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Community Alliance of Lane County

- Nonprofit based in Lane County, OR
- Founded in 1966, CALC has been taking on controversial issues and speaking truth to power ever since.

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REIMAGINING NATIONAL SECURITY



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“Our only hope today lies in our ability to recapture the revolutionary spirit and go out into a sometimes hostile world declaring eternal hostility to poverty, racism and militarism.”

Martin Luther King Jr.

Riverside Church, NY

April 4, 1967

“Beyond Vietnam: A Time to Break Silence”
 (“Why I am Opposed to the War in Vietnam”)




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RACISM, MILITARISM AND CLIMATE CRISIS

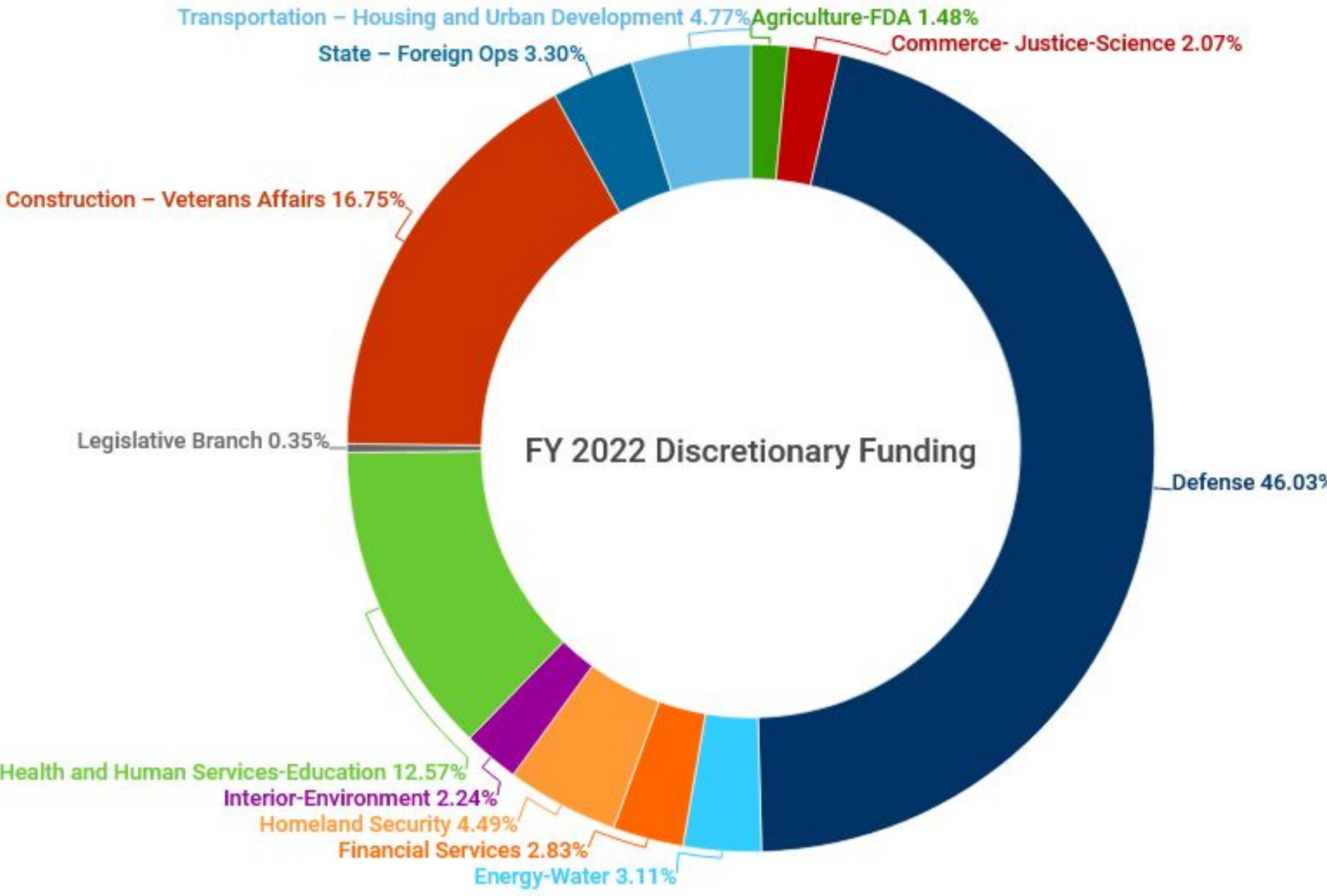
Who and what does the
military complex protect?



