

# Violence, Incorporated

*An exposé on the Influence of the Military-Industrial Complex  
On Public Policy and the Trade Agreements*



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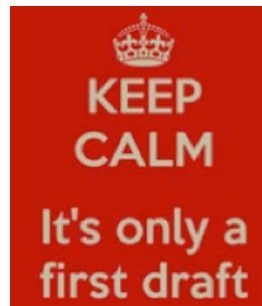
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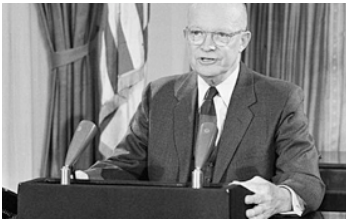
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**Note:** I take full responsibility -- absolutely no one has condoned, approved, authorized or [up twinkled](#) any aspect of this document. The inquiries and opinions posed are my own and I proudly take full credit for my mistakes. This is a work in progress. I tried to do my best and hopefully it will get better. – JRW

## 1. So what's the story?



[Eisenhower's Farewell Address to the Nation](#) / January 17, 1961

*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.*

The “Violence, Incorporated” research initiatives, my open letters to Congress, and several discussions with Congressional Legislative staff; arguably demonstrates, that The "Pivot to Asia" and Trans Pacific Partnership deliberation are inextricably linked, and that the Obama Administration; including then Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, negotiated, what might be construed as, "side agreements" - related to armament sales & “donations” - the forward deployment of U.S. Military assets and international "military-to-military exercises".

This appears to have been performed in conjunction with members of [The President's Export Council](#); (which admittedly serves as the “*principal national advisory committee on international trade*”) and remarkably included [James McNerney](#) as Chairman (while Mr. McNerney simultaneously served as the President and CEO of Boeing and as the Chairman of The Business Roundtable) and [Marillyn Hewson](#) (also a member of the Business Roundtable, while Ms. Hewson simultaneously acted as President and CEO of Lockheed Martin) as well as the “Administration” members which include; Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter, the United States Trade Representative Michael Froman and then Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.

[The Business Roundtable](#) has been vociferously involved with promulgating information about Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) and the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) based on their corporate member’s interests, notably though their initiative [Trade Benefits America](#) Coalition and other extensive lobbying efforts. It is important to note that The Business Roundtable had been a major proponent of NAFTA as it is important to note that many major defense contractor corporate CEOs are [members of The Business Roundtable](#).

The legality, constitutionality and ethics are in question regarding the aforementioned.

We must also scrutinize how adeptly the information has been kept from being reported through corporate media and kept from public awareness.

Long anticipated negative consequences, chalked up to the costs-of-doing-business, aided & abetted through government/corporate collusion, perpetuates nefarious byproducts, which are- a servitude class structure, environmental degradation, death and destruction, depending of course on the specific products and services; their production, distribution and utilization.

Regarding the current political implications – be it as it may – candidates for the 2016 Presidential campaign are connected with this story.



[Remarks by the President Announcing the President's Export Council](#)

The White House / July 7, 2010

*THE PRESIDENT: Thank you very much. (Applause.) Everybody, please be seated. Well, good morning. Thank you, Jim McNerney, for being here. And thank you to members of my Cabinet and my administration for coming.*

*Regionally, we're working on the Trans-Pacific Partnership Free Trade Agreement to expand our commercial presence in some of the most dynamic markets in Asia.*

[President's Council on Jobs and Competitiveness](#) / Jim McNerney, Chairman, President and CEO, The Boeing Company

The White House

*By appointment of U.S. President Barack Obama, McNerney chairs the President's Export Council, which operates as an advisory committee on international trade.*



The [President's Export Council](#) / International Trade Administration

*The President's Export Council serves as the principal national advisory committee on international trade. The Council advises the President of government policies and programs that affect U.S. trade performance; promotes export expansion; and provides a forum for discussing and resolving trade-related problems among the business, industrial, agricultural, labor, and government sectors.*



[U.S. Trade & Investment Initiatives](#)

Business Roundtable



[Trade Benefits America Coalition Members](#)

**Note:** President Obama assigned James McNerney to serve as the Chairman of [The President's Export Council](#), while Mr. McNerney simultaneously was employed as the President and CEO of Boeing AND while Mr. McNerney also served as the Chairman of The Business Roundtable. Marillyn Hewson, the President of Lockheed Martin, a member of the Business Roundtable, also serves on the President's Export Council.  
– JRW



## [Boeing Government Operations Overview](#)

Boeing

*Boeing's Government Operations office is located in Arlington, Va., near Washington D.C., and serves the company in three ways. It works with government officials and organizations to protect and advance the company's interests, competitiveness, and reputation; win support for Boeing programs; and shape public policy issues that impact the company. The office works with public officials across all levels of government – federal, state and local – to carry out this mission. It also works with various third parties – organizations such as think tanks, associations, public policy groups, and international organizations.*

*While Boeing creates world-class commercial and defense products, the Government Operations office solicits the support needed from government to ensure the company's success. For example, it works for fair trade practices and reasonable levels of taxation and regulation so that Boeing can remain competitive in global markets and support U.S. economic growth and jobs. In addition to these many functions, the office serves as a point of contact between federal, state and local governments, plus associated third parties, and the company's business units.*

## [Boeing: Defense Overview](#)

Boeing

*Boeing's expertise spans a broad range of products in defense. Fighter jets, rotorcraft, embedded product support, cybersecurity products, surveillance suites, advanced weapons, missile defense and commercial aircraft derivatives all fit in Boeing's portfolio. The company can leverage this holistic knowledge and deliver the value of those integrated systems to its customers.*

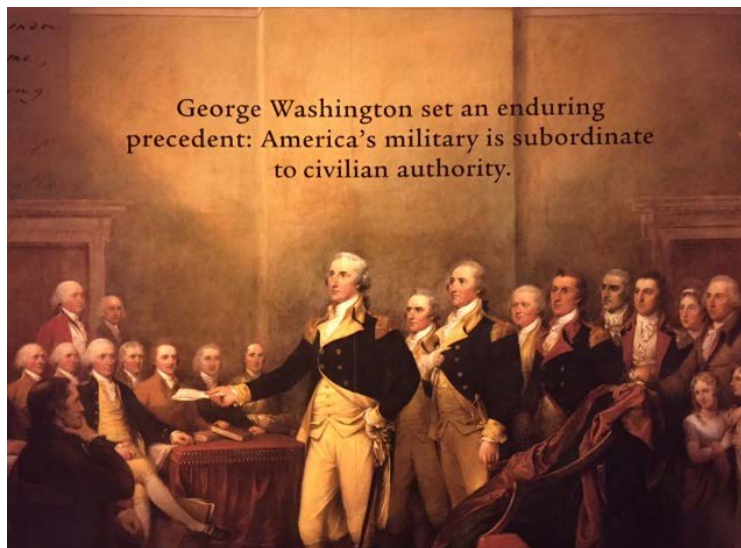




## UNWARRANTED INFLUENCE

Directed by: Janek Ambros

A short documentary on what President Dwight D. Eisenhower described as the 'Military Industrial Complex.'



**Note:** How many other private sector “defense contractor” corporate advisors who act as if they are the “civilian authority” and whose specific mission was to influence legislation & regulation, assisted in and were privy to the trade negotiations? - JRW

**That is the story!**

## 2. Meeting our Quota



*“The Triple Evils of POVERTY, RACISM and MILITARISM are forms of violence that exist in a vicious cycle. They are interrelated, all-inclusive, and stand as barriers to our living in the Beloved Community. When we work to remedy one evil, we affect all evils.”*

Where Do We Go From Here: Chaos or Community? / Martin Luther King, Jr.



*“At Lockheed Martin, the Government of Japan has grown to become one of our largest international customers, and our partnerships with Japanese industry have become important to our continued success.*

*Our first imperative is security.*

*Japan has recently taken decisive action to realign its defense and security policies. Secretary of Defense Hagel called this change, and I quote, “a bold, historic, landmark decision [that] will enable Japan to significantly increase its contribution to regional and global security and expand its role on the world stage.”*

*We agree with Secretary Hagel, and welcome these changes to Japan’s defense policies.*

*And at Lockheed Martin, we stand ready to help Japan meet its security needs – from Aegis destroyers to PAC-3 missiles, and now the F-35 Lightning II Joint Strike Fighter.*

*Our shared growth serves as a model for other countries and underpins our global free market. It creates jobs, opportunity and progress around the world. With further progress on the Trans-Pacific Partnership, we see a relationship the U.S. State Department calls “strong, mature and increasingly interdependent,” being made stronger and more valuable still.”*

[Delivering Innovative Solutions for Today’s Global Challenges](#)

2015 Lockheed Martin Media Day / Remarks As Delivered by Marillyn A. Hewson

February 18, 2015



*“Being at the service of dialogue and peace also means being truly determined to minimize and, in the long term, to end the many armed conflicts throughout our world. Here we have to ask ourselves: Why are deadly weapons being sold to those who plan to inflict untold suffering on individuals and society? Sadly, the answer, as we all know, is simply for money: money that is drenched in blood, often innocent blood. In the face of this shameful and culpable silence, it is our duty to confront the problem and to stop the arms trade.”*

[Pope Francis Address to U.S. Congress](#)

September 24, 2015

### 3. What's "the Establishment" got to do with it? NAFTA to TPP

*An examination into Hillary Clinton's responsibilities as Secretary of State; vested authority and roles related to the inextricably linked "Pivot to Asia" and Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) deliberations and negotiations.*

**Note:** I cannot fathom why, but during the 2016 Democratic candidate debates leading up to the first caucus in Iowa rhetoric was thrust about regarding whether or not Hillary Clinton is "part of the establishment". The continuum between NAFTA and the TPP is relevant towards this discussion. - JRW

*What's the Establishment got to do with it?*

[Sanders: Clinton Has Entire Establishment Behind Her; Hillary; I Can't Be Establishment Because I'm A Woman](#)

Real Clear Politics / February 4, 2016

[Of Course Hillary Clinton Exemplifies the Establishment](#)

The most surreal moment in the Democratic debate came when one of America's most powerful insiders took umbrage at an accurate characterization of who she represents. The Atlantic / Conor Feidersdorf / February 5, 2016

[Hillary Clinton just suggested she's not 'establishment.' Come on.](#)

The Washington Post / February 5, 2016 / Janell Ross

[Hillary Clinton accuses Bernie Sanders of 'smear' campaign in fiery debate](#)

February 5, 2016 / Financial Times

*Accused of being part of the establishment, she asked how "a woman running to be the first woman president" could be considered part of the establishment.*

*She was less successful in defending her decision to give well-paid speeches to Wall Street banks and other companies, a history Mr. Sanders says will affect her neutrality in the White House.*

*Asked by the moderator whether she would release the full transcripts of her paid speeches, Mrs. Clinton said only that she would "look into it".*

**Note:** Let's take a look at "the Establishment", as related to foreign affairs and centers of power, which perhaps are little known to most people. – JRW

*What's the President's Export Council got to do with it?*

[President's Export Council](#) (PEC)

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President's Export Council [members](#)

Hillary Clinton was a member while she was the Secretary of State. James McNerney was the Chairman of the President's Export Council while he served as the Chairman of the Business Roundtable as well as President and CEO of Boeing.

[Secretary Clinton Delivers Remarks at the President's Export Council](#)

U.S. Department of State / March 11, 2011

[A Report to the President Prepared by the President's Export Council](#) / 2014

**Note:** Without offering any dissenting opinion reports the attached letter strongly promotes Trade Promotion Authority and encourages completion of the trade agreements. – JRW



*What's Obama's "Pivot to Asia" got to do with it?*

[Clinton Says She Didn't Work On Trans-Pacific Partnership, Despite Apparent Past Approval](#)

International Business Times / Tim Marin / July 20, 2015

*Hillary Clinton seemingly further distanced herself from the [controversial](#) Trans-Pacific Partnership on Thursday following a meeting with the executive council of the AFL-CIO federation of labor organizations. The Democratic presidential hopeful told reporters she did not work on the trade deal while serving as secretary of state for President Barack Obama, according to [Bloomberg](#).*

**A bit about the "Pivot to Asia":**

[The American Pivot to Asia](#)

Foreign Policy / Kenneth Lieberthal / December 21, 2011

*The Obama administration's overall posture toward Asia has in fact evolved considerably over the course of the past couple of years. President Barack Obama laid out the result in its fullest form last month, as he traveled to Honolulu, Australia, and Indonesia for a series of major meetings. The message of this remarkable trip warrants careful examination, as it articulated **an integrated diplomatic, military, and economic strategy** that stretches from the Indian subcontinent through Northeast Asia — and one that can profoundly shape the U.S.-China relationship. The core message: America is going to play a leadership role in Asia for decades to come.*

[America's Pacific Century](#)

The future of politics will be decided in Asia, not Afghanistan or Iraq, and the United States will be right at the center of the action.

Foreign Policy / By Hillary Clinton / October 11, 2011

*As the war in Iraq winds down and America begins to withdraw its forces from Afghanistan, the United States stands at a pivot point. Over the last 10 years, we have allocated immense resources to those two theaters. In the next 10 years, we need to be smart and systematic about where we invest time and energy, so that we put ourselves in the best position to sustain our leadership, secure our interests, and*

*advance our values. One of the most important tasks of American statecraft over the next decade will therefore be to lock in a substantially increased investment — diplomatic, economic, strategic, and otherwise — in the Asia-Pacific region.*

*As secretary of state, I broke with tradition and embarked on my first official overseas trip to Asia. In my seven trips since, I have had the privilege to see firsthand the rapid transformations taking place in the region, underscoring how much the future of the United States is intimately intertwined with the future of the Asia-Pacific. A strategic turn to the region fits logically into our overall global effort to secure and sustain America's global leadership.*

### [Understanding the U.S. Pivot to Asia](#)

Bookings Institute / January 31, 2012

*The Obama administration has adopted a policy of rebalancing toward Asia and in recent months has **detailed this in military, economic and trade, human rights and diplomatic initiatives**. President Barack Obama has personally affirmed that the U.S. will play a leadership role in Asia for many years to come.*

### [East Asian foreign policy of the Barack Obama administration](#)

Wikipedia

*Additional focus was placed on the region with the Obama administration's 2012 "Pivot to East Asia" regional strategy,<sup>[3]</sup> whose key areas of actions are: "strengthening bilateral security alliances; deepening our working relationships with emerging powers, including with China; engaging with regional multilateral institutions; expanding trade and investment; forging a broad-based military presence; and advancing democracy and human rights."<sup>[4]</sup> A report by the Brookings Institution states that reactions to the pivot strategy were mixed, as "different Asian states responded to American rebalancing in different ways."<sup>[3]</sup>*

*The 'pivot' strategy, according to Clinton, will proceed along six courses of action: strengthening bilateral security alliances; deepening America's relationships with rising powers, including China; engaging with regional multilateral institutions; expanding trade and investment; forging a broad-based military presence; and advancing democracy and human rights.<sup>[29]</sup>*

**Note:** Translation – “theaters”, “secure our interests”, “strategic”, “security alliances” each refer to the involvement of the Military. - JRW

### [Economic Statecraft: U.S. Foreign Policy in an Age of Economic Power](#)

Bureau of Public Affairs / U.S. State Department / February 16, 2012

*Secretary Clinton is placing economics and market forces at the center of U.S. foreign policy. Economic Statecraft means both harnessing global economic forces to advance America's foreign policy and employing the tools of foreign policy to shore up our economic strength. We have backed this vision with an ambitious agenda, covering four broad elements:*

***Pivoting to Asia through efforts such as the Trans-Pacific Partnership, Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation, and the U.S. – Korea Free Trade Agreement.***

**Note:** Let me see if I understand this correctly.

1. The “Pivot to Asia”, was actually rebranded “Rebalance” because “Pivot to Asia” was found to be too threatening to some and too noncommittal to others.
2. Inherent in the “Pivot to Asia” was, to be blunt, an assertive U.S. Military component.
3. From the U.S. perspective the Trans Pacific Partnership was an integral part of the

“Pivot to Asia”.

4. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton claims that she did not have the TPP text yet she spent years touting the relevance of it none-the-less.

5. Therefore Hillary Clinton must think that her work, under the direction of President Obama, with all of that traveling and speaking engagements on the “Pivot to Asia” or whatever they want to call it, was a waste of time.

6. Unless you consider it successful given the amount of weapons that have been sold and the degree to which the U.S. armed forces have been “forward deployed” throughout the Asia Pacific region as a result of the “Pivot to Asia” / Trans Pacific Partnership deliberations.

7. Exactly who is qualified to be the Commander in Chief of the United States Armed Forces? - JRW

### [FACT SHEET: Advancing the Rebalance to Asia and the Pacific](#)

The White House / November 16, 2015

*President Obama’s ninth trip to Asia and the Pacific in November 2015 reflects the growing importance of the region to U.S. national interests and the Administration’s commitment to advancing our broader regional strategy, known as the Rebalance. With nearly half of the earth’s population, one-third of global GDP, and some of the world’s most capable militaries, Asia and the Pacific is increasingly the world’s political and economic center of gravity.*

*Since launching the Rebalance, we have made significant progress in advancing this vision. Among a number of accomplishments, we have:*

*Strengthened our treaty alliances with Australia, Japan, the Republic of Korea (ROK), and the Philippines, while maintaining our long-standing alliance with Thailand. We have enhanced our defense posture in the region and prioritized Asia for our most advanced military capabilities.*

*Promoted stronger trade and investment links, principally through the new, high-standard Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) with eleven other countries, to deepen economic integration and establish unprecedented environmental and labor standards;*

*Deepened partnerships with Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Vietnam and India, and strengthened our unofficial relationship with the people of Taiwan;*

**Note:** Doesn’t “Rebalance” sound that much less insidious? – JRW



### [A Conversation with U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton](#)

Council on Foreign Relations / September 8, 2010

[America’s Pacific Century – The future of politics will be decided in Asia, not Afghanistan or Iraq, and the United States will be right at the center of the action.](#)

Foreign Policy / October 11, 2011 / by Hillary Clinton

[Remarks By President Obama to the Australian Parliament](#)  
Parliament House, Canberra, Australia / November 17, 2011

*For the United States, this reflects a broader shift. After a decade in which we fought two wars that cost us dearly, in blood and treasure, the United States is turning our attention to the vast potential of the Asia Pacific region. In just a few weeks, after nearly nine years, the last American troops will leave Iraq and our war there will be over. In Afghanistan, we've begun a transition – a responsible transition – so Afghans can take responsibility for their future and so coalition forces can begin to draw down. And with partners like Australia, we've struck major blows against al Qaeda and put that terrorist organization on the path to defeat, including delivering justice to Osama bin Laden.*

*Our new focus on this region reflects a fundamental truth – the United States has been, and always will be, a Pacific nation. Asian immigrants helped build America, and millions of American families, including my own, cherish our ties to this region.*

*As we consider the future of our armed forces, we've begun a review that will identify our most important strategic interests and guide our defense priorities and spending over the coming decade. So here is what this region must know. As we end today's wars, I have directed my national security team to make our presence and mission in the Asia Pacific a top priority. As a result, reductions in U.S. defense spending will not – I repeat, will not – come at the expense of the Asia Pacific.*

*My guidance is clear. As we plan and budget for the future, we will allocate the resources necessary to maintain our strong military presence in this region. We will preserve our unique ability to project power and deter threats to peace. We will keep our commitments, including our treaty obligations to allies like Australia.*

[Remarks at ASEAN Business and Investment Summit](#)

Bali, Indonesia

Remarks by Secretary of State Hillary Clinton / November 18, 2011

*Now let me describe briefly four ways that we want to work with you: first, by lowering trade barriers; second, by strengthening the investment climate; third, by pursuing commercial diplomacy; and fourth, by supporting entrepreneurs. We're excited about the innovative trade agreement called the Trans-Pacific Partnership, or TPP.*

*We are also working to ensure that the TPP is the first trade pact designed specifically to reduce barriers for small and medium-sized enterprises, and that all companies are treated fairly, regardless of their size, or whether their owners sit in boardrooms or government ministries.*

[Remarks by Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton](#)

Techport Australia / November 15, 2012

*American defense manufacturers are helping to modernize Australia's defense forces through programs like the Joint Strike Fighter project, the Growler upgrades to your Super Hornets, Wedgetail Airborne Early Warning and P-8 anti-submarine warfare aircraft, C-17 and C-27 transport aircraft, MH-60 helicopters for your navy, and the AEGIS weapons systems for your new Air Warfare Destroyers built right here.*

*But this is a two-way street, because Australian defense manufacturers in turn are contributing to our U.S. defense projects. I just saw the turrets that are manufactured and then exported to the United States for us to be using in our defense. We're also working with you and getting your help in our littoral combat ships. So this is a mutual partnership where we both look out for each other, and we both benefit.*

[Hillary Clinton Promotes the TPP in Singapore](#) (Video)

November 17, 2012

*And with Singapore and a growing list of other countries on both sides of the Pacific we are making progress towards finalizing a far-reaching new trade agreement called the Trans Pacific Partnership....*

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[Susan Rice on Hillary Clinton's Accomplishments: 'Instrumental' in Asia Pivot](#)

Bloomberg Politics / Ben Brody / June 18, 2015 --- Watch the Video

*In an interview with Bloomberg's With All Due Respect set to air Thursday, Rice said the Democratic presidential candidate "was instrumental in formulating and implementing the rebalance to Asia, of which the Trans-Pacific Partnership is a part," as the U.S.'s top diplomat.*

[Ambassador Susan E. Rice](#)

The White House

*Ambassador Susan E. Rice is the President's National Security Advisor. She oversees the National Security Council Staff, chairs the Cabinet level National Security Principals Committee, provides the President's daily national security briefing, and is responsible for the coordination and integration of the Administration's foreign policy, intelligence, and military efforts.*

*From January 2009 until assuming the role of National Security Advisor in July 2013, Ambassador Rice served as the U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations and a member of President Obama's Cabinet.*

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[Courting Unions, Hillary Clinton Says She Didn't Work on Trans-Pacific Partnership](#)

Bloomberg Politics / Josh Eidelson / July 30, 2015

[Hillary Clinton flip-flops on Trans-Pacific Partnership](#)

PolitiFact / Lauren Carroll / October 8, 2015

[What Hillary Clinton really said about TPP and the 'gold standard'](#)

PolitiFact / Lauren Carroll / October 13, 2015

[HILLARY CLINTON: THE "PIVOT TO ASIA"](#)

Correct the Record

[45 Times Secretary Clinton pushed the trade bill she now opposes](#)

Daily Kos

[Hillary Clinton's Trade Switch: A Trans-Pacific Timeline](#)

The Wall Street Journal / William Mauldin / October 13, 2015

[What Hillary Clinton REALLY said on TPP & Fast Track](#) (video interview)

NALEO /

1:05 min. into the video -- "I said **it holds out the promise** to be the gold standard"... "I have not read it"...

### [Hillary Clinton Says She Didn't Work on the Trans-Pacific Partnership](#)

truthdig / David Sirota / August 7, 2015

*"I did not work on TPP," she said after a meeting with leaders of labor unions who oppose the pact. "I advocated for a multinational trade agreement that would 'be the gold standard.' But that was the responsibility of the United States Trade Representative."*

*The trouble, of course, is that Clinton's declaration does not square with the facts.*

### [Hillary Clinton breaks with Obama to oppose Trans Pacific Partnership](#)

The Guardian / Ben Jacobs, Lauren Gambino and Sabrina Siddiqui / October 7, 2015

*In a taped interview with PBS's NewsHour, Clinton said "as of today, I am not in favor of what I have learned about it". The former secretary of state added, "I don't have the text, we don't yet have all the details, I don't believe it's going to meet the high bar I have set."*

**Note:** Let's pretend that we believed Hillary Clinton when she stated, "I don't have the text, we don't yet have all the details, I don't believe it's going to meet the high bar I have set." – then wouldn't it be the case that she rushed to judgment? Why did she state, "As of today, I am not in favor of what I have learned about it"? Why wouldn't she have waited to make a statement until such time as she read the TPP documents, which were [posted by the USTR](#)? I am thinking that Hillary Clinton made those carefully scripted remarks to make it seem like she was voicing opposition to the TPP, but is quite aware of the ambiguity of her statements and how it would manipulate certain voter "constituency sectors", such as labor unions, into announcing their support for her presidential candidacy. - JRW

**Note:** In the next section there are descriptions about the duties of the Secretary of State. I wouldn't want to be in the room when President Obama finds out that Hillary Clinton was only pretending to work on the TPP. Just kidding, I would. - JRW

## *What's the Department of State got to do with it?*

[Secretary of State Hillary Clinton](#) / Wikipedia

In office January 21, 2009 – February 1, 2013

[Duties of the Secretary of State](#) / U.S. Department of State

Read them all – Among other things:

*Serves as the President's principal adviser on U.S. foreign policy;*

*Conducts negotiations relating to U.S. foreign affairs;*

*Negotiates, interprets, and terminates treaties and agreements;*

*Informs the Congress and American citizens on the conduct of U.S. foreign relations;*

## *What's the Export Control Reform Initiative got to do with it?*

### [Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security](#)

U.S. Department of State

*"Other specific responsibilities include directing and coordinating export control policies"*

**Note:** Was the Obama Administration's Export Control Reform Initiative implemented to make it easier to sell and export certain weapons and components of weapon systems? What are the responsibilities of the Congress & the State Department and to what degree have they lost oversight in this regard? What were the concerns if any registered by members of Congress? – JRW

### [About Export Control Reform](#) (ECR)

[Export.gov](#)

*In August 2009, the President directed a broad-based interagency review of the U.S. export control system, with the goal of strengthening national security and the competitiveness of key U.S. manufacturing and technology sectors by focusing on current threats, as well as adapting to the changing economic and technological landscape. This review determined that the current export control system is overly complicated, contains too many redundancies, and, in trying to protect too much, diminishes our ability to focus our efforts on the most critical national security priorities.*

### [CSC Letter to President](#) / January 11, 2010

The Coalition for Security and Competitiveness w/ cc to:

The Honorable Hillary R. Clinton, Secretary of State

The Honorable Robert Gates, Secretary of Defense

The Honorable Gary Locke, Secretary of Commerce

General James Jones, National Security Advisor

The Honorable Lawrence Summers, Director, National Economic Council

### [CSC Members](#)

### [McNerney, Burns Announce Subcommittees for President's Export Council; First Meeting Scheduled for September 16](#)

Boeing – Media Room / August 19, 2010

*President's Export Council Chairman Jim McNerney and Vice Chairman Ursula Burns today announced the subcommittees for the newly established group, which is tasked with providing President Barack Obama advice on ways to enhance U.S. competitiveness and fuel job growth by doubling exports in five years.*

*McNerney, Boeing chairman, president and CEO, said ideas for the council structure and its initial focus areas came from the members appointed by the president on July 7. "We constructed this council to guide and focus our initial efforts on this national imperative. We have an aggressive plan that addresses a wide range of job-creating export opportunities, from expanding free and fair trade agreements, to increasing tourism to the United States, to retraining our returning veterans in needed work skills," McNerney said. McNerney and Burns plan to structure the Export Council into five subcommittees:*

*Small and Medium Sized Business Engagement  
Export Promotion and Advocacy  
Global Competitiveness*

*Manufacturing, Services and Agriculture  
Workforce Readiness*

*The Export Council's first official meeting is scheduled for September 16th.*

*The council is focused on working with the administration to double exports in five years by pushing free and fair trade agreements through Congress, **implementing export control reforms**, examining business visa policies, implementing bilateral and multilateral enforcement of intellectual property rights and establishing public-private partnership using U.S. embassies abroad to promote the United States as a tourism destination.*

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*There are currently 20 private-sector members of the council who serve with five senators and five congressmen appointed by their respective leadership in addition to the Secretaries of Commerce, Agriculture, Energy, Homeland Security, Labor, State, and Treasury; **the Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States**; the U.S. Trade Representative; and the Administrator of the Small Business Administration.*

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### Trade Transformation

New U.S. trade rules will have far-reaching effect on aerospace, defense  
Boeing / Kathryn Greaney, Vice President, Global Trade Controls /

Global Trade Controls (GTC), a part of the Office of Internal Governance, has been preparing for this since President Obama announced the reform effort in 2009. Boeing representatives from GTC and Government Operations have served on industry advisory groups during the rule-making process and provided input to help ensure the reform meets its goal. A variety of other organizations have also supported export reform, including Business Roundtable (an association of CEOs of leading U.S. companies) and the President's Export Council (which advises the president on trade policy and programs to further the administration's goal of doubling U.S. exports over five years). Both are chaired by Boeing Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Jim McNerney.

**Note:** Secretary of State was an Executive Branch Member of the President's Export Council - JRW

[Secretary Clinton Participates in President's Export Council \(PEC\) Meeting](#) (Video)  
U.S. Department of State / March 14, 2011



Secretary Clinton Participates in President's Export Council (PEC) Meeting

~8:25 into the video

“We really appreciate the advice and the push on that one, and ah your commercial advocacy is off the charts, and we appreciate it. We appreciate it very much.” - James McNerney thanking Hillary Clinton

**Note:** From what I know at this point – this seems to be a glimpse into the Military-Industrial Complex easily at work. I am willing to be educated as to why my opinion is incorrect. – JRW

### [Obama plan would ease weapons export rules](#)

Washington Post / Sari Horwitz / May 2, 2012

*The Obama administration is crafting a proposal that could make it easier to [export firearms](#) and other weapons to certain countries in an effort to boost sales for U.S. companies, increase trade and improve national security, according to senior government officials.*

*At least two federal agencies — the Department of Homeland Security and the Justice Department — have expressed concerns that the changes in the export rules could make it easier for drug cartels and terrorists to obtain weapons and make it harder to stop firearms trafficking.*

### [Business Roundtable Letter to President Obama in Support of Export Control Reforms](#)

The Business Roundtable / October 25, 2012

### [Risks and Returns: The Economic Illogic of the Obama Administration’s Arms Export Reforms](#)

/ by William D. Hartung

[Center for International Policy](#) / International Policy Report / August 2013

*Moving a defense product or service from the State Department’s USML to the Commerce Department’s CCL disassociates the transferred items from a body of protections enshrined in law by Congress over the years. As the American Bar Association’s Center for Human Rights has noted, “the USML – unlike the CCL – is part of a sophisticated regulatory regime designed to protect sensitive weaponry.”<sup>10</sup>*

*A transfer from the USML to the CCL might create considerable confusion about which military equipment is covered by existing legal restrictions and might put significant arrays of military goods and equipment beyond the reach of existing statutory restraints. The administration has argued that it will take measures to avoid this outcome, asserting that it will “continue to maintain the judicious use of export controls to deter human rights abuses and avoid contributing to civil disorder in a country or region.”<sup>11</sup>*

*But as the ABA Human Rights Center report notes, these regulations are easy to amend and are not an adequate substitute for laws enacted by Congress.*

### [Why Export Control Reform Matters](#)

[Open Society Foundations](#) / Lora Lumpe & James Kennedy / November 11, 2013

*On October 15, 2013, new federal regulations went into effect changing the way the U.S. government determines which countries can buy its military technology and information. The change will likely undermine security and human rights around the world.*

Administration of Barack H. Obama, 2010

[Videotaped Remarks to the Department of Commerce](#) Annual Update Conference on Export Controls and Policy / U.S. GPO

*About a year ago, we launched a comprehensive review of our export controls and determined that we need fundamental reform in all four areas of our current system: in what we control, how we control it, how we enforce those controls, and how we manage our controls. I want to thank Secretary Locke, Secretary*

Gates, **Secretary Clinton**, and many others for their work on this initiative. And today I want to highlight the key elements of our new approach and the first steps toward its implementation.

