, Aging, Less Ready, More Expensive Armed Forces

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Mis-Measuring the “Defense” Budget
What Is the “Defense” Budget?

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<th>Category</th>
<th>FY 2009 (Request)</th>
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<td><strong>DOD (“Base”)</strong></td>
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<td>DOD War Funding</td>
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<td><strong>Total “National Defense”</strong></td>
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<td>21% of Interest on the Debt</td>
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<td><strong>Grand Total</strong></td>
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DOD Budget 1947-2008
($Billions, 2008$)

Mis-Measurement a la Conservatives

% of GDP for DOD
Mis-Measurement a la Liberals

Defense Spending v. Others

Discretionary Appropriations

Defense

All Others
Mis-Measurement a la Liberals

Defense Spending v. Others

Defense
All Others

All Appropriations
United States vs. the World
($ Billions)

IISS 2008: 762
SIPRI 2008: 736
CIA 2007: 382
2008 National Defense: 693
US vs. China, Russia, Cuba, Iran, North Korea
($ Billions, 2009 Dollars)
More Money Buys a Smaller Force
Army Division Equivalents and Budget
($Billions, FY 2009 Dollars)

Navy Combat Ships and Budget
($Billions, FY 2009 Dollars)
Air Force Tactical Wings and Budget
(Billions, FY 2009 Dollars)

DOD Budget & Active Duty Personnel
(1947-2008)
($Billions, 2008 Dollars)
More Money Buys an Older Force
Figure 3-5 Updated

Age and Inventory of Army Ground Combat Vehicles

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Number of Vehicles

- M-09
- MLRS/HIMARS
- M-109
- M-1
- M-2
- Stryker
- M-113
- FCS

- 1985
- 1990
- 1995
- 2000
- 2005
- 2010
- 2015
- 2020
- 2025

- 0
- 5
- 10
- 15
- 20
- 25
- 30

Half-Life
### Figure 3-11 Updated

**Age and Inventory of Battle Force Ships**

![Graph showing the age and inventory of battle force ships with data points for Actual, FYDP, and CBO Projection. The graph spans from 1980 to 2020 with a vertical axis from 0 to 700 for the number of ships. Various categories are shown: Destroyers, Cruisers, Carriers, DDG-51, DDG-1000, CG(X), LCS, Submarines, Frigates, Amphibious Ships, and Support Ships.](image-url)
Figure 3-21 Updated

Age and Inventory of Air Force Fighter and Attack Aircraft
And, Less Ready
Readiness

• Army Tank Miles: Down from 1,000 to 459

• Are units going to Iraq “ready?”

• Naval aviators getting 17 hours/month.

• Air Force is worse.
More Capability?

• F-22 Example
  – Puny Force
  – Fewer Resources for Pilot Skill
  – Aerodynamic Disappointment
  – How much “Stealth” & “Supercruise”? 
  – Unproven BVR Hypothesis

• Performance in Iraq & Afghanistan
Two Questions
Where Did the $772 Billion Go?

• $60+ billion for pork.

• $295 billion for hardware overruns.
  – More for irrelevant systems.

• Now paying $28 billion more for 4,000 fewer people.
More Money Won’t Solve It; What Will?

• Non-phony reform of Pork rules.

• Budget Pause:
  – Independent assessment of all weapons & personnel programs.
  – Clean the financial management stables.

• Discriminate in favor of modern veterans.