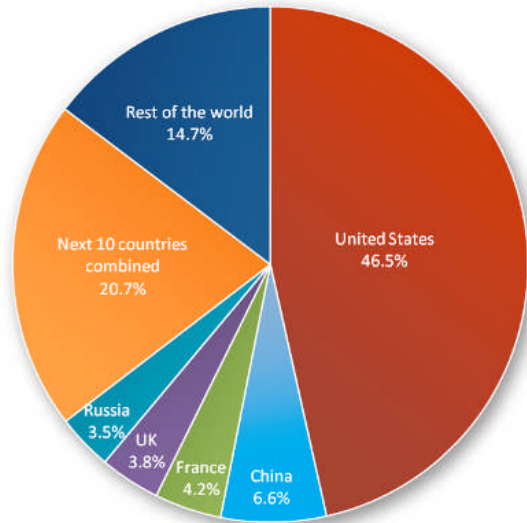


### Global Distribution of Military Expenditure in 2009



Source: Stockholm International Peace Research Institute Yearbook 2010, (US figures from Center for Arms Control and Non-Proliferation, May 2010)

# HOW IS THE WAR ECONOMY WORKING FOR YOU?

## TAX SUPPORTED MILITARY SPENDING (9/10 \$Trillion in 2010)

The United States spends more than the **next 45 highest spending countries in the world combined.**

The United States accounts for **46.5 percent of the world's total military spending.**

The United States spends on its military **7 times more than China, 13.3 times more than Russia, and 73 times more than Iran.**

The United States and its strongest allies (NATO, Japan, South Korea and Australia) **spend close to \$1.1 trillion on their militaries combined, representing 57 percent of the world's total.**

The potential "enemies," **Iran, Russia, and China together account for about \$169 billion or 24% of the US military budget.**

Source: Center For Arms Control and Non-proliferation, May, 2010

**A war economy is one built on the premise of perpetual war, making things that wear out and blow up, providing short-term employment – as opposed to a peace-time economy that devotes its resources to making things that people can actually use to better their lives, thereby perpetuating employment and prosperity rather than destruction.**

**Will fighting terrorists "over there" by invasion and occupation and the inevitable "collateral damage" succeed?**

General McChrystal called it **"insurgent math, for every innocent person you kill, you create 10 new enemies."** (RIGHT WING NEWS June 23, 2010)

## Non-military spending produces far more bang for the buck

- 1) Each billion dollars of tax revenue allocated to tax cuts for personal consumption generates approximately 10,800 jobs.
- 2) Investing the same amount in the military creates 8,500 jobs.
- 3) Investing it in health care yields 12,900 jobs; in education, 17,700 jobs; in mass transit, 19,800 jobs; and in construction for home weatherization and infrastructure, 12,800 jobs.

Sources: U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Economic Analysis, U.S. Department of Labor Bureau of Labor Standards, U.S. Census Bureau

## THE FOOTPRINT OF EMPIRE

**U.S. has 823 military installations in 135 countries and 86 in US territories.**

**U.S. owns 119,050 structures on 5,311 sites valued at \$464 Billion throughout the world.**

**NOT COUNTING THE UNITED STATES!** (Dept. of Defense – base structure report, 2001)