

## THE WAR PARTY by Dean T. Hartwell

“War, huh, yeah.  
What is it good for?  
Absolutely nothing.”

Edwin K. Starr, “War”

If war is so terrible, why do we keep fighting them?

The answer is because war benefits certain people. Consider the following groups of people:

The companies that make the weapons

The companies that provide support to the troops

The generals that live for war

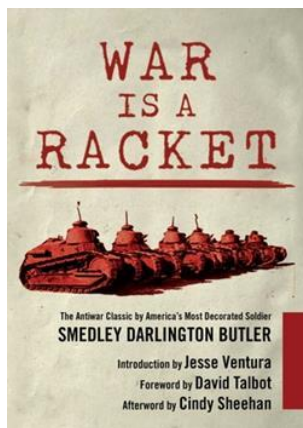
The people who own stock in the defense contractor companies

The intelligence community

The talking heads on television who tell us their “expertise” on defense matters

Others who believe that the United States must defend itself against non-existent threats.

This is not a new idea. Smedley Butler wrote *War Is a Racket* to describe the beneficiaries of World War I. But the thought bears repeating.



If the wars we fight were justifiable, that would be one thing. But they have not been.

We have gone to war under false pretenses in the Mexican-American War, the Spanish-American War, the Viet Nam War, Grenada, Panama, Desert Storm and Afghanistan. We shot our wad of credibility by falsely accusing Iraq of having weapons of mass destruction.

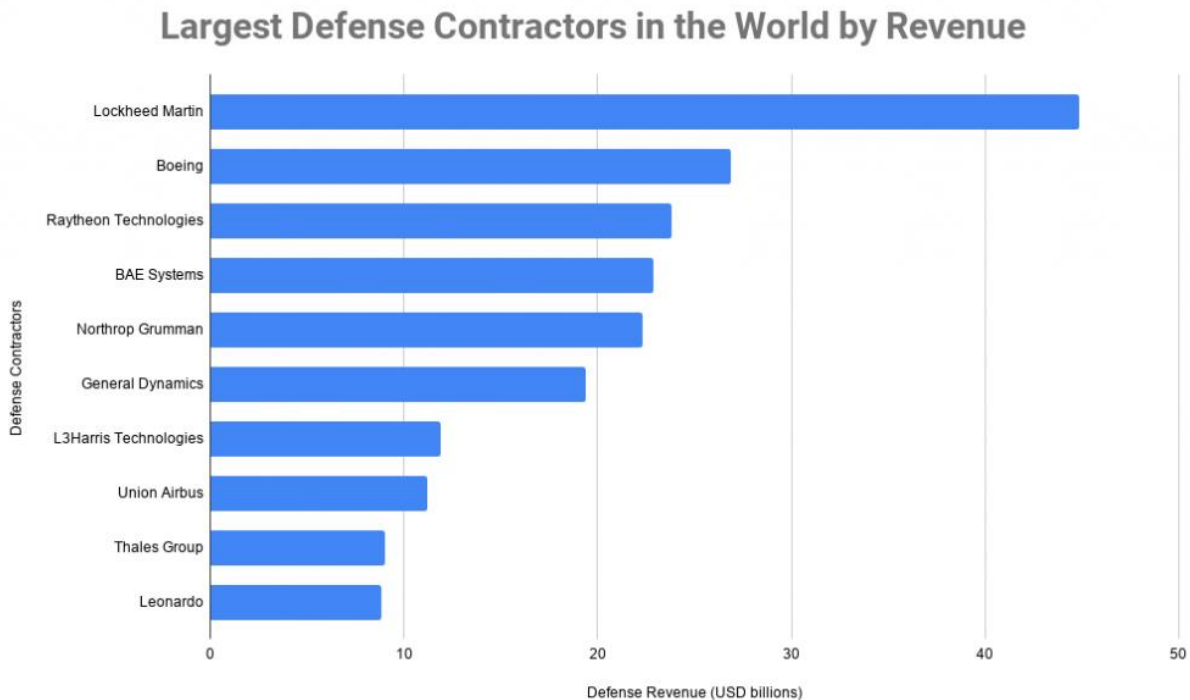
It's not that we cannot fight a justifiable war again. It's that we do not want to. Justifiable wars are about defending ourselves against attackers, not falsely accusing other nations of attacking us or preparing to attack us.

By definition, we can't plan a justifiable war. Yet helping the rich, appealing to the "patriotic" and installing repressive laws are all symptoms of plans by our leaders to fight wars of choice.

Now that we have finally ended our twenty-year involvement in Afghanistan, we should ascertain the motives of those who actually push us to invade other nations.

This group of people has interests that supersede those of the rest of us. They impose their interest in war in different ways.