In addition, I plan to sign **an Executive order** that creates an export enforcement coordination center to coordinate and strengthen our enforcement efforts and eliminate gaps and duplication across all relevant departments and agencies.

### [Obama Eases Rules on Arms Exports](#)

[Arms Control Association](#) / Jefferson Morley / November 4, 2013

In a little-noticed move Oct. 15, the U.S. government began to revamp its long-standing system for regulating the export of U.S.-made weapons ranging from submachine guns and night vision goggles to killer drones and fighter jets.

### [In Big Win for Defense Industry, Obama Rolls Back Limits on Arms Exports](#)

ProPublica / Cora Currier / October 14, 2013

The United States is loosening controls over military exports, in a shift that former U.S. officials and human rights advocates say could increase the flow of American-made military parts to the world's conflicts and make it harder to enforce arms sanctions.

Come tomorrow, thousands of parts of military aircraft, such as propeller blades, brake pads and tires will be able to be sent to almost any country in the world, with minimal oversight – even to some countries [subject to U.N. arms embargos](#). U.S. companies will also [face fewer checks](#) than in the past when selling some military aircraft to dozens of countries.

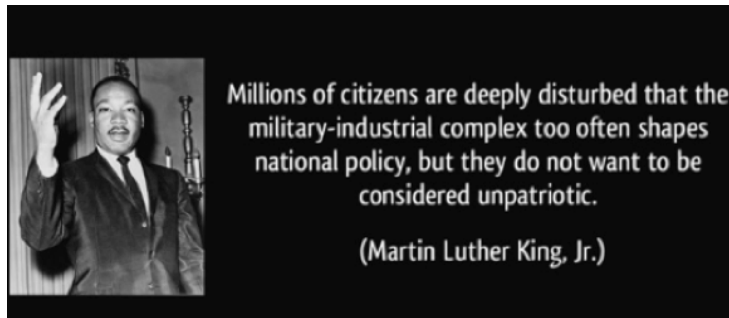
Critics, including some who've worked on enforcing arms export laws, say the changes could undermine efforts to prevent arms smuggling to Iran and others.

The switch from State to Commerce represents a big win for defense manufacturers, who have long lobbied in favor of relaxing U.S. export rules, which they say put a damper on international trade. Among the companies that recently lobbied on the issue: Lockheed, which manufactures [C-130 transport planes](#), [Textron](#), which makes Kiowa Warrior helicopters, and Honeywell, which [outfits military choppers](#).

Overall, industry trade groups and big defense companies have spent roughly \$170 million over the last three years lobbying on a variety of issues, including export control reform, a ProPublica analysis of disclosure forms shows.

**Note:** It would seem that the arms control proponents are troubled about this change. Since the Export Control Reform Initiative involved the Department of State should Secretary of State Hillary Clinton have complained, advised against this or at the very least have informed the American public about this change? (See the job description for the Secretary of State cited above) - JRW





*What's the weapon deals got to do with it?*

### [Hillary Clinton's Business Legacy at the State Department](#)

Bloomberg / Elizabeth Dwoskin / January 10, 2013

*In December 2011, Lockheed Martin (LMT) announced a \$7.2 billion deal to upgrade Japan's aging fighter jet fleet, beating out Eurofighter. Clinton advocated for the contract with her Japanese counterpart at the United Nations General Assembly.*

*Hillary Clinton is very aware of the advantages of being Hillary Clinton, and didn't seek permission when she not-so-subtly encroached on the Commerce Department's turf to install herself as the government's highest-ranking business lobbyist.*

*She's also taken a leading part in drafting the Trans-Pacific Partnership, the free-trade pact that would give U.S. companies a leg up on their Chinese competitors.*

*To ensure the State Department keeps its business focus, Clinton has tried to change the way the 69,000-person global bureaucracy operates. In one directive, which she calls the "Ambassador-as-CEO" memo, she ordered U.S. embassies to make it a priority to help U.S. businesses win contracts. Science officers now extoll American clean-tech companies. Military affairs officers promote U.S. fighter planes.*

### [Hillary scrutinized for arms sales at State](#)

The Hill / Tim Devaney / May 26, 2015

*The State Department under Hillary Clinton authorized arms sales to countries that had donated millions of dollars to the Clinton Foundation, according to a new report.*

*State approved \$165 billion worth of weapons sales to 20 foreign governments during Clinton's tenure, the International Business Times [reports](#). Among the [countries involved](#) in the sales were Algeria, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.*

*The Clinton Foundation received between \$54 million and \$141 million in donations from the foreign governments and defense contractors involved in those sales, the report says.*

*Certain defense contractors also paid her husband, former President Bill Clinton, for speaking engagements during that time.*

*While the report does not allege a direct connection between the arms sales and the donations, the activities of the Clinton Foundation have become a growing headache for Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign.*

*A new book by Peter Schweizer, *Clinton Cash*, questions whether foreign governments sought to curry influence with the Clintons by making donations to the foundation.*

*The Clinton campaign has dismissed the book as a hit job by a conservative author, arguing it is filled with "sloppy research and attacks pulled out of thin air."*

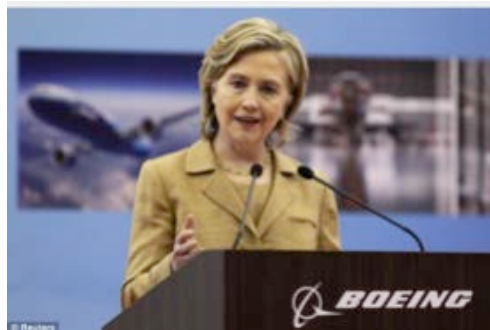
**Read the entire article:** (Actually it's best to read all of the articles in their entirety.)  
[Clinton Foundation Donors Got Weapons Deals From Hillary Clinton's State Department](#)  
International Business Times / David Sirota & Andrew Perez / May 5, 2015

*Even by the standards of arms deals between the United States and Saudi Arabia, this one was enormous. A consortium of American defense contractors led by Boeing would deliver \$29 billion worth of advanced fighter jets to the United States' oil-rich ally in the Middle East.*

Israeli officials were [agitated](#), reportedly [complaining](#) to the Obama administration that this substantial enhancement to Saudi air power risked disrupting the region's fragile balance of power. The deal appeared to collide with the State Department's [documented concerns](#) about the repressive policies of the Saudi royal family.

But now, in late 2011, Hillary Clinton's State Department was formally clearing the sale, asserting that it was in the national interest. At a press conference in Washington to announce the department's approval, an assistant secretary of state, Andrew Shapiro, [declared](#) that the deal had been "a top priority" for Clinton personally. Shapiro, a [longtime aide](#) to Clinton since her Senate days, added that the "U.S. Air Force and U.S. Army have excellent relationships in Saudi Arabia."

[What Congress Should Ask Hillary Clinton](#)  
Washington Blog / David Swanson / October 21, 2015



*What's the Export-Import Bank got to do with it?*

### **The Export-Import Bank (Ex-Im)**

On the issue of the re-authorization of the Export-Import Bank by Congress subsequent to Congress not re-authorizing the Export-Import Bank.

### [Clinton rips Ex-Im criticism: 'It's embarrassing'](#)

The Hill / Kevin Cirilli / May 22, 2015

*Republican critics argue that the bank only benefits big businesses like Boeing, opting to finance those as opposed to small businesses.*

*They've sought to portray the bank as an illustration of Washington "corporate welfare," in which well-connected career politicians can use their political connections to secure financing.*

### [Sanders Votes Against Ex-Im Bank](#)

Bernie Sanders United States Senator for Vermont / June 10, 2015

An opponent of the Export-Import Bank, Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-Vt.) issued the following statement today after the Senate voted on an amendment related to a five-year reauthorization of the bank:

*“At a time when almost every major corporation in this country has shut down plants and outsourced millions of American jobs, we should not be providing corporate welfare to multi-national corporations through the Export-Import Bank.*

*“Instead of providing low-interest loans to multi-national companies that are shipping jobs to China and other low-wage countries, we should be investing in small businesses and worker-owned enterprises that want to create jobs in the United States of America. If the Export-Import Bank cannot be reformed to become a vehicle for real job creation in the United States, it should be eliminated.”*

**Note:** Examine the inter-relationships between the Export-Import Bank reauthorization, President Obama, Hillary Clinton, Defense Contractors and the Trans Pacific Partnership negotiations. References are cited related to President Obama’s stringent objections to Ex-Im, Obama’s position change on Ex-Im, the preponderance of influences from the Business Roundtable, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, GE, (Boeing and James McNerney), as examples on the various phases of the Ex-Im reauthorization deliberations. - JRW

### [Ex-Im Bank To Assist in Financing Up to \\$2 Billion of U.S. Exports to South Africa's Energy Sector](#)

Fred P. Hochberg, chairman and president of Ex-Im Bank, and Gert Gouws, chief financial officer of the IDC, signed the DoI. The signing took place during the South Africa-United States Strategic Dialogue, which was **hosted by U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton.**



What’s the *‘damn emails’* got to do with it?

**Note:** Is it for “national security” reasons that the redacted Emails are not being released between Boeing and GE and Secretary of State Hillary Clinton? ([Boeing](#) and [GE](#) are both “defense” contractors.) – JRW

### [GE CEO: I Will Not Release State Department Emails From Hillary Clinton](#)

The Daily Caller / Patrick Howley / April 22, 2015

### [General Electric's Jeff Immelt Says GE Will Not Make Public Written Communications with State Department During Period When It Made a Major Donation to the Clinton Foundation and then-Secretary of State Clinton Secured a \\$1.9 Billion Contract with the Algerian Government](#)

The National Center for Public Policy Research – Press Release / April 22, 2015

[GE's Jeffery Immelt Roped Into Clinton Cash Scandal](#)

WND / Cheryl Chumley / April 23, 2015

[Boeing Refuses to Disclose Any Boeing-State Department-Clinton Foundation Email Correspondence](#)

The National Center for Public Policy Research – Press Release / April 27, 2015

[Boeing CEO Refuses to Disclose Clinton Emails](#)

The Daily Caller / Peter Fricke / April 28, 2015

*Boeing's CEO refused a shareholder request Monday to release emails between company officials and the State Department that may have been deleted from Hillary Clinton's server.*

*David Almasi, executive director of the National Center for Public Policy Research, requested the disclosure at the company's annual shareholder meeting Monday, but was rebuffed by Boeing's CEO, according to a press release.*

*While denying any impropriety, Boeing Chairman and CEO W. James McNerney, Jr. responded that the company would not release the emails unless "there is some regulatory or legal proceeding that we're asked to become part of."*

[Clinton Foundation Donors Got Weapons Deals From Hillary Clinton's State Department](#)

International Business Times / David Sirota and Andrew Perez / May 26, 2015

[Clinton email companies rebuff Senate investigators](#)

While several of the firms are cooperating with an FBI investigation, they're stiff-arming the latest requests from the congressional GOP.

Politico / Rachael Bade / November 13, 2015

[Judge rules for Clinton on emails](#)

The Hill / Julian Hattem / November 13, 2015

[Hillary's Ties to the Defense Industry Run Deep](#)

From the Left / June 13, 2007





## *What's the lobbyist got to do with it?*

### [Hillary's Defense Dough](#)

The Progressive / Ruth Conniff / December 2007

*But the big news is the massive contributions by defense contractors to Hillary. Talk about "making history."*

*As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Clinton has befriended the defense industry (the contractors tend to be big donors to members on Armed Services, who control their access to lucrative government contracts). She has also issued calls for beefing up the military, increasing troop strength in Iraq and, most recently, refusing to discount the possibility of war with Iran.*

### [CSC Letter to President](#) / January 11, 2010

The Coalition for Security and Competitiveness

### [Hillary's Friendly Skies: Air Lockheed Military-industrial complexities for senator.](#) New York News & Politics

*Last year, Lockheed's PAC gave Clinton the maximum \$5,000 donation, a first since Clinton became senator, but its generosity didn't start there.*

### [Hillary's K Street friends bring in the corporate cash](#)

Washington Examiner / Timothy P. Carney / September 2, 2015

*Gephardt has in recent years represented many of the companies that Clinton and Team brought in to fund the Expo, including Boeing and General Electric.*

### [K Street betting on Hillary](#)

The Hill / Megan R. Wilson / August 20, 2015

*K Street is banking on Hillary Clinton, with more than twice as many Washington lobbyists donating to the former secretary of State's presidential campaign than any other candidate.*

### [Clinton Foundation's corporate donors spent \\$350m lobbying federal government](#)

Washington Examiner / Luke Rosiak / February 25, 2015

*Palantir Technologies, which sells high-priced software to national defense agencies, gave in the six figures to the Clinton Foundation and spent more than \$500,000 dollars on lobbyists in 2014.*

*Foreign governments also hire US lobbyists to push their interests as they relate to trade, weapons deals and foreign aid. Countries including Kuwait, Qatar, Australia, Jamaica, Norway and the Netherlands donated to the Clinton Foundation and have also [had lobbyists in D.C.](#)*

[Meet the lobbyists, donors and bundlers behind Hillary's \\$157 million juggernaut](#)  
Yahoo! Politics / Michael Isikoff / February 4, 2016

*The superlobbyist brother of John Podesta, Clinton's campaign chairman, he runs **Podesta Group** — a powerhouse firm for defense contractors (Lockheed Martin, General Dynamics, Bechtel), pharmaceutical and health insurance giants (Merck and Blue Cross-Blue Shield) and banking and private equity firms (Well Fargo, Credit Suisse Group, KKR). Podesta has used his D.C. mansion, famously decorated with expensive modern art, to host a Clinton fundraiser (offering fine Italian cooking by him and his brother) as well as a book party for Clinton super-PAC attack dog David Brock (co-hosted by Clinton campaign lawyer Marc Elias and Clinton email pal Sidney Blumenthal.) Another branch of Podesta's portfolio: foreign governments, including several — Saudi Arabia, Azerbaijan, Burma and the Maldives — accused by the State Department of human rights abuses. A new senior partner working on the firm's new \$1.68 million a year Saudi account: David Adams, former assistant secretary for legislative affairs while Clinton was secretary of state.*

**Cross reference research tools:**

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[Top Lobbyists 2014: Hired Guns](#)

The Hill

Hillary Clinton / [Congressional Staffers / Revolving Door](#)  
[OpenSecrets.org](#) – Center for Responsive Politics

*What's the Council on Foreign Relations got to do with it?*

**As reference:**

[Council on Foreign Relations](#)

[CFR Membership](#)

[CFR Corporate Members](#)

[CFR Membership Roster](#)

[Members of the Council on Foreign Relations](#)

Wikipedia

**Note:** Hillary Clinton was a member. William Jefferson Clinton and Chelsea Clinton are currently members. - JRW

[Remarks on United State Foreign Policy](#)

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton

Council on Foreign Relations / September 8, 2010

*For the United States, global leadership is both a responsibility and an unparalleled opportunity. When I came to the Council on Foreign Relations a little over a year ago to discuss the Obama Administration's vision of American leadership in a changing world, I called for a new global architecture that could help*

nations come together as partners to solve shared problems. Today I'd like to expand on this idea, but especially to explain how we are putting it into practice.

We want to realize the benefits from greater economic integration. In order to do that, we have to be willing to play. To this end ... we're pursuing a regional agreement with the nations of the **Trans-Pacific Partnership**, and we know that that will help create new jobs and opportunities here at home.

(Yes! That's Right. – 2010)

### [Hillary Rodham Clinton on Strategic Interests, Values, and Hard Choices](#)

Council on Foreign Relations / June 12, 2014

Following the recent publication of her memoir, *Hard Choices*, former Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton joins CFR President Richard N. Haass to reflect on her tenure at the State Department. **Clinton recounts some of her major foreign policy initiatives including the strategic rebalance toward Asia** and her efforts to promote a more rules-based international order.

