

World military and social expenditures

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Women and War (II)

Military Personnel (1):

- As of 1995, 22.4 million men and women remain under arms, of which, the developing countries take up 65 percent of the world total

(Source: Sivard, *World Military and Social Expenditures*, 1996, p. 8)

- As of 1994, more than 500,000 women serving in the regular and irregular armed forces taking less than 10 percent of state militaries

(Source: Dan Smith, *The State of War and Peace Atlas*, 1997, p. 64)

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Despite the heavier military burden, the growth of the gross national product in the second half of the century was unusually strong. Available estimates indicate that the military claim on government budgets may now be well over ten times greater in constant dollars than it was before the war. The clearest indication we have of the investment committed to social objectives is