The defense contractors<sup>1</sup> contribute money to both major political parties (even "liberals" like the late Ted Kennedy got plenty of money from them) and pay heavily to lobby Congress for favorable laws and policies. The Rational Enquirer said that leading defense contractors gained almost sixty percent in stock shortly before December 2, 2002 in the run-up to the Iraq War.



<sup>1</sup> Reference to graph - <https://blog.bizvibe.com/blog/largest-defense-contractors-world>

They are the War Party. Democrats and Republicans bow to them. To oppose this party means less campaign money, less support and a lingering suspicion that one is "soft on defense." Have you ever heard of a candidate for office talk about the need for a "weaker defense?"

About that propaganda that the War Party feeds to the politicians. The propaganda the War Party uses does not allow the public to discern any difference between peace or war.

For example, President George W. Bush had several reasons for going to war with Iraq. None of them stuck, but collectively the false information<sup>2</sup> provided by his war advisors (about weapons of mass destruction, al-Qaeda connections, involvement in 9/11) made the majority of the public afraid to challenge the President.



<sup>2</sup> Reference to picture - Reflections on Iraq, the WMD's (Weapons of Mass Destruction) and the endless wars of the US/NATO – Apokalyps Nu!

Just as Bush had said at 9/11, "Either you are with us or you are with the terrorists," the lies about Iraq convinced many that by opposing Bush, they would side with Saddam Hussein.

The War Party had already decided that early 2001 was not the time to tangle with Iraq. Sander Hicks, author of *The Big Wedding 9/11, the Whistle-Blowers and the Cover-up*, said that "history shows us that when the [U.S.] rulers decide to go to war, they 'create' a reason." The fact that they can decide to fight first suggests that our leaders are prepared to start war at all times.

War gives public policy a focus that nothing else can. It tells our leaders what industries to favor, which side of an argument to give presumption to and how to interpret foreign nations and their actions.

Our leaders see the world as a chess board on which to try out weapons and kill off our "enemies." Why? Because the economy thrives on Halliburton, not the Veterans for Peace. So, we can expect more assassinations and false-flag operations until we stop using war to feed the economy.

### **Case in Point: The Gulf of Tonkin**



In 1964, President Lyndon Johnson sent two destroyers from the Navy, the *USS Maddox* and the *USS Turner Joy*, to the Gulf of Tonkin<sup>3</sup> close to Vietnam. Although some fighting had taken place on the mainland of Vietnam between the United States and its allies in South Vietnam and the North Vietnamese, up

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<sup>3</sup> Reference to picture - <https://www.history.com/topics/vietnam-war/gulf-of-tonkin-resolution-1>

to this point, there had been no clashes at sea.

On the nights of August 2nd and 4th of 1964, the North Vietnamese fired upon the two destroyers, according to the Pentagon. President Johnson soon made a televised speech after the second incident in which he called for retaliatory action after “renewed” attacks.

Within weeks, Congress passed the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution to give the President the authority “to take all necessary measures to repel any armed attack against the forces of the United States and to prevent further aggression.”<sup>4</sup>

Since the United States had not officially declared war on North Vietnam, this resolution amounted to such a declaration and a justification for our escalation of troops in that area of the world. For many years, some historians questioned this official theory of these attacks but lacked solid evidence of official wrongdoing.

However, in recent years, a National Security Archive briefing confirmed that the second attacks never occurred and that the National Security Agency had fixed the intelligence to support the claim.<sup>5</sup>

The late James Stockdale, a former vice-presidential candidate and a Navy pilot squadron commander at the Gulf of Tonkin on August 4th said, “Our destroyers were just shooting at phantom targets” that night.<sup>6</sup>

As for the first attack, on August 2nd, the original story given by Johnson that the *Maddox* was on a “routine patrol” has been disproven by scholars such as Daniel Hallin, who said the *Maddox* was working “in sync with coordinated attacks on North Vietnam” on the 2nd.<sup>7</sup>

If the North Vietnamese did not instigate the first attacks, it seems possible that the Johnson Administration pursued a policy of pre-emptive attacks, an idea that carried over into the George W. Bush Administration. Given these recent

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<sup>4</sup> <http://www.fair.org>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.gwu.edu/~nsarchiv/NSAEBB/NSAEBB132/index.htm>

<sup>6</sup> <http://www.commondreams.org/headlines02/0805-09.htm>

<sup>7</sup> <http://www.fair.org>

revelations, it also appears likely that the National Security Agency willingly gave false information to President Johnson about the second attacks.

This misinformation, Johnson's refusal to give full disclosure about the reason for the Maddox's presence in the Gulf of Tonkin and the media's willingness to accept "official" Pentagon and presidential statements as fact without checking them, led us into a disastrous war in which over 58,000 U.S. soldiers and over two million Vietnamese lost their lives.

Both the military/government and the media kept the gate of knowledge closed to the public. By keeping the truth about this importance historical incident secret until the public no longer cared, they both shaped United States policy.

### **9/11, Afghanistan and Iraq**

The lies certainly have not stopped. Government and the media told the public false stories of passenger flights hijacked by terrorists who flew them into buildings, including the World Trade Center.

The fall of the towers was planned well in advance, in part to give owner Lawrence Silverstein billions of dollars in insurance money.<sup>8</sup>

The Pentagon had mysteriously lost \$2.3 trillion dollars by early September 2001.<sup>9</sup> The appearance of attacks took this politically embarrassing story right out of the news.

The Pentagon had plans to invade Afghanistan before September 11, 2001.<sup>10</sup> The appearance of attacks allowed the White House to use these plans to quickly start a war with public support.

Millions of dollars of allegedly phony Brady Bonds, socked away in the North Tower of the World Trade Center, were conveniently destroyed on September 11, 2001.<sup>11</sup> They were to become due (and thus incriminate their creators) the following day.

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<sup>8</sup> <http://www.amazon.com/Dead-Men-Talking-Consequences-Government/dp/0970907028/>

<sup>9</sup> <http://www.911truth.org/article.php?story=20041221155307646> See note #34

<sup>10</sup> Marrs, Jim. The Terror Conspiracy: Provocation, Deception and 9/11; Disinformation Company, September 2006, page 179.

<sup>11</sup> <http://portland.indymedia.org/en/2005/09/324172.shtml>

When the war in Afghanistan quieted down, the Bush Administration proposed a second war against Iraq, saying they had acted in collusion with al-Qaeda. This war also gained enough popular support to get it started.

### **Robert F. Kennedy and Osama bin Laden**

The faked death of a presidential candidate in 1968 and the framing of an innocent villain were two powerful propaganda tools used by the War Party to increase acceptance of war.

The North Vietnamese inflicted intense casualties among the United States and its allies in South Viet Nam in the Tet Offensive<sup>12</sup> of January 1968. Though the attacks did not succeed in causing a popular uprising against the South Vietnamese government, public support for the war sharply declined.



A victory in Viet Nam was simply going to cost far more casualties than the public would accept.

The War Party needed to find a way to extend an unpopular war. And the presidential election was coming.

The solution?

Use the media to promote a popular anti-war candidate, then fake the candidate's assassination to defuse opposition to the war.

Enter Robert F. Kennedy, Senator from New York. He had served as the Attorney General of the United States under his (publicly martyred) brother and had recently come out against the war.

Is it so hard to believe that an assassination could be staged? The plotters simply needed some loyal actors, carefully planned photographs and footage that merely suggested a shooting rather than proving one and access to the media.

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<sup>12</sup> Reference to picture - <https://www.commercialappeal.com/story/opinion/contributors/2018/02/10/tet-offensive-what-really-happened-50-years-ago/314483002/>



Believers in the official assassination theory of Robert Kennedy would be wise to look at pictures sent to the public about this so-called incident.



Osama bin Laden was an easy frame. He fought against the Soviet Union in Afghanistan as a CIA asset named Tim Osman. See the document below and to the left.<sup>13</sup>

The government and the media linked bin Laden to attacks on U.S. embassy buildings in Tanzania and Kenya. President Bill Clinton ordered cruise missile strikes in Sudan and Afghanistan, ostensibly at bin Laden targets.

The FBI subsequently placed bin Laden on its "Ten Most Wanted List."

Soon, whenever terrorist strikes were made or alleged, the public associated them with the new villain, Osama bin Laden.

However, news reports, ignored largely by the public, indicated that

bin Laden was dying of kidney disease and was flown to Dubai in July 2001 for treatment, where he apparently met with CIA agents.<sup>14</sup>

Is it so hard to believe that the War Party, knowing bin Laden's true condition, publicly staged a hoax attack (with staged phone calls<sup>15</sup>) on the United States and framed bin Laden for it. A dying man could hardly likely defend himself. That made

<sup>13</sup> Reference to picture - Osama Bin Laden and Muslims - IslamiCityally generated

<sup>14</sup> [Evidence Shows Osama bin Laden Actually Died In 2001 \(newspunch.com\)](http://www.newspunch.com)

<sup>15</sup> *Planes without Passengers, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition* by Dean T. Hartwell



it easy for plotters to put together fake tapes of bin Laden “confessing” to the crime.<sup>16</sup>

The result in 1968 and in 2001? Indefinite war. Which just happens to benefit the War Party.

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<sup>16</sup> [Swiss scientists 95% sure that Bin Laden recording was fake | World news | The Guardian](#)