And there is certainly no doubt that much of the history of the 21st century is going to be shaped in Asia, and the United States has always been a Pacific power, but when I became secretary, there was a widespread feeling among our friends and our competitors in Asia that the United States had basically vacated the field and there was a great pent-up desire that we begin once again to demonstrate our concern for and involvement in the Asia Pacific. And **that's why I decided to go first to Asia.**

And also to do what is one of the most important jobs of American foreign policy right now, and that is to defend and renew the rules-based order. That's true globally, but it was especially true in Asia, to demonstrate that there had to be a consensus about the way forward economically and politically.

### [Remarks By Ambassador Froman on the Strategic Importance of Trans-Pacific Partnership](#)

Council on Foreign Relations / September 18, 2014

U.S. Trade Representative Ambassador Michael Froman spoke on September 18, 2014, at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and Center for Strategic and International Studies Symposium. **He discussed the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) as a major component of the Obama administration's trade platform and of the rebalance to Asia.**

"Japan asked to join TPP three years into the negotiations, after much consultation, based on its own assessment of its strategic and economic interests. Japan did so with a clear commitment to meet the same level of ambition as the rest of the TPP partners, and it on that basis that President Obama and the other TPP Leaders welcomed Japan's participation.

"But Japan's entry into TPP was about more than just a commitment to its partners. It was about a bold and compelling vision laid out by Prime Minister Abe to end Japan's prolonged period of stagnation by using structural reforms, as well as fiscal and monetary policy, to contribute to economic revitalization.

**Note:** Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's push to reinterpret Article 9 of the Japanese Constitution now allows Japan to engage their military in offensive operations. – JRW

Hyperbole?

### [Hillary Clinton admits Council on Foreign Relations controls Washington](#)

Michael Journal

..... it's good to have an outpost of the Council right here down the street from the State Department. We get a lot of advice from the Council, so this will mean I won't have as far to go to be told what we should be doing (and how we should think about the future)." – Hillary Clinton

## [U.S.-Japan Joint Vision Statement](#)

Council on Foreign Relations / April 28, 2015

Speakers: Shinzo Abe and Barack Obama

*U.S. President Barack Obama and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe met on April 28, 2015. This statement discusses U.S.-Japan relations after World War II, the U.S. rebalance to Asia, the Trans Pacific Partnership, and the update to the [Guidelines for U.S.-Japan Defense Cooperation](#).*

*Today's meeting between President Obama and Prime Minister Abe marks a historic step forward in transforming the U.S.-Japan partnership. Through the United States' Asia-Pacific Rebalance strategy, and Japan's policy of "Proactive Contribution to Peace" based on the principle of international cooperation, we are working closely together to ensure a peaceful and prosperous future for the region and the world. We recognize that the security and prosperity of our two countries in the 21<sup>st</sup> century is intertwined, inseparable, and not defined solely by national borders. Our current and future commitments to each other and to the international order reflect that reality.*



*What's my opinion got to do with it?*

[From the 2<sup>nd</sup> Democratic Debate](#) / November 14, 2015:

*"I have never heard a candidate—never—who's received huge amounts of money from oil, from coal, from Wall Street from the military-industrial complex, not one candidate, who doesn't say, 'Oh, these contributions will not influence me, I'm going to be independent.' But why do they make millions of dollars of campaign contributions? They expect to get something. Everybody knows that." – Bernie Sanders*

Bernie Sanders is challenging Hillary Clinton, all politicians and perhaps all of us to examine the need for campaign finance reform and the broader effects of Money-In-Politics. (Money-in-Politics + Prestige-in-Politics = Power-in-Politics) Bernie Sanders questions the enormous speaking fees paid to Hillary Clinton – or was it to The Clinton Foundation? Yet Hillary Clinton defends the fees and structure of these arrangements claiming that the money does not influence her. (Was there anything discussed about the bestowed upon social prestige as having been influential to her and Bill?) In any event, there are other reasons for politicians to not take money from the financial institutions and the “defense contractors.”

It is tainted!



This is actually an indictment of the entire political system. It is too bad for Hillary Clinton that the line was drawn on September 17, 2011. Just too damn bad.

It's a shameful thing - guilt by association!

Since information contained in the "damn emails", as referred to by Sen. Sanders about then Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, which have been "belatedly" classified as secret for national security reasons, I will have to go with conjecture and suppositions in my reasoning- such as innuendo that Sec. Clinton helped to negotiate weapons sales as part of the "Pivot to Asia" and Trans Pacific Partnership negotiations and that the redacted emails contain information about the hypothesized transactions involving the Clinton Foundation. Either all of the emails which were reportedly on Hillary Clinton's home server are made public, as well the text of the speeches to the financial institutions such as Goldman Sachs and the defense contractors Boeing and GE or I will stick with my best educated guess, which at this point is - I do not trust Hillary Clinton, I do not trust her judgment and I especially do not trust William Jefferson Clinton, (perhaps unfairly on my part) because of his support and decisions regarding NAFTA, the [Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act](#) (which put an end to the Glass Steagall Banking Act of 1933), [The Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000](#), [The National Homeownership Strategy: Partners in the American Dream](#), [The Personal Responsibility Work Opportunity Reconsolidation Act of 1996](#), [Tax Code 162\(m\)- Deductibility of Executive Compensation](#), and – with dishonorable mention going to [Operation Infinite Reach](#).

It's a shameful thing - guilt by association, however if you want to play the “success by association” game of who endorses whom through “the establishment” networks – then you are subject to scrutiny about all of your relationships.

I for one do not want them back in our house!



*What's Eric Himpton Holder, Jr. got to do with it?*



Eric Holder - Covington & Burling LLP, then President Obama's Attorney General and then back to Covington & Burling LLP and now supporting the Hillary Clinton campaign for President.

[Eric Himpton Holder, Jr.](#)  
Wikipedia

[Covington & Burling LLC](#)

[Eric Holder's 1999 Memo Helped Set The Stage For 'Too Big To Jail'](#)  
Huffington Post / June 4, 2013

[Bringing Criminal Charges Against Corporations](#)  
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Eric Holder's letter to Attorneys General related to "Collateral Consequences"  
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Why DOJ Deemed Banks Execs Too Big to Jail / Forbes / July 29, 2013  
<http://www.forbes.com/sites/tedkaufman/2013/07/29/why-doj-deemed-bank-execs-too-big-to-jail/#774377593772>

*This is the ninth in an [11-part series](#) on the failed promises of the Dodd-Frank financial reform package and the continued, dangerous imbalances in our financial system.*

*"You can't scare me if you can't jail me."*

[Eric Holder's business legacy: 'Too big to jail'?](#)  
Fortune / September 26, 2014

*It's more than just a cheap shot leveled by people that don't really understand the fine points and technicalities of the criminal justice system. U.S. District Judge Jed Rakoff, a former chief of the business fraud unit of the Manhattan U.S. Attorney's Office, published a powerful [article](#) in the New York Review of Books last January that, while tempered with judicial disclaimers and caveats, unmistakably conveys his slack-jawed disbelief that the "colossal frauds" the government has alleged in so many civil cases could not also have engendered at least one successful criminal prosecution.*

## [Eric Holder endorses Hillary Clinton](#)

Politico / January 13, 2016

*"Our next president can't shy away from building on the progress of President Obama, which is why Hillary Clinton is the candidate that we need in the White House," Holder said, according to [The Associated Press](#), which first reported the news from the Clinton campaign earlier this morning.*

## [New Clinton ad features Eric Holder](#) - Video / Politico / February 2, 2016

## [Eric Holder Makes Ads for Hillary Clinton While Making Deals for Corporate Clients](#)

The Intercept / February 4, 2016

## [Hillary Clinton Endorsed By Eric Holder, Despite 'Too Big To Jail' Criticism](#)

International Business Times / Andrew Perez / January 13, 2016

**Note:** Did Hillary Clinton sit by silently – while President Bill Clinton assisted in deregulating our financial regulatory systems? Did what she observed during the Bill Clinton presidency inform her position on how to improve upon the [Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act](#) and the yet to be fully implemented associated "[Volker Rules](#)" as opposed to reinstating the [Glass Steagall Banking Act of 1933](#)? Could it be in part that she does not want to lay blame at the feet of her husband for his part in creating The Great Recession? – I also refer you to: [The National Homeownership Strategy: Partners in the American Dream](#) and [The Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000 \(CFMA\)](#) - JRW



## [Bill Clinton's drive to increase homeownership went way too far](#)

Bloomberg Businessweek / Peter Coy / February 27, 2008

*Add President Clinton to the long list of people who deserve a share of the blame for the housing bubble and bust. A recently re-exposed document shows that his administration went to ridiculous lengths to increase the national homeownership rate. It promoted paper-thin downpayments and pushed for ways to get lenders to give mortgage loans to first-time buyers with shaky financing and incomes. It's clear now that the erosion of lending standards pushed prices up by increasing demand, and later led to waves of defaults by people who never should have bought a home in the first place.*

## Washington and Wall Street: The Revolving Door

### ["Reckless Endangerment – How Outsized Ambition, Greed, and Corruption Led to Economic Armageddon"](#)

By Gretchen Morgenson & Joshua Rosner – Book Review – New York Times

Robert B. Reich / May 27, 2011

*The authors, Gretchen Morgenson, a Pulitzer Prize-winning business reporter and columnist at The New York Times, and Joshua Rosner, an expert on housing finance, deftly trace the beginnings of the collapse to*

*the mid-1990s, when the Clinton administration called for a partnership between the private sector and Fannie and Freddie to encourage home buying. The mortgage agencies' government backing was, in effect, a valuable subsidy, which was used by Fannie's C.E.O., James A. Johnson, to increase home ownership while enriching himself and other executives. A 1996 study by the Congressional Budget Office found that Fannie pocketed about a third of the subsidy rather than passing it on to homeowners. Over his nine years heading Fannie, Johnson personally took home roughly \$100 million. His successor, Franklin D. Raines, was treated no less lavishly.*

### [The Dodd-Frank act – Too big not to fail](#)

The Economist / February 18, 2012

*Flaws in the confused, bloated law passed in the aftermath of America's financial crisis become ever more apparent*

### [How Wall Street Defanged Dodd-Frank](#)

The Nation / Gary Rivlin / May 20, 2013

Battalions of regulatory lawyers burrowed deep in the federal bureaucracy to foil reform.

### [Petition Against Last Minute Dilution of Dodd-Frank](#)

Occupy the SEC / December 10, 2014

*We have organized a petition asking Congress to oppose current attempts to roll-back crucial parts of the Dodd-Frank Act. Specifically, the petition opposes Section 630 of the Senate Amendment to H.R. 83 (Omnibus Bill) and Title III of the Houses current version of the Terrorism Risk Insurance Act of 2014 (TRIA). Section 630 would gut Dodd-Franks swaps pushout rule, and Title III would free so-called end-users from margin requirements in derivatives trading. If passed, Section 630 would increase the chances that risky derivatives trading would once again require government bailouts. Similarly, Title III would proliferate credit risk from discrete end-users to the broader global economy. These provisions are nothing more than an attempt by Wall Street lobbyists and their friends in Congress to eviscerate important derivatives reforms implemented by the Dodd-Frank Act.*

### [What Hillary Clinton Didn't Tell You in Her New York Times OpEd](#)

Wall Street on Parade / Pam Martens and Russ Martens / December 8, 2015

*What Hillary isn't telling you about AIG, the giant insurance company which blew up in 2008 from selling credit derivatives to Wall Street firms and received a massive taxpayer bailout, is that it was also Bill Clinton's administration that allowed AIG to become a derivatives powder keg by also passing and signing into law the Commodity Futures Modernization Act in the waning days of his administration. This act removed these dangerous derivatives from regulatory oversight. Additionally, the legislation that Bill Clinton signed into law that repealed the Glass-Steagall Act, the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, also repealed the sections of the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 that had separated commercial banking from insurance.*



Yep! – *The Establishment* for sure.

#### 4. Hypocrisy - Talking to the wall about weapons proliferation

When you listened to President Obama's State of the Union Address on January 12, 2016, did you bear in mind that he was *The Commander in Chief of the United States Armed Forces*? If mentioned at all, the issues concerning foreign relations were most likely framed in euphemistic terms such as "national security", "strategic" or "defense cooperation" which none-the-less refers to military armaments, deployment and utilization of the armed forces.

Please review and examine the veracity of the articles sited below, extensive as they may be. The citations seemingly portray entrenched Government/Corporate collusion, the pervasiveness of the Military-Industrial Complex and the overarching concerns that that the "Pivot to Asia" and the international trade agreements (Trans Pacific Partnership, Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, and Trade In Services Agreement) had been inappropriately negotiated by the Obama Administration; which included among others President Obama, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter and the United States Trade Representative Michael Froman – regarding three issues in particular:

1. **There is an inherent conflict of interest for The Commander in Chief of the United States Armed Forces to negotiate trade agreements.** I believe that this is why the structuring of U.S. Constitution established the separation of powers between the three branches of government. The Constitution's [Commerce Clause](#) grants the Congress, the legislative branch of our federal government, the authority to regulate trade. (To regulate includes negotiations.)

2. The Obama Administration had already negotiated most aspects of the Trans Pacific Partnership without prior Congressional authorization, which is known as [Trade Promotion Authority](#) (TPA).

3. It could be construed that armament sales & "donations" as well as the "forward deployment" of U.S. Military "assets" to the Asia Pacific region and international "Military-to-Military" exercises appear to have been negotiated in what could be viewed as ["side agreements"](#) to the Trans Pacific Partnership.

I welcome your inquiries, insights, critiques, and criticisms, related to the veracity of the aforementioned conjecture. However if you do find validity in my comments then we obviously have a great deal of work to do in straightening out how both Houses of the United States Congress function. Am I correct in asserting that a case can be made that President Obama not only overreached his constitutional authority pertaining to the War Powers Act and that of the trade negotiations but that Congress as a whole has abetted this behavior having abdicated it's constitutional authority?

I have included current references to "Gun Control" issues- President Obama's remarks, his NYT Op-Ed and [CNN's "Guns in America" televised town hall](#) because of my developing thesis that there is an underlying problem of profiteering off of weapon systems, pervasive corporate lobbying by gun manufacturers and "Defense Contractors" alike ("Violence, Incorporated" per se), that is prevalent to both our domestic gun violence issues as well as the escalating proliferation of weapon systems internationally.

While contemplating if it is appropriate for President Obama to be addressing the nation on the issues of "Gun Control and Violence in America" I reflected on the proverb: [Do as I say, Not as I do.](#)



## The 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment and Gun Violence:

[Obama's Speech on New Gun Control Measures](#) / Time / January 5, 2016

Obama will implement plan through executive actions

*"The United States of America is not the only country on Earth with violent or dangerous people. We are not inherently more prone to violence. But we are the only advanced country on Earth that sees this kind of mass violence erupt with this kind of frequency. It doesn't happen in other advanced countries. It's not even close. And as I've said before, somehow we've become numb to it and we start thinking that this is normal."* – President Obama

[GUNS IN AMERICA / CNN - Town Hall Meeting](#) / January 7, 2016

*"I respect the 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. I respect the right to bear arms."* - President Obama

**Note:** President Obama made only this one reference to the [2nd Amendment](#). It is outrageous that for the entire hour to have gone by that no one recited The 2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment. No one mentioned, that we must openly discuss and debate the meaning of "**Well Regulated**" in the context of the weapon inventions that the framers of the Constitution never imagined would exist. In the United States, the "right to bear arms" is poorly regulated. "Well Regulated" goes beyond the need for stringent background checks at the point of all purchases. Let me know when you are interested in exploring this subject in depth. – JRW

## As reference:

[Second Amendment to the United States Constitution](#) / Wikipedia

*There are several versions of the text of the Second Amendment, each with capitalization or punctuation differences. Differences exist between the drafted and ratified copies, the signed copies on display, and various published transcriptions. The importance (or lack thereof) of these differences has been the source of debate regarding the meaning and interpretation of the amendment, particularly regarding the importance of the prefatory clause.*

*One version was passed by the Congress:*

***A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.***

*As ratified by the States and authenticated by Thomas Jefferson, then-Secretary of State:*

*A well regulated militia being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed.*

[Barack Obama: Guns Are Our Shared Responsibility](#) / New York Times - Op Ed Contributor / January 7, 2016

*"Even as I continue to take every action possible as president, I will also take every action I can as a citizen. I will not campaign for, vote for or support any candidate, even in my own party, who does not support common-sense gun reform. And if the 90 percent of Americans who do support common-sense gun reforms join me, we will elect the leadership we deserve."* President Obama

**Note:** I will not support or vote for any candidate who does not support common-sense reform of all weapons proliferation programs, domestically and internationally. JRW

*"All of us need to demand leaders brave enough to stand up to the gun lobby's lies. All of us need to stand up and protect our fellow citizens. All of us need to demand that governors, mayors and our representatives in Congress do their part."* President Obama

**Note:** All of us need to demand that elected officials, on all levels of government, do their part, be brave enough to stand up to the "defense contractor"/armament manufacturer corporate interests. In addition we must prevent what is euphemistically known as collateral damage in foreign nations when sending in the drones. – JRW

**Note:** Did the Obama Administration and Congress require stringent background checks on the foreign governments that purchased weapons from the U.S. "defense contractors"/arms manufacturers to see if they were criminally inclined or mentally unstable? – JRW

**PROOF**

Please take the time to read the following sample articles, extensive as they may be, in their entirety, which are related to the sales and “donations” of military armament, the “forward deployment” of U.S. Military “assets” and Military-to-Military Engagement programs.

**IN GENERAL:**

[Major Arms Sales](#)

Defense Security Cooperation Agency

*Mission: Lead the Security Cooperation community (SCC) in developing and executing innovative security cooperation solutions that support mutual U.S. and partner interests.*

[Obama Makes Arms Sales A Key Tool Of U.S. Foreign Policy](#)

Forbes / January 2, 2012

*In a striking departure from the ideological preferences of the post-Vietnam Democratic Party, President Barack Obama has made overseas arms sales a pillar of U.S. foreign policy. The President and his advisers apparently have decided that well-armed allies are the next best thing to U.S. “boots on the ground” when it comes to advancing America’s global security interests.*

## [In Big Win for Defense Contractors Industry, Obama Rolls Back Limits on Arms Exports](#) ProPublica / October 14, 2013

*The United States is loosening controls over military exports, in a shift that former U.S. officials and human rights advocates say could increase the flow of American-made military parts to the world's conflicts and make it harder to enforce arms sanctions.*

*Come tomorrow, thousands of parts of military aircraft, such as propeller blades, brake pads and tires will be able to be sent to almost any country in the world, with minimal oversight – even to some countries subject to U.N. arms embargoes. U.S. companies will also face fewer checks than in the past when selling some military aircraft to dozens of countries.*

*Critics, including some who've worked on enforcing arms export laws, say the changes could undermine efforts to prevent arms smuggling to Iran and others.*

## [Obama Eases Rules on Arms Exports](#)

Arms Control Association / November 4, 2013

*In a little-noticed move Oct. 15, the U.S. government began to revamp its long-standing system for regulating the export of U.S.-made weapons ranging from submachine guns and night vision goggles to killer drones and fighter jets.*

*The Export Control Reform Initiative, launched by the Obama administration in August 2009, will affect U.S. oversight of U.S. firms supplying the \$83 billion global arms market. In an Oct. 15 statement, the White House said the initiative will end “the disproportionate focus on the least sensitive items such as nuts, bolts and screws instead of the most sensitive items”; encourage closer logistical collaboration with U.S. military allies and partners; and boost the U.S. defense industrial base.*

*In the first of a series of scheduled changes, the State Department turned over responsibility for reviewing the export of military equipment and aviation components to the Commerce Department. In the coming year, jurisdiction over tens of thousands of additional items formerly appearing on the U.S. Munitions List, a compendium of weapons-related technologies monitored by the State Department, will be transferred to the Bureau of Industry and Security in the Commerce Department.*

*The shift will change how the U.S. government monitors most international arms sales. Until now, the State Department reviewed the export of military equipment under a variety of specific criteria to ensure that U.S.-made weapons did not wind up in the hands of repressive governments, terrorists, human rights abusers, or countries subject to UN arms embargoes.*

## [Obama and arms sales](#)

The Hill / January 17, 2014

*These transfers would not occur as a result of active decisions on the part of the administration, but due to the effects of taking thousands of items off of the United States Munitions List (USML) and placing them on the less restrictive Commerce Control List (CCL). This change will mean that these items will no longer require a license from the State Department to be exported, and will instead be subject to the less stringent controls maintained by the Department of Commerce.*

## [The Obama Arms Bazaar: Record Sales, Troubling Results](#)

LobeLog Foreign Policy / April 2, 2015

*But one central element of that policy has received little attention: the Obama administration's dramatic acceleration of U.S. weapons exports. The numbers are astonishing. In President Obama's first five years in office, new agreements under the Pentagon's Foreign Military Sales (FMS) program—the largest channel for U.S. arms exports—totaled over \$169 billion.*

## [It's Not Diplomacy, It's an Arms Fair](#)

Foreign Policy / May 14, 2015

*U.S. defense contractors are popping corks as Obama "reassures" his Middle East allies with billions of dollars of weapons.*

## [Nobel Peace Prize Winner Obama is Now Largest International Arms Dealer since WWII](#)

Breitbart / Bob Price / April 22, 2015

*"Nobel Peace Prize Winner President Barack Obama has become the largest international arms dealer since the end of WWII, according research done is a report by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)."*



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P.O. Box 5232, SE-102 45 Stockholm, Sweden  
Sturegatan 14, Stockholm

## [Hillary scrutinized for arms sales at State](#)

The Hill / May 26, 2015

*The State Department under Hillary Clinton authorized arms sales to countries that had donated millions of dollars to the Clinton Foundation, according to a new report. State approved \$165 billion worth of weapons sales to 20 foreign governments during Clinton's tenure, the International Business Times reports. Among the countries involved in the sales were Algeria, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. The Clinton Foundation received between \$54 million and \$141 million in donations from the foreign governments and defense contractors involved in those sales, the report says. Certain defense contractors also paid her husband, former President Bill Clinton, for speaking engagements during that time. While the report does not allege a direct connection between the arms sales and the donations, the activities of the Clinton Foundation have become a growing headache for Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign. .... "*

## [Obama's Trillion Dollar Nuclear Weapons Gamble](#)

Defense One / February 1, 2015

*The administration's costly plan proposes to rebuild the entire U.S. nuclear arsenal, including the warheads, and the missiles, planes and submarines that carry them. These plans will cost \$348 billion over the next 10 years, according to a Congressional Budget Office estimate released last week. The National*

*Defense Panel, appointed by Congress, found that the price tag over 30 years could be as much as a \$1 trillion.*

### [The U.S. Is Still No.1 at Selling Arms to the World](#)

Time / December 26, 2015

*Arms sales by the U.S. jumped 35 percent, or nearly \$10 billion, to \$36.2 billion in 2014, according to the Congressional Research Service report, which analyzed the global arms market between 2007 and 2014.*



### **ASIA PACIFIC REGION:**

[Hillary Clinton arrives in Japan](#) (video)

CCTV / February 16, 2009

### [TREATY BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CONCERNING DEFENSE TRADE COOPERATION](#) / Australian Treaty Series

*This Treaty provides a comprehensive framework for Exports and Transfers, without a license or other written authorization, of Defense Articles, whether classified or not, to the extent that such Exports and Transfers are in support of the activities identified in Article 3(1).*

*Desiring to strengthen and deepen the relationship between the United States of America (hereinafter “the United States”) and Australia to achieve and sustain fully interoperable forces;*

*Considering that their mutual security and defense interests require a closer framework for national security and defense cooperation;*

*Desiring to leverage the respective strengths of the security and defense industries of the United States and of Australia;*

*Seeking to enhance the protection afforded to Exports and Transfers within this framework;*

### [Obama is in the Philippines, looking to strengthen U.S. ties in Southeast Asia](#)

Washington Post / November 17, 2015

*Obama toured a former Coast Guard frigate, now used by the Philippine navy, and announced that the U.S. military would donate two more ships to the Philippines. The gesture was the latest by his administration to reassure allies that they could rely on the United States to maintain a close strategic partnership. ... “The United States has been committed to the security of this region for more than 70 years,” Obama said after a brief tour of the BRP Gregorio del Pilar, now operating in the South China Sea. “We have a treaty obligation, an ironclad commitment to the defense of our ally the Philippines, who*

can count on the United States.” *Obama hopes his Asia trip will be a chance to highlight progress on several important initiatives, including a 12-nation Pacific Rim trade pact and the recent elections in Burma that look set to bring a democratic opposition party to power.*

### [Obama administration authorizes \\$1.83-billion arms to Taiwan](#)

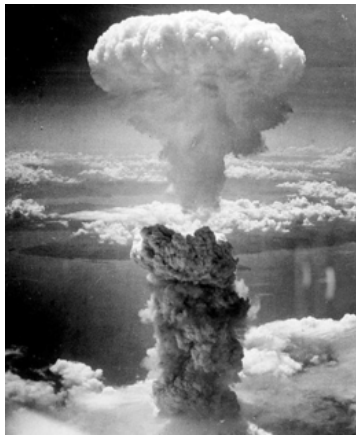
Reuters / December 17, 2015

*The Obama administration formally notified Congress on Wednesday of a \$1.83-billion arms sale package for Taiwan, including two frigates, anti-tank missiles, amphibious assault vehicles and other equipment, drawing an angry response from China.*

### [Selling Vietnam Lethal Weapons: The Right Move?](#)

The National Interest / October 8, 2014

*Last Friday, the Obama administration partially lifted the U.S. ban on lethal arms sales to Vietnam, which had been in place since the end of the Vietnam War in 1975. According to the Associated Press, on Friday, “State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki told reporters the United States will now allow sales of lethal maritime security capabilities and for surveillance on a case-by-case basis.”*



### [Japan Announces a Military Shift to Thwart China](#)

New York Times / July 1, 2014

*Japan’s prime minister announced a reinterpretation of the country’s pacifist Constitution on Tuesday, freeing its military for the first time in over 60 years to play a more assertive role in the increasingly tense region.*

*The decision by the government of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe will permit Japan to use its large and technologically advanced armed forces in ways that would have been unthinkable even a decade ago when they were limited to defending the country. The revision will allow the military to come to the aid of friendly countries under attack, including the United States ..... The Obama administration said Tuesday that it welcomed Japan’s action, adding that it would aid the country’s armed forces to “do more within the framework of our alliance.”*

### [Japan’s Break With Peace](#)

New York Times / Norihiro Kato / July 16, 2014

*On July 1, Prime Minister [Shinzo Abe gutted](#) Article 9 of the Japanese Constitution, the so-called “peace clause” that has historically prohibited belligerence. Using a cabinet decision to reinterpret the article, and so bypassing Parliament and the requirement for a referendum on a change to the Constitution, Mr. Abe thus empowered [Japan’s](#) military, known as the Self-Defense Forces, to take action against other countries.*

*This troublesome development becomes downright frightening when one considers relations among East Asian nations today.*

### [US, Japan Strike New Military Agreement](#)

Defense News / April 27, 2015

*"The US and Japan agreed to a major update in their military relationship Monday, one that is expected to lead to a greater global presence for Japan's military while strengthening ties between the two nations on cyber, space and industrial programs, according to a senior US defense official. The new US-Japan defense guidelines were agreed upon in New York City on Monday during the 2+2 talks between Japan and the US, where US Defense Secretary Ash Carter and Secretary of State John Kerry are meeting with Japanese Defense Minister Gen Nakatani and Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida."*



### [Japanese PM's plan to allow troops to fight overseas angers voters](#)

The Guardian / June 15, 2015

*"Shinzo Abe had promised Barack Obama that he would push through legislative changes allowing Japan to come to the aid of an ally."*

### [With Ban on Exports Lifted, Japan Arms Makers Cautiously Market Wares Abroad](#)

New York Times / July 12, 2015

*"After a ban on weapons exports that the Japanese government had maintained for nearly 50 years, Mitsubishi, Kawasaki, Hitachi, Toshiba and other military contractors in this semipacifist country are cautiously but unmistakably telling the world they are open for business."*

### [Public can tour USS Ronald Reagan Monday in Japan](#)

Stars and Stripes / October 9, 2015

*"The Ronald Reagan, which arrived at Yokosuka Oct. 1, is the second newest aircraft carrier in the Navy and the centerpiece of Pacific forces."*



## [South Korea building up military, rising as arms exporter](#)

UPI / February 24, 2015

..... the government in Seoul has significantly bolstered its military strength, purchasing warplanes, anti-missile systems and other costly weapons over the past year. South Korea inked its biggest-ever arms purchase in September with a 7.3 trillion won (U.S. \$7.04 billion) deal for 40 Lockheed Martin F-35 fighter jets. In November, the state military procurement agency announced it would further enhance its air defenses and buy four aerial tankers worth 1.4 trillion won (U.S. \$1.3 billion) in addition to setting another 1.5 trillion won (U.S. \$1.4 billion) to upgrading its missile system with PAC-3 interceptor missiles. Trillions more have been spent to boost other capabilities, such as army tanks and navy frigates, as well as developing better monitoring systems, including acquiring unmanned drones and launching spy satellites. Seoul's defense budget has grown rapidly for the past several years with 2015 seeing the highest year-to-year growth since 2011.

## [Carter, Singapore Defense Minister Sign Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement](#)

U.S. Department of Defense / December 7, 2015

Defense Secretary Ash Carter and Singapore Defense Minister Ng Eng Hen met today in the Pentagon to sign an enhanced defense cooperation agreement, or DCA, that will provide a new framework for an expanded defense relationship between the two nations, according to a readout provided to the media.

"During their meeting, Carter and Ng reaffirmed the excellent and long-standing bilateral defense relationship between the United States and Singapore," the readout said. Ng expressed appreciation for U.S. support of the Singapore air force's training detachments in the United States.

## [Congress Asked to Approve \\$2.4 Billion Arms Sale to Singapore](#)

Fool / January 14, 2014

DSCA advised Congress that the fleet of F-16s in the Republic of Singapore Air Force, or RSAF, is "aging" and in need of upgrades to improve the planes' "capability, survivability, and reliability." Once upgraded, the RSAF should be better able "to defend its borders and contribute to coalition operations with other allied forces" such as the United States.

## [Indonesia, US Deepen Defense Ties Amid Exercises and Arms Deals](#)

Defense News / September 30, 2013

During his recent visit to Indonesia, US Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel announced the US plan to sell a fleet of AH-64E Apache attack helicopters to the Indonesian Army for \$500 million. As part of the package, the US also will offer training to Indonesian pilots on tactics, techniques and procedures for operating the Apache. The TNI expects to receive the first two Apaches by 2014, with final delivery by 2019.

In 2011, the US agreed to sell 24 used F-16 Block 25 fighter aircraft for US \$700 million. As part of the deal, the US will upgrade the fighter jets to Block 52, to include supplying 18 air-to-ground missiles and 36 captive air training missiles.

## [China Challenges Obama's Asia Pivot With Rapid Military Buildup](#)

Bloomberg Business / David J. Lynch / April 22, 2014

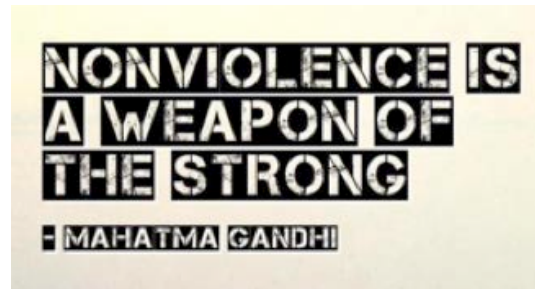
For almost three years, Obama has sought to reorient U.S. foreign policy [toward the Asia-Pacific region](#) after more than a decade consumed by war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Earlier this month, the U.S. and the Philippines [agreed](#) on the draft of a new accord that would give American forces their broadest access to Filipino bases in more than 20 years. The deal, which doesn't involve the permanent stationing of U.S. troops in the Philippines, is likely to be announced when Obama reaches Manila on April 28.

### [China Protests Sale of U.S. Arms to Taiwan](#)

New York Times / December 17, 2015 (note: Taiwan is not part of the TPP)

The Obama administration's announcement that it would sell \$1.83 billion worth of arms to Taiwan, including two warships and antitank missiles, has drawn a swift rebuke from China, which threatened to penalize the companies that made the armaments and summoned a United States diplomat to register an official protest.



### **INDIA AND PAKISTAN:**

#### [Arms Sales for India](#)

Foreign Affairs / March 2011

Obama's pledge to support India's push for a permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council, which was offered during his November trip to India, but the real story from his visit was its implications for bilateral military trade. During the trip, Obama announced that the United States would sell \$5 billion worth of U.S. military equipment to India, including ten Boeing C-17 military transport aircraft and 100 General Electric F-414 fighter aircraft. Although the details are still being worked out, these and other contracts already in the works will propel the United States into the ranks of India's top three military suppliers, alongside Russia and Israel. With India planning to buy \$100 billion worth of new weapons over the next ten years, arms sales may be the best way for the United States to revive stagnating U.S.-Indian relations.

#### [US approves billion-dollar arms sale to Pakistan](#)

Dawn / April 8, 2015

The US State Department has approved Pakistan's request for a billion dollars worth of military hardware and equipment, identifying Pakistan as a country of vital importance for US foreign policy and national interests

#### [US Will Sell 8 F-16 Fighter Jets to Pakistan](#)

The Diplomat / October 23, 2015

The United States is preparing to sell eight F-16 fighter jets to Pakistan in order to bolster bilateral ties between the two countries senior American officials told [The New York Times](#). ..... U.S. President Barack Obama [welcomed](#) Pakistan's Nawaz Sharif to the White House Thursday. As of now, it is unclear whether the weapon sale was discussed in any detail. So far, no public announcement has been made. .... Between 2002 and 2014, the United States has sold around \$5.4 billion worth of military equipment to Pakistan, [according](#) to the Congressional Research Service.

## **THE MIDDLE EAST:**

### [Egypt's Washington lobby helped country's military and U.S. defense firms](#)

Sunlight Foundation / Bill Allison / January 28, 2011

### [Obama Lifts Freeze on Egyptian Weapon Sales](#)

Defense News / March 31, 2015

*The White House lifted an executive hold on weapon sales to Egypt Tuesday, as part of a broader attempt to "modernize" the military relationship between the two countries. President Obama informed Egyptian President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi of the change in the administration's posture, according to a White House notice. The loosening of restrictions comes just days after Egypt began bombing operations against militants in Yemen. .... There are both immediate and long-term impacts of the change in posture. In the short term, the US will clear the sale of 12 F-16 aircraft, 20 Harpoon missiles and up to 125 M1A1 Abrams tank kits, which had been held up. Obama has also pledged \$1.3 billion in foreign military financing (FMF) for Egypt.*

### [Are Obama's Record Arms Sales to Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Egypt and Iraq Fueling Unrest in Middle East?](#) / Democracy Now / April 7, 2015

*As Saudi Arabia continues U.S.-backed strikes in Yemen and Washington lifts its freeze on military aid to Egypt, new figures show President Obama has overseen a major increase in weapons sales since taking office.*

### [Pentagon approves massive \\$1.9 billion arms sale to Israel](#)

Times of Israel / May 20, 2015

*The US State Department indicated it will approve an arms sale to Israel worth nearly \$1.9 billion, adding thousands of bombs, air-to-air and air-to-surface missiles to Jerusalem's armory for "self-defense" needs. .... Israel receives \$3 billion per year in US military aid, most of which must be spent on American-made arms.*

### [US Weapons To Turkey? State Department Approves \\$70M Smart-Bomb Sale as Turkish Military Steps Up Anti-ISIS, Kurdish Campaign](#)

International Business Times / October 30, 2015

*Lawmakers will have 15 days to vote against the sale to Turkey, and if it goes through, Turkey and the U.S. government can begin negotiation over the munitions. The sale would include some 900 smart bombs, 100 laser kits, 200 warheads and 1,000 capsules, according to Hurriyet Daily News. Some U.S. politicians have in the past been critical of the sale of the technology to Turkey. The main contractor of the deal would be Raytheon Co.*

### [Despite Atrocities, U.S. Approves \\$1.29 Billion Arms Sale to Saudi Arabia](#)

Common Dreams / November 17, 2015

*The Pentagon announced on Monday that the U.S. has approved a \$1.29 billion arms sale to Saudi Arabia, despite widespread mounting evidence of the country's mass atrocities and possible war crimes in neighboring Yemen.*

*The U.S. State Department on Friday approved the sale of over 10,000 bombs, munitions, and weapons parts produced by Boeing and Raytheon. This includes 5,200 Paveway II "laser guided" and 12,000 "general purpose" bombs. "Bunker Busters," also included in the deal, are designed to destroy concrete structures.*



## **UNMANNED COMBAT AERIAL VEHICLES aka DRONES:**

### [U.S. Drone Strikes Are Illegal and More Sinister Than Most Americans Realize](#)

PolicyMic / October 30, 2013

*"The United States' War on Terror may have transformed into a war of terror. According to reports released on Oct. 22 by Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International, the United States drone campaigns in Yemen and Pakistan have included several violations of international law, some of which may rise to the level of war crimes. These reports come on the heels of a UN investigation that claims at least 33 drone strikes around the world have resulted in civilian casualties and may have violated international law. Such allegations, when added to the international backlash in response to revelations of NSA spying against both enemy and ally nations, suggest that the United States is in the process of isolating itself from the rest of the world. This will likely make it difficult for President Obama — whose 2009 Nobel Peace Prize is becoming increasingly perverse — to find continuing international support for the War on Terror."*

### [THE UNBLINKING STARE](#) – *The Drone War in Pakistan*

The New Yorker / Steve Coll / November 24, 2014

*Obama's advocacy of drones has widespread support in Washington's foreign-policy and defense establishments. As Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton wholeheartedly backed the drone campaigns in Pakistan and Yemen. Republican hawks like John McCain and Lindsey Graham, who otherwise criticize the President as effete and indecisive, are also enthusiastic. But do drones actually represent a humanitarian advance in air combat? Or do they create a false impression of exactitude? And do they really serve the best interests of the United States?*



***Hate begets hate; violence begets violence; toughness begets a greater toughness.  
We must meet the forces of hate with the power of love.***

Martin Luther King, Jr.

[Obama-led drone strikes kill innocents 90% of the time](#)

Washington Times / Andrew Blake / October 15, 2015

*Drone strikes conducted by the United States during a 5-month-long campaign in Afghanistan caused the deaths of unintended targets nearly nine out of ten times, leaked intelligence documents suggest.*

*The apparent 10 percent success rate with regards to a specific span in America's drone war is among the most damning revelations to surface so far as the result of a series of articles published by The Intercept on Thursday this week which rely on classified and confidential intelligence documents supplied by an unknown source.*

[Drone Strikes Reveal Uncomfortable Truth: U.S. Is Often Unsure About Who Will Die](#)

New York Times / Scott Shane / April 23, 2015

*Barack Obama inherited two ugly, intractable wars in Iraq and Afghanistan when he became president and set to work to end them. But a third, more covert war he made his own, escalating drone strikes in Pakistan and expanding them to Yemen and Somalia.*





Without having had Trade Promotion Authority

**Note:** And in collusion – There is an inherent conflict of interest for **The Commander in Chief of the United States Armed Forces** to negotiate trade agreements. – JRW

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Martin Luther King on – [The triple evils of Racism, Poverty and Militarism](#)

[Pope Francis Address to Joint Meeting of Congress](#)



## 5. To the Rightfully Concerned

### Violence, Incorporated

#### *An exposé on the Influence of the Military-Industrial Complex On Public Policy and the Trade Agreements*

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MEMORANDUM on the Presidential Candidacy of Hillary Clinton and the Interests of Corporate Media

To the rightfully concerned-

Related to the 2016 Presidential campaigns I have no interest what-so-ever, whether or not, if it is [“fair game”](#) to hash out the reported infidelities of William Jefferson Clinton, that [managed to distract our nation](#), while he was President of the United States, except to add that I remain personally offended that it took place while he was a tenant in [our house](#). (But hey, that’s just me.)

However, I do believe that it is not only “fair game” but also essential for our national conversation that the media representatives and debate moderators inquire about the perspective of each of the Presidential Candidates concerning Hillary Clinton’s relationship with President Clinton during his presidency, specifically about his involvement with:

The North American Free Trade Agreement ([NAFTA](#)) and the [influence of The Business Roundtable on NAFTA](#)

The repeal of [Glass-Steagall \(Banking Act of 1933\)](#) through the implementation of the [Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999](#)

The [Commodity Futures Modernization Act of 2000](#) (CFMA)

*Which is United States federal legislation that officially ensured modernized regulation of financial products known as over-the-counter derivatives. It was signed into law on December 21, 2000 by President Bill Clinton. These derivatives, including the [credit default swap](#), are a few of the many causes of the [financial crisis of 2008](#) and the subsequent [2008–2012 global recession](#).*

[Tax Code 162\(m\)- Deductibility of Executive Compensation](#)

[The National Homeownership Strategy](#)

**Note:** This managed to blindfold the regulatory agencies, encouraged predatory lending practices, contributed to the proliferation of sub-prime loans, profiteering from credit default swaps & collateralized debt obligations and the resulting [Kablooney](#). - JRW

[The Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994](#)

[The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996](#)

**Note:** Hypothetically- had Hillary Clinton been President at that time would she have helped to enact the aforementioned legislations & public policies? During her time as First Lady did she voice any objections to Bill? - JRW

Would it be “fair game” for the journalists and moderators to ask:

As Secretary of State, did Hillary Clinton in conjunction with President Obama's "Pivot to Asia", Trans Pacific Partnership and other Asia Pacific deliberations if they participated in negotiating as "**side agreements**" with Asia Pacific nations -- armament sales & “donations” -- the "forward deployment" of U.S. military assets and "military-to-military" exercises?

If they encouraged Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's initiatives to “reinterpret” Article 9 of the Japanese Constitution thus permitting/requiring offensive military engagement regardless of the [massive protests in Japan?](#)

In her role as Secretary of State, did Hillary Clinton assist with assuaging “security” interests concerns of Asia Pacific nations paved the way for armament sales negotiations on behalf of "defense contractors" to the respective governments -- whether or not the associated corporations subsequently funded the Clinton Foundation?



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Council on Foreign Relations / October 28, 2010

[America’s Pacific Century – The future of politics will be decided in Asia, not Afghanistan or Iraq, and the United States will be right at the center of the action.](#)  
Foreign Policy / October 11, 2011 / by Hillary Clinton

[Secretary Clinton Delivers Remarks at 2011 Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation \(APEC\)](#)  
U.S. Department of State / March 9, 2011

[Article 9 News reports & analysis 2012 -2016](#) - related to the dangerous changes in the [Japanese Constitution - Article 9](#)  
The Ashahi Shimbun – Asia & Japan Watch

[US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton's Visit to the Philippines](#)

Asia Society / September 4, 2012

[Hillary Clinton: The "Pivot to Asia"](#)

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[Secretary Clinton Delivers Remarks on China at the U.S. Institute of Peace](#)

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[Hillary Clinton visits Australia's defense facilities](#)

The Telegraph / November 15, 2012

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[China Blasts Clinton's Comments Regarding Japan Island Dispute](#)

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[Missing in Asia: The Pivotal Person in Obama's Pivot](#)

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The Washington Times / Andrew P. Napolitano / July 1, 2015

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[Clinton Foundation Donors Got Weapons Deals From Hillary Clinton's State Department](#)

International Business Times / David Sirota and Andrew Perez / May 26, 2015

[Hillary Clinton Oversaw Arms Deals to Clinton Foundation Donors](#)

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[HILLARY CLINTON, ARMS DEALER](#)

The dirty deals that put illegal arms shipments into the hands of Libyan jihadists.

FPM / Arnold Ahlert / November 9, 2015

[China Protests Sale of U.S. Arms to Taiwan](#)

New York Times / Michael Forsythe / December 17, 2015

[U.S. Foreign Arms Deals Increased Nearly \\$10 Billion in 2014](#)

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[Hillary scrutinized for arms sales at State](#)

The Hill / Tim Devaney / May 26, 2015

[Bill Clinton says he made mass incarceration issue worse](#)

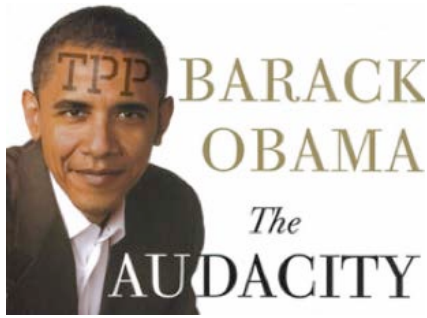
CNN / Dan Merica / July 15, 2015



**Note:** It's a poor judgment call, but I for one, do not want them back in our house. – JRW

## 6. The Influence of the Military-Industrial Complex on the Trade Agreements

*The Pivot to Asia, Secret Trade Agreements, the wrangling for "Fast Track" Trade Promotion Authority (as in the abdication of Congressional authority) and what does the Export-Import Bank have to do with any of this?*



Are the members of the Senate, House of Representatives and their respective staff swayed by transnational business interests, enticed by the power-broker professional associations, the lucrative & prestigious promises of “[the revolving door](#)”, cajoled by the President's rhetoric to [really help out your community this time](#) – or is the United States Constitution, their State Constitutions, the general welfare of the constituents back home as well as that of all people of paramount importance? ([Ca-Ching!](#))

On Saturday, May 22, 2015 trade representatives, lobbyist, President Obama and certain Senators continued their “[Logrolling](#)” - then the Senate narrowly voted 62-37 in favor of the [Bipartisan Congressional Trade Priorities and Accountability Act of 2015](#) (aka Fast Track) which would be granted to President Obama and whomever becomes the next President(s) – provided this measures passed in the House of Representatives – which it did not (yay!) – and then it did.

The [text of the Trans Pacific Partnership](#) (TPP) was kept secret and unavailable to the public and surprisingly from the Congress. The [few members of Congress \(House & Senate\) who had actually read the text](#) of the Trans Pacific Partnership were not at liberty to discuss any specifics, which left us only with conjecture, therefore, I had no choice but to make inquiries and site references.

### As reference:

[151 House Dems Telling President They Will Not Support Outdated Fast Track For Trans-Pacific Partnership](#)

Letter To President Obama

[Export-Import Bank Near Showdown in Congress](#)

New York Times / May 20, 2015

*Senators Maria Cantwell, Democrat of Washington; Heidi Heitkamp, Democrat of North Dakota; and Lindsey Graham, Republican of South Carolina, halted Senate consideration of a major trade bill Wednesday, saying they would try to block a final vote on granting President Obama expanded trade negotiation power until they secured a vote on extending authorization for the Ex-Im Bank beyond June.*

[Senate clears hurdle on bill to give Obama fast-track authority on Pacific Rim trade deal](#)  
Washington Post / May 21, 2015

*The worst thing you could do is tank the trade bill and then expect the majority leader to do you a favor," Sen. John Cornyn (R-Tex.), McConnell's top lieutenant, said before the vote.*

*Senior officials for Boeing — the largest recipient of Export-Import loans and a supporter of the trade deal — sat in a reception room just off the Senate floor during the cliffhanger.*

*This week's near-breakdown came as about 10 Democrats — who wavered over the legislation last week — issued a demand that congressional GOP leaders assure them that they would approve an extension of the federally backed bank that helps U.S. corporations sell their goods abroad. Many conservatives, particularly in the House, oppose renewing the charter of the Export-Import Bank because they consider it a form of corporate welfare that favors large, well-connected businesses, particularly Boeing.*

[How the Senate got 60 Votes on Fast Track](#)  
The Hill / Alexander Bolton / May 21, 2015

*Before the vote, President Obama and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) got help from an outside source: Boeing CEO Jim McNerney, who met Thursday morning with Democratic leaders and Sen. Maria Cantwell (D-Wash.), a crucial swing vote.*

*Senate sources said Murray was instrumental in putting together the final deal.*

*They said she helped persuade Cantwell to accept McConnell's offer to promise a vote on the Export-Import Bank next month.*

*It's also clear that Obama's last-second lobbying and McNerney's presence made a difference.*

*The Boeing CEO met with Murray on Wednesday, and he attended a meeting with the Senate's top three Democratic leaders — Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid (Nev.), Democratic Whip Dick Durbin (Ill) and Sen. Charles Schumer (N.Y.) — in Reid's conference room at 9:30 a.m. Thursday.*

[Remarks by the President to the Business Roundtable](#)

As per the White House, Office of the Press Secretary / February 24, 2010

*"That's why we launched the Trans-Pacific Partnership to strengthen our trade relations with Asia, the fastest-growing market in the world." – President Obama*

Wow! 2010 -- That long ago?

[Pres. Obama Was Against ExIm, Before He Was For It](#) (w/ 2 very interesting videos) -  
Heritage Action for America / March 28, 2012

[Candidate Obama, echoing tea party, called Ex-Im Bank 'little more than a fund for corporate welfare'](#)

Washington Post / Zachary A. Goldfarb / June 26, 2014

[Weekly Address: The Export-Import Bank](#)

The White House / August 23, 2014

*"One place to start is by supporting something called the U.S. Export-Import Bank. Its sole mission is to create American jobs. That's it. It helps many American entrepreneurs take that next step and take their small business global. But next month, its charter will expire -- unless Members of Congress do their job and reauthorize it." – President Obama*

## [Close the Export-Import Bank: Cut Federal Liabilities, Kill Corporate Welfare, Promote Free Trade](#)

Forbes / Doug Bandow / May 5, 2014

*The agency piously claims not to provide subsidies since it charges fees and interest, but it exists only to offer business a better credit deal than is available in the marketplace. The Bank uses its ability to borrow at government rates to provide loans, loan guarantees, working capital guarantees, and loan insurance.*

*The most money always goes to Big Business. Boeing alone typically accounts for more than 40 percent of the Bank's credit activities. Corporate behemoths General Electric, Lockheed Martin, Dow Chemical, Bechtel, John Deere, and Caterpillar regularly join Boeing at the federal trough.*

## [The Ex-Im Bank's Corruption Problem](#)

Freedomworks / Eric Peterman / August 6, 2014

## [Export-Import Bank Impervious to Reform](#)

The Heritage Foundation / Diane Katz / February 24, 2015

## [The Messy Politics of Trade and the Export-Import Bank](#)

The Atlantic / Russell Berman / May 22, 2015

## [Export-Import Bank Board of Directors / EMIX.com](#)

Ambassador Michael Froman - U.S Trade Representative, Board Member, ex officio  
Penny Pritzker, U.S. Secretary of Commerce, Board Member, ex officio

## [CEO Letter to House on Export/Import Bank Reauthorization-](#)

Business Roundtable / December 9, 2011

Among many other authors: James McNerney, Jr. Chairman, President and CEO The Boeing Company

## [Boeing: About Boeing Defense, Space & Security](#)

Boeing

## [10 companies profiting the most from war](#)

USA Today / March 10, 2013

## [Businesses Roundtable member W. James \(Jim\) McNerney, Jr.,](#)

Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of The Boeing Company

## [Boeing Chairman and CEO Supports Trade Legislation Approval](#)

Boeing / April 17, 2015

*Jim McNerney, Boeing chairman and CEO, and chairman of the President's Export Council, today urged the U.S. Congress to pass bipartisan legislation introduced Thursday renewing and updating Trade Promotion Authority (TPA).*

*Restoring TPA is essential to negotiating the best trade deals for our nation, U.S. businesses and American workers," McNerney said. "With TPA, the United States will have a stronger hand as it strives to conclude three large pending trade agreements: the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), and the Trade in Services Agreement (TISA).*

*“Time is running out for Congress to act on Ex-Im. Customers of American exporters are very worried that Ex-Im will not be there in the years ahead to help them with their financing needs, and our competitors are eagerly awaiting the impending unilateral U.S. withdrawal from the kind of common-sense financing support virtually all developed countries offer their exporters’ customers. U.S. jobs and businesses will suffer the consequences,” McNerney said.*

### [TPP Corporate Insiders](#)

#### [Flush the TPP! – Stop the Global Corporate Coup!](#)

*Below is a list of 605 corporate advisers who have been allowed access to the TPP text, while the public and members of congress have been kept in the dark.*

### [The Insider List](#)

Sojourners / Elizabeth Palmberg / June 29, 2012

*I'm just saying that, if the USTR can send the negotiating text to around 600 insiders, then sending it to all 535 members of Congress—or, heck, a few media —shouldn't be too hard.*

### [After huge tax incentive package, Boeing still ships jobs out of Washington](#)

Washington Post / October 8, 2014

*Eleven months ago, Washington Gov. Jay Inslee (D) signed a package of tax breaks and incentives aimed at keeping tens of thousands of Boeing jobs in the Puget Sound region. [Valued at \\$8.7 billion over 27 years](#), the set of bills amounted to the single largest tax break any state has ever given to a single company.*

*Now, policymakers who feel they bent over backwards to accommodate the aerospace giant feel burned: In the past two weeks, Boeing announced it would move thousands of jobs out of Washington State.*

### [Washington State loses 6,800 Boeing employees in less than 3 years](#)

Puget Sound Business Journal / March 6, 2015

### [Boeing Government Operations Overview](#) / Boeing

*Boeing's Government Operations office is located in Arlington, Va., near Washington D.C., and serves the company in three ways. It works with government officials and organizations to protect and advance the company's interests, competitiveness, and reputation; win support for Boeing programs; and shape public policy issues that impact the company. The office works with public officials across all levels of government -- federal, state and local -- to carry out this mission. It also works with various third parties -- organizations such as think tanks, associations, public policy groups, and international organizations.*

*While Boeing creates world-class commercial and defense products, the Government Operations office solicits the support needed from government to ensure the company's success. For example, it works for fair trade practices and reasonable levels of taxation and regulation so that Boeing can remain competitive in global markets and support U.S. economic growth and jobs. In addition to these many functions, the office serves as a point of contact between federal, state and local governments, plus associated third parties, and the company's business units.*

### [Boeing led parade of donors for Obama inaugural](#)

Crain's Chicago Businesses / April 23, 2013

### [Boeing Breaks Record for Biggest State Subsidy](#)

National Institute on Money in State Politics / March 26, 2014

[BANKING ON IT - U.S. Export-Import Bank crucial link to financing for any airline customers](#)

Boeing / June 14, 2014

*Boeing Co. donated \$1 million to this year's inauguration festivities for President Barack Obama, making it the third-largest corporate donor nationwide and the only publicly traded firm in Illinois to contribute.*

[Boeing Shareholder Challenges Ethics of Company's Relationship to Clintons](#)

The Washington Free Beacon / Bret Scher / May 13, 2015

*Boeing contributed \$900,000 to Clinton Foundation, paid \$250,000 for Bill Clinton speech*

[Boeing to donate \\$20 million toward Kennedy Center expansion project](#)

The Washington Post / Peggy McGlone / July 29, 2015

*Boeing chairman W. James McNerney Jr. told Kennedy Center Board Chairman David M. Rubenstein of the gift before sitting down with Rubenstein for a question-and-answer session at the Economic Club of Washington. The 460 business leaders in attendance offered a collective "wow" upon hearing the news.*

[Executive Biography of John Sassaman](#) / Boeing

*John Sassaman is the director of Ethics and Business Conduct for Government Operations and serves on both the Ethics and Business Conduct and Government Operations leadership teams.*

*Sassaman joined Boeing in November of 2014 after serving for over 13 years on Capitol Hill. He was the chief counsel and staff director for the United State Senate's Select Committee on Ethics, which is authorized to administer the Senate's self-discipline authority under Article 1, section 5 of the United States Constitution.*

[Senate Ethics Committee loses top staffer to Boeing](#)

Politico / Burgess Everett and John Bresnahan / December 9, 2014

*The staff director and chief counsel for the Senate Ethics Committee has gone to work for aerospace giant Boeing. John Sassaman, the top staffer for Senate Ethics, has been appointed as ethics director for Boeing's Government Operations program. Boeing is one of the largest government contractors.*

[U.S. Trade & Investment Initiative](#)

Business Roundtable - International Engagement Posting:

*Trade Promotion Authority (TPA): TPA is a critical tool for advancing U.S. trade agreements to support U.S. economic growth and jobs, and securing approval for TPA is a top priority for America's business leaders. As part of this commitment, Business Roundtable is leading the [Trade Benefits America Coalition](#), a broad-based group of more than 150 business and agricultural associations and companies advocating for passage of updated TPA.*

[Trade Benefits America Coalition members](#) / [tradebenefitsamerica.org](#)

[BRT Letter Congratulating U.S. Trade Representative Michael Froman](#)

Business Roundtable / June 6, 2013

*For its part, Business Roundtable is working to educate leaders in Washington and people around the country on the importance of trade, U.S. trade agreements and TPA to enhancing U.S. growth and jobs. Reflecting this, a key trade priority is passing updated TPA legislation. To this end, the Roundtable is leading the recently launched Trade Benefits America coalition with other business groups, together representing the manufacturing, services and agricultural sectors.*



[United States Trade Representative Michael Froman / USTR.gov](#)

[Michael B. Froman / Wikipedia](#)

[Remarks by the President at the Business Roundtable / December 3, 2014](#)

*"Trade: In Asia, there is a great hunger for engagement with the United States of America, and the Trans-Pacific Partnership is moving forward. Michael Froman, who is here, has been working non-stop. I've promised his family that he will be home sometime soon. We are optimistic about being able to get a deal done and we are reinvigorating the negotiations with the Europeans on a transatlantic trade deal."*- President Obama

[Obama Remarks to Business Roundtable Business/Economy](#) which includes [CPA Quest Editorial: Obama Projecting the Status Quo](#) by Charles Blum / Coalition for a Prosperous America

[TPP, TPA and TAA: Explaining the Unexplainable Mother Jones](#)

Kevin Drum / June 17, 2015

[House GOP Eyes Clean Fast-Track Trade Bill Without TAA Funding](#)

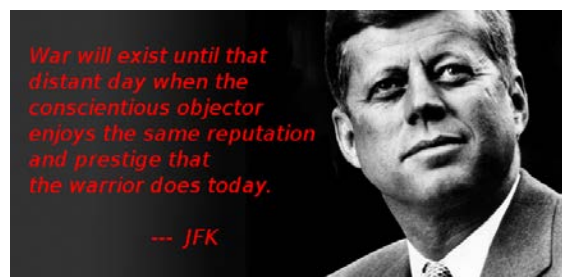
Huffington Post / Laura Barron-Lopez / June 17, 2015

[Trade Authority Bill Wins Final Approval in Senate](#)

The New York Times / Jonathan Weisman / June 24, 2015

[House Sends Trade Adjustment Assistance to President's Desk](#)

Roll Call / Emma Duman / June 25, 2015



Notation: **!** Revolving Door

Required Reading: (Yes, this will be on the final exam.)

*In politics, the "[revolving door](#)" is a movement of personnel between roles as legislators and regulators and the industries affected by the legislation and regulation.*<sup>[note 1]</sup>

*In some cases, the roles are performed in sequence but in certain circumstances may be performed at the same time. Political analysts claim that an unhealthy relationship can develop between the [private sector](#) and government, based on the granting of reciprocated privileges to the detriment of the nation and can lead to [regulatory capture](#).*

Wikipedia

[Revolving Door](#)

Open Secrets

*Although the influence powerhouses that line Washington's K Street are just a few miles from the U.S. Capitol building, the most direct path between the two doesn't necessarily involve public transportation. Instead, it's through a door—a revolving door that shuffles former federal employees into jobs as lobbyists, consultants and strategists just as the door pulls former hired guns into government careers.*

[All The Presidents' Bankers – The Hidden Alliances that Drive American Power](#)

Nomi Prins

*"The relationship between Washington and Wall Street isn't really a revolving door. **Its a merry-go-round.** And, as Prins shows, the merriest of all are the bankers and financiers that get rich off the relationship, using their public offices and access to build private wealth and power. Disturbing and important."*

-- Book review blurb by Robert B. Reich

## *THE MERRY-GO-ROUND*



**Note:** I thank Robert Reich for the inspiration in his book review blurb, re: Nomi Prins' All The Presidents' Bankers. Going forward I am going to refer to the insidious practice of "The Revolving Door" as "*The Merry-Go-Round*". The concept of the "Revolving Door" is thought to be about Legislators, Regulators (and their respective staff members) in conjunction with the Industries affected by legislation & regulations; however we must add to this by including; "Wall Street" Financial Institutions, Corporate Boards, Consulting Firms, Lobbying Firms, Corporate Media, Academia, Authors and Journalists. Certainly as pervasive in utilizing the "Merry-Go-Round" are Presidents, the Members of the President's Cabinet (their respective staff members) and lets not forget- [High Ranking Military Officers](#). (With exceptions of course.) - JRW

## 7. Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) – Absolutely Absurd Questions



### First a few resources regarding ISDS:

[Investor State Dispute Settlement \(ISDS\)](#)

Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR)

[Investor-State Attacks: Empowering Foreign Corporations to Bypass our Courts, Challenge Basic Protections](#)

Public Citizen

*Comprised of three private attorneys, the extrajudicial tribunals are authorized to order unlimited sums of taxpayer compensation for health, environmental, financial and other public interest policies seen as frustrating the corporations' expectations. The amount is based on the "expected future profits" the tribunal surmises that the corporation would have earned in the absence of the public policy it is attacking. There is no outside appeal. Many of these attorneys [rotate between acting as tribunal "judges" and as the lawyers launching cases against the government on behalf of the corporations](#). Under this system, foreign corporations are provided greater rights than domestic firms.*

[People are freaking out about the Trans Pacific Partnership's investor dispute settlement system. Why should you care?](#)

The Washington Post / Henry Farrell / March 26, 2015

*The question is, can the ISDS system properly adjudicate between these economic and social goals? One person's violation of MNC property rights might be another person's legitimate government regulation. The European Union is wrestling with this: Hungary and Romania, for example, have been sued by MNCs for actions that they say were necessary for E.U. harmonization. There is broad outcry over [Philip Morris's actions against Uruguay and Australia](#), in which Philip Morris claims that regulations that make it hard to market cigarettes violate its intellectual property rights. Many countries are [reconsidering treaties](#) that arguably get the balance wrong.*

### An absolutely absurd question that I posed to Congressional Legislative Directors and Legislative Aides of which I have yet to receive any answers:

1. As per the Trans Pacific Partnership text, specifically the Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) section are the **arms manufacturer / "defense" contractor / "security" services industry sector** exempt or not? (Such as - Tobacco is "carved out".)

**My notes, which I provided, related to the Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) text comparisons:**

What is the significance of footnote "2" not appearing in the Trans Pacific Partnership text as it appears in the KORUS FTA text? (Referring to a comparison with the South Korea – United States Free Trade Agreement)?

**Trans Pacific Partnership:**

[Exemptions and General Provisions](#) - Chapter Summary

*The General Exceptions chapter ensures that flexibilities are available to the United States and the other TPP Parties that guarantee the full right to regulate in the public interest, including for national security and other policy reasons.*

**Essential Security Exception**

*The Exceptions chapter includes an exception, applicable to the entire Agreement, making clear that a Party may take any measure it considers necessary for the protection of its essential security interests.*

**Note:** the Tobacco exemption section - it is much more elaborate than the "Security" section - JRW

**IMPACT**

*U.S. free trade agreements and World Trade Organization rules open markets to American goods and services, while also providing explicit assurance that governments remain free to regulate for the public interest in areas such as public health, environmental protection, national security, public morals, and others. This has been standard practice in all U.S. trade agreements dating to the first multilateral trade agreement in 1947, and is the case in TPP.*

**Note:** Why is footnote 2 as it appears in the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement (KORUS FTA) not included in the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP) text? - JRW

**Comparing TPP to KORUS FTA**

2nd Paragraph - footnote number 2 is missing from TPP agreement and what is the significance as related to the Investor State Dispute Settlement provision and Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) legislation as provided within the Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) legislation?

[United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement](#) (KORUS FTA)

Chapter 23 [Exceptions](#)

**ARTICLE 23.2 ESSENTIAL SECURITY**

Nothing in this Agreement shall be construed:

- (a) to require a Party to furnish or allow access to any information the disclosure of which it determines to be contrary to its essential security interests: or
- (b) to preclude a Party applying measures that it considers necessary for the fulfillment of its obligations with respect to the maintenance or restoration of international peace or security or the protection of its own essential security interests. █

<sup>2</sup> For greater certainty, if a Party invokes Article 23.2 in an arbitral proceeding initiated under Chapter Eleven

(Investment) or Chapter Twenty-Two (Institutional Provisions and Dispute Settlement), the tribunal or panel hearing matter shall find that the exceptions apply

[Trans Pacific Partnership](#) Full Text

Chapter 29 [Exceptions and General Provisions](#)

- (a) require a Party to furnish or allow access to any information the disclosure of which it determines to be contrary to its essential security interests; or
- (b) preclude a Party from applying measures that it considers necessary for the fulfillment of its obligations with respect to the maintenance or restoration of international peace or security, or the protection of its own essential security interests. █

**Note:** Focused on the Investor State Dispute Settlement provisions of the TPP, in an Open Letter, dated June 22, 2015 to the United States Senators and their respective Legislative Directors, this is the question that I posed:

### **PEACE = LOSS OF PROFITS**

Do you know with a high degree of certainty, whether or not, the Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) provisions, within the already ongoing trade agreement negotiations, including Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP), allow for Defense Contractors/Weapons Manufacturers to petition for special tribunals (which is reportedly made up of corporate lawyers) to sue and hold governments liable if they believe that a government within the participating trade nations is passing a law which might diminish their future corporate profits? If these ISDS procedures are expressly permitted and the defense contractors/weapons manufacturers are not specifically exempt what would happen if disarmament treaties, demilitarization and peace initiatives actually came to fruition? (PEACE= LOSS OF PROFITS)

**Then it occurred to me that I should pose this equally absolutely absurd question:**

2. *As per the Trans Pacific Partnership text, specifically the Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) section is the **Private Military and Security Companies (PMSC) industry sector** exempt or not? (Such as - Tobacco is "carved out".)*

## 8. Private Military and Security Companies (PMSC)



**Note:** While we are on the subject of absolutely absurd questions – what if a participating TPP nation enacted legislation which would prohibit their government and/or military from outsourcing to the Private Military and Security Companies industry sector - and those jobs were subsequently lost – could the effected **PMSC** individuals apply for new job training and placement under the [Trade Adjustment Assistance](#) (TAA) programs? – JRW

Like I said – “Absurd” – Right?

### As Reference:

[Privately Contracted Armed Security Personnel](#) (PCASP)

[Private Military Company](#) / Wikipedia

[List of Private Military Contractors](#) / Wikipedia

[30 Most Powerful Private Security Companies in the World](#) Security Degree Hub / January 11, 2014

[Private Military Companies](#)  
PrivateMilitary.org

[Private Military Companies](#)  
Global Policy Forum

[The Privatization of War: Mercenaries, Private Military and Security Companies](#) (PMSC)  
Centre for Research on Globalization / November 10, 2010

[The Costs of Outsourcing Wars](#)  
Private Military and Security Companies Amnesty International USA

[WHY PMSCs?](#)  
The campaign to Control PMSC

[International humanitarian law and private military/security companies](#)  
International Committee of the Red Cross

[The Department of Defense’s Use of Private Security Contractors in Iraq and Afghanistan: Background, Analysis, and Options for Congress](#)  
CRS Report for Congress / Prepared for Members and Committees of Congress  
June 22, 2010

[Private Military Contractors and U.S. Grand Strategy](#)  
PRIO Report 1/2009

[International Code of Conduct for Private Security Service Providers](#)  
The Swiss Government

[The Role of Private Military and Security Companies in Modern Warfare –  
Impact on Human Rights](#)  
Global Research / Jose L. Gomez del Prado / August 11,2012

[Obama's Mercenary Position](#)

He calls private security forces "unaccountable" but may use them in Iraq. Meanwhile, Clinton wants to ban them. UPDATED  
The Nation / Jeremy Scahill / February 27, 2008



**Note:** Given our past experiences with the wars in Korea, Vietnam and across the Middle East and North Africa – what the hell do they expect is going to happen in the Asia Pacific Theater given the vast amount of weapon systems that are now in play? – JRW



## 9. The News About The News

A lobbying effort that I find quite disturbing are the full-page ads from Boeing, Lockheed Martin and Northrup Grumman, in [The Hill](#), [Politico](#) and [Roll Call](#); which are publications that are delivered to each of the Congressional offices daily. I asked Legislative Directors straight out – why are ads from defense contractors/weapons manufacturers in these very publications?





*Fear is the product placement of the armament manufacturers. – JRW*

## 10. About the Activist:

### *My involvement as a Social Justice activist related to the TPP*



Jan's Peace Button © 1968

I have been a broad-based social justice activist for quite some time. Starting in the late '60s, my radical high-school underground newspaper days - from the Peace Movement against the War in Vietnam & Environmental Movement as an organizer with the original Earth Day. In the mid '70s I co-founded The Staff of Life – Nutrition Education Center that was based in Durham, North Carolina. My more recent “activities” have included organizing and “taking to the streets” with the Occupy Movement, [Occupy Alternative Banking](#), [Occu-Evolve](#), [People's Climate March](#), [Stop Mass Incarceration Network](#), [System Change. Not Climate Change](#) & [Flush The TPP!](#) On October 2, 2011 while visiting Zuccotti Park, during Occupy Wall Street, I contemplated and then co-organized [Show Up! America](#) which central focus is to educate the public on how they can get involved, through civic engagement, and effect changes in government, particularly on the local level as a place to start. (As in Occupy governmental meetings!)



Since June of 2013, I am pleased to say, that I have been involved with TPP protest rallies, education forums and talking about the TPP to just about anyone who will listen.

One day, in the spring of 2014, while visiting my parents, I had the crazy thought that I should tell them that I have been an organizer with the Occupy Movement. To my delight, my father's response was “let's watch 'President Eisenhower's Farewell Address to the Nation' on the iPad and did you know that he wrote in an original draft - beware of the [Military-Industrial-Congressional Complex](#).” That, indeed, was his response.

**As reference:**

OWS S17 Planning Assembly / Media Co-coordinator / June-September 2013  
[2nd Anniversary of Occupy Wall Street](#)

OWS S17 [Zuccotti Park](#), NYC / September 17, 2013 First TPP protest rally

[The Occupy Movement At 2: Many Voices, Many Messages](#)  
NPR – All Things Considered – Margot Adler

OWS S17 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Occupy Wall Street / Zuccotti Park, NYC /  
[Jan Weinberg clip from “Violence, Incorporated & the TPP Resistance](#)  
Courtesy of [Peter Eliscu](#)

[Flood Congress To Stop Fast Track For TPP](#) / March 19, 2015  
[Flush The TPP!](#) – Stop the Global Corporate Coup!

[Call to Action Against Global Corporate Domination: November 14-18, 2015](#)  
[TPP Resistance Media Mobilizers](#) / [FlushTheTPP.org](#)



*Proof of Protest*

In the spring of 2015, thanks to a series of events that began with the awesome “Flood Congress” action, my focus shifted toward the Military-Industrial Complex's influence on the Trans Pacific Partnership deliberations through a research initiative that I labeled - "Violence, Incorporated."

As part of the “[Flood Congress](#)” action, which was focused on President Obama’s demand for Congress to grant him Trade Promotion Authority (TPA - aka Fast Track), we delivered letters to the office of Oregon Senator Ron Wyden. It struck me while we were in his office that each of the elected officials in the State of Oregon (all Mayors, County Commissioners, State Senate and Assembly) should be contacted and asked to communicate with Sen. Wyden themselves. Upon my return to Princeton, NJ I set about to do just that. I identified approximately 450 names and emails addresses of all of the Oregon elected officials and wrote to each of them with an appeal to learn more about TPA & TPP issues and address their concerns to Senator Wyden.

Out of the 450 only 1 wrote back to me, (which I now consider to be a great success) expressing their displeasure with the trade agreements and they also forwarded the following message that they had received from a volunteer with the [Trade Benefits America](#) coalition:

*“I am reaching out to ask for your help in defending the value of trade to Oregon's economy. Congress is currently considering measures that will determine whether America continues to open global markets for our goods and services, or whether we fall behind other competitors.*”

*I am working here in Oregon with the Trade Benefits America Coalition to support Trade Promotion Authority, important legislation that will help stimulate economic growth and job creation throughout the nation. The United States has an ambitious trade agenda to help American companies, farmers and workers compete and succeed in international markets and the passage of Trade Promotion Authority (TPA) is critical to advancing this agenda.”*

This is what led me to new insights about the pervasive business interests behind the Trans Pacific Partnership. [Trade Benefits America is a Business Roundtable initiative](#). James McNerney at the time was the Chairman of the Business Roundtable. James McNerney at the time was the President and CEO of Boeing; which also manufactures weapon systems. President Obama assigned James McNerney to be the Chairman of the President’s Export Council. (It took me about half an hour after first finding out about Trade Benefits America to put those pieces together and a lot more followed including the involvement of several other “defense contractors”, most notably Lockheed Martin.)

Which takes me back to this particular passage from [President Eisenhower’s Farewell Address](#):

*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. We must never let the weight of this combination endanger our liberties or democratic processes. We should take nothing for granted. Only an alert and knowledgeable citizenry can compel the proper meshing of the huge industrial and military machinery of defense with our peaceful methods and goals, so that security and liberty may prosper together.*

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The fundamental problem is greed. The symptoms have manifested themselves in the forms of subjugation, ignorance, racism, poverty, environmental degradation, destruction and death.

Love is the solution. If we hold that sharing is part of being loving then we must demand of those who hold power over us, to those who have hoarded the various form of wealth, to share fairly. If sharing is to be a large part of the solution then we should assume, if we go by historic events, that it will take place. We have learned that sharing always has taken place one way or another – freely, lovingly given – or it was taken. (This is a quote in progress.)



On Sunday, February 21, 2016 I had the privilege of joining Arnie Saiki of [Moana Nui Action Alliance](#) and Nina Macapinlac of [International League of People’s Struggle](#) on the [People Demanding Action’s](#) incredibly informative, and now archived “[TPP, Militarism and Obama’s Pacific Pivot](#)” Conference Call & Webinar. ([Audio](#) and [Power Point](#))



Unless of course the changes happen to be revolutionary....

**11. Books that I Read** as of October 2013 related to Social Justice Issues:

[Occupy Finance](#)

A Book by the Occupy Alternative Banking Group

Culture Jam  
Kalle Lasn

A Dream Foreclosed - Black America and the Fight for a Place to Call Home  
Laura Gottesdiener

Political Bubble  
Nolan McCarty

Twilight of the Elite  
Christopher Hayes

The Silenced Majority  
Amy Goodman

The Price of Inequality  
Joseph Stiglitz

The Democracy Project  
David Graeber

The Politics Book  
Rob Colson, editor

From CounterCulture to CyberCulture  
Fred Turner

What Went Wrong - How the 1% hijacked the American middle class  
George R. Tyler

The Naked Capitalist (A review and commentary on Dr. Carroll Quigley's book Tragedy and Hope)  
W. Cleon Skousen

In Bed with Wall Street - the conspiracy crippling our global economy  
Larry Doyle

All You Can Eat - How Hungry is America?  
Joel Berg

Thank You, Anarchy  
Notes from the Occupy Apocalypse  
Nathan Schneider

Days of Destruction - Days of Revolt  
Chris Hedges and Joe Sacco

Power Systems (Interviews with David Barsamian)  
Noam Chomsky

The Rich and the Rest of Us  
Cornel West and Tavis Smiley  
(pg. 72 "Affirmation leads to validation, which compels us to action.")

Democracy Matters  
Cornel West

The March on Washington / Jobs, Freedom, and the Forgotten History of Civil Rights  
William P. Jones

The Rule of Nobody / saving America from dead laws and broken government  
Philip K. Howard

Living and Loving Out Loud  
Cornel West

Dollarocracy / How the Money and Media Election Complex is Destroying America  
John Nichols / Robert W. McChesney

Unstoppable  
Ralph Nader

All the President's Bankers  
Nomi Prins

Gospel of Freedom - Martin Luther King, Jr.'s letter  
From Birmingham Jail and the struggle that changed the nation  
Jonathan Rieder

The Divide (American injustice in the age of the wealth gap)  
Matt Taibbi

So Rich, So Poor (Why it's so hard to end poverty in America)  
Peter Edelman

Aftershock  
Robert Reich

The Great Divergence - America's growing inequality crisis and what we can do about it  
Timothy Noah

Boomerang  
Michael Lewis

Corporations Are Not People  
Jeffrey Clements

The Creature from Jekyll Island – A Second Look at the Federal Reserve  
G. Edward Griffin

A People's History of the United States (1492 to Present)  
Howard Zinn

Loosing Our Way  
Bob Herbert

Charters of Freedom – Founding Documents of America Democracy  
(A relatively small group of only rich white men who owned property)

Independence – The Struggle to Set America Free  
John Ferling

The Seventeen Solutions - Bold Ideas for our American Future  
Ralph Nader

Civil Disobedience (An American Tradition)  
Lewis Perry

Too Big to Jail - How Prosecutors Compromise with Corporations  
Brandon L. Garrett

Drift - The Unmooring of American Military Power  
Rachael Maddow

University Inc - The Corporate Corruption of Higher Education  
Jennifer Washburn

Big Money  
Kenneth P. Vogel

This Changes Everything – Capitalism vs. The Climate  
Noami Klein

Capital in the Twenty-First Century  
Thomas Piketty

W.E.B Du Bois  
The Souls of Black Folks

Flash Boys – A Wall Street Revolt  
Michael Lewis

After the Music Stopped - The Financial Crisis, The Response, and the Work Ahead  
Alan Blinder

Unaccountable - How Elite Power Brokers Corrupt our Finances, Freedom, and Security  
Janine R. Wedel

House of Cards - A Tale of Hubris and Wretched Excess on Wall Street  
William D. Cohan

The Radical King  
Martin Luther King, Jr. / edited and introduced by Cornel West

Rise of the Warrior Cop – The Militarization of America's Police Force  
Radley Balko

Reckless Endangerment - How Outsized Ambition, Greed, and Corruption Created the Worst  
Financial Crisis of Our Time  
Gretchen Morgenson and Josura Rosner

Corporocracy - How CEOs and the Business Roundtable Hijacked the World's Greatest Wealth Machine - and How to Get it Back

Robert A. G. Monks

Deep Green Resistance

Aric McBay, Lierre Keith and Derrick Jensen

Wages of Rebellion

Chris Hedges

The Complex – How the Military Invades Our Everyday Lives

Nick Turse

Prophets of War – Lockheed Martin and the Making of the Military-Industrial Complex

William D. Hartung

Tomorrow's Battlefield – US Proxy Wars and Secret Ops in Africa

Nick Turse

Democracy in Black – How Race Still Enslaves The American Soul

Eddie S. Glaude, Jr.

Kill Chain – The Rise of the High Tech Assassins

Andrew Cockburn

How Much Are You Making on the War, Daddy? – A Quick Dirty Guide to War and Profiteering in the Bush Administration

William D. Hartung

Drone Warfare – Killing by Remote Control

Medea Benjamin

The United States of Fear

Tom Engelhardt

