

Waste in Military Budget

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In 2011 a bipartisan commission report identified up to \$60 billion lost to contractor fraud and waste during the Iraq and Afghanistan wars. See www.motherjones.com/mojo/2011/09/contractor-waste-iraq-KBR and www.wartimecontracting.gov/docs/CWC_NR-49.pdf

Congressman DeFazio (D, OR) identified more waste: www.irregulartimes.com/index.php/archives/2011/12/15/pete-defazio-takes-on-wasteful-military-spending/

www.wanttoknow.info/corruptiongovernmentmilitary

Millions of dollars of overcharges by Boeing identified (\$644.75 for a \$12.51 part)!

www.wallstcheatsheet.com/breaking-news/the-department-of-defenses-wasteful-spending-and-how-boeing-cashed-in.html

A partial audit found more than \$70 billion waste in weapon systems procurement:

www.nytimes.com/2011/03/30/business/30military.html

One soldier's experience of military waste: www.onviolence.com/?e=279

Military Spending Waste Up To \$60 Billion In Iraq, Afghanistan War Funds Lost To Poor Planning, Oversight, Fraud:

www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/08/30/military-spending-waste_n_942723.html

U.S. Military Waste A Smoldering Afghan Health Issue:

www.rferl.org/content/us_military_waste_an_afghan_health_issue/24374413.html

Military waste -- \$1 trillion missing – better accounting in the Pentagon? [www.sfgate.com/cgi-](http://www.sfgate.com/cgi-bin/article.cgi?f=/c/a/2003/05/18/MN251738.DTL&ao=all)

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Jim McDermott Challenges 14 Billion Dollar Iraq Boondoggle Military Waste: [www.militarywaste.org/2009/03/07/jim-](http://www.militarywaste.org/2009/03/07/jim-mcdermott-challenges-14-billion-dollar-iraq-boon)

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Two Engines For A Single Engine Plane Military Waste: [www.militarywaste.org/2010/05/28/two-engines-for-a-single-](http://www.militarywaste.org/2010/05/28/two-engines-for-a-single-engine-plane)

[engine-plane](http://www.militarywaste.org/2010/05/28/two-engines-for-a-single-engine-plane)

www.en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Government_Accountability_Office_investigations_of_the_Department_of_Defense

- An inspector general in 2000 found 2.6 trillion dollars of untraceable, unaudited military spending.
- In 2003, the U.S. Army completely lost 32 tanks, 36 missile launchers, and 56 airplanes.
- While soldiers in Afghanistan and Iraq were short of suits to protect them from chemical and biological weapons, the Pentagon was selling those suits on the Internet at a 98 percent markdown.
- In just one year, the military bought 100 million dollars of airline tickets that it never used.
- Last year, half of all military contracts were left uncompleted.