**SUPREMACIST
COLONIZER MENTALITY**

**RESOURCE
EXTRACTION**





The Department of Defense budget is roughly half of all Federal discretionary spending; half of that goes to military contractors.





The largest corporate donors to Congressional campaigns are military contractors: Boeing, General Dynamic, Lockheed Martin, L3Harris Technologies, Northup Grumman.



4 of 5 recent Department of Defense heads worked for top weapon contractors during their career: Lloyd Austin & Mark Esper at Raytheon, Patrick Shanahan and James Mattis at Boeing.

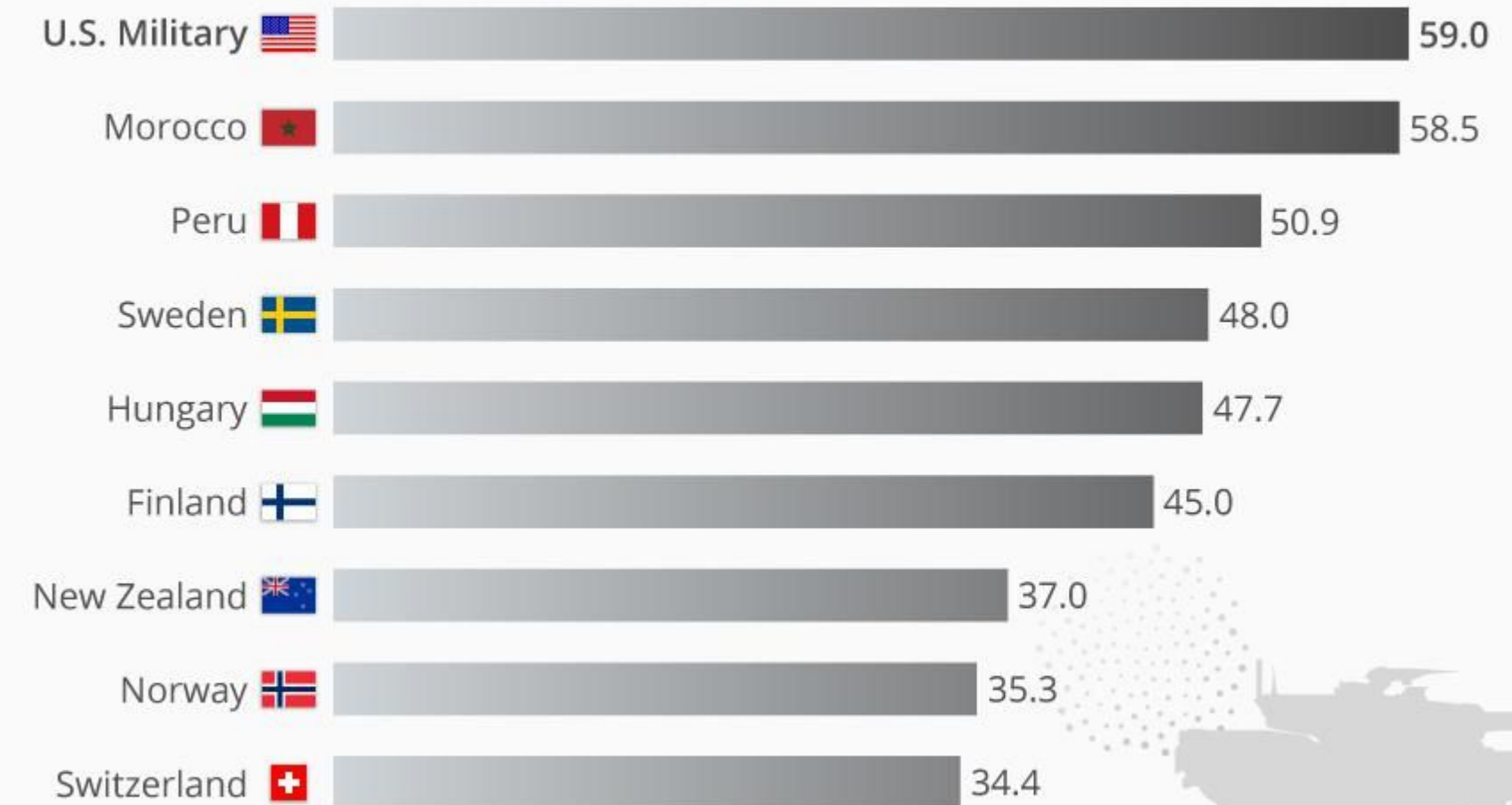


“Indeed, the Department of Defense is the world’s largest institutional user of petroleum and correspondingly, the single largest producer of greenhouse gases in the world.”

("Costs of War," Watson Institute Report, Brown University, 2019).

The U.S. Military Emits More CO₂ Than Many Nations

Estimated carbon dioxide emissions in 2017 (million tonnes)



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Sources: Brown University, BP Statistical Review of World Energy

Forbes statista

1.2 Billion Metric Tons of Greenhouse Gases

U.S. military emissions since the beginning of the Global War on Terror in 2001



This is equivalent to the annual emissions of:

257 million passenger cars, more than double the current number of cars on the road in the U.S.





**RACISM,
MILITARISM
AND
CLIMATE CRISIS**

Racism is inexorably linked to climate change because it dictates who benefits from activities that produce planet-warming gases and who suffers most from the consequences.

(Gregory Jenkins, Penn State meteorologist)

RESPONSIBLE FOR

1%

OF GLOBAL EMISSIONS,
the world's Least Developed
Countries have seen 99% of
the deaths from climate and
weather related disasters



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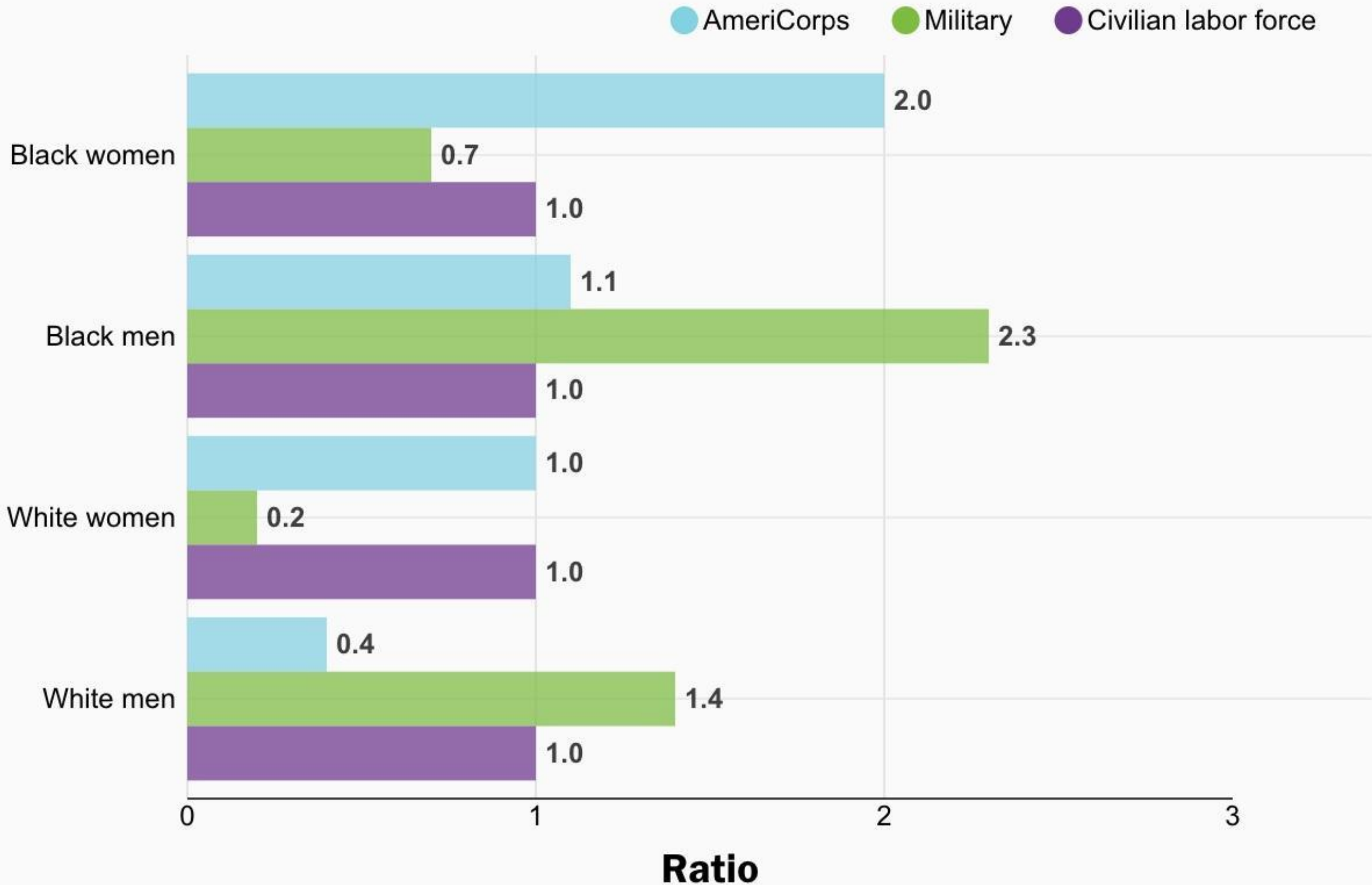
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Climate Crisis and Conflict Have Internally Displaced Over 60 Million

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Figure 2. Black men are overrepresented in military service



MILITARY COMPLEX
AND
ENVIRONMENTAL
EXPOSURE

cancer

leukemia

birth defects

sterility

miscarriage

lung disease

deafness



MILITARIZATION OF THE BORDER WITH MEXICO

The National Priorities Project estimates that in next 50 years 1 in 3 people may migrate due to climate changes leading to social disruption.

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Pentagon have been planning a **militarized response** to climate-related migration for decades. Both agencies have **cited the climate crisis** to justify increased border militarization and the **deportation of immigrants**.

2003 Pentagon-commissioned report:

“Borders will be strengthened around the country to hold back unwanted starving immigrants from the Caribbean islands [...] Mexico, and South America.”



SUNRISE MOVEMENT

MILITARIZATION OF THE BORDER WITH MEXICO

5 of the largest 14 contractors
in the “border security
business” are also the same 5
largest military contractors
(Boeing, Lockheed Martin,
General Dynamics, Northrup
Grumman and Raytheon)



MILITARIZATION OF THE BORDER WITH MEXICO

..has devastating effects
on the land, plant and
non-human animal life.
(Sierra Club)



Photo courtesy of Wolf Conservation Center

Endangered Species Are Casualties of Trump's Border Wall

The habitats for jaguars, ocelots, and wolves are being cut in half

MILITARIZATION OF POLICING

Equipping domestic law enforcement with military equipment results in an "us vs. them" mentality. Police are pitted against residents they should be serving and protecting, especially in communities of color.

A Department of Defense program called the **1033 Program** transfers heavy-duty weaponry and other equipment **from the military to police** at virtually **no cost** to local departments.

The infographic features a large red arrow pointing from the Pentagon (labeled 'PENTAGON') towards a 'Local Police Precinct'. Inside the arrow, various military assets are depicted: a helmet, a helicopter, a large military truck, a Humvee, and several assault rifles. At the bottom of the arrow, a row of seven colored squares is shown: white, white, white, black, white, white, white. The 'Local Police Precinct' is represented by a brown rectangular block with a green tree icon next to it.

United We Dream | Institute for Policy Studies | Rainbow Black Network

MILITARIZATION OF POLICING

Amount of military equipment transferred to law enforcement agencies

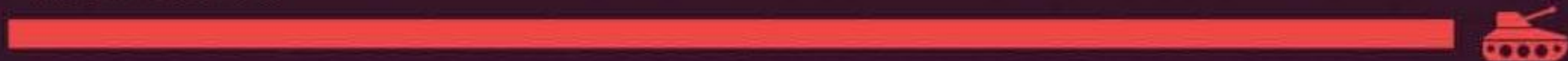
BEFORE 9/11

 > \$27 million



SINCE 9/11

> \$1.6 billion



MILITARIZATION OF POLICING

Like water protectors at Standing Rock, those who stand up against corporate polluters are often met with a militarized response to suppress resistance. (United We Dream, Institute for Policy Studies, Sunrise Movement)





RACISM AND MILITARISM

U.S. military interventions since WWII have been in non-European countries: Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria, Libya, Korea, Haiti, Cuba, Vietnam, Dominican Republic, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, Kuwait.

RACISM AND MILITARISM

1 in 3

Black U.S. military service members reported racial discrimination, harassment or both in 12-month period.

(2017 Defense Department survey)



RACISM AND MILITARISM

White supremacist and militia groups recruit among military personnel and veterans. They also encourage members to join the military to get training.



RACISM AND MILITARISM

Nearly 1 In 5
Defendants in
Capitol Riot Cases
Served in The
Military.





**RACISM
AND
MILITARISM**

At least 450 active duty military personnel have been convicted of extremism since 1990.

**NUCLEAR WEAPONS,
NUCLEAR POWER,
GLOBAL THREAT**



NUCLEAR WEAPONS, NUCLEAR POWER, GLOBAL THREAT

814 nuclear tests
have been done on
Western Shoshone
land since 1951.





REIMAGINING NATIONAL SECURITY: "A TRUE REVOLUTION OF VALUES"

- research local effects of militarism on policing and other areas
- host presentations
- support anti-racist environmental work in Lane County
- conduct community discussions on true security



WHAT DOES TRUE SECURITY LOOK LIKE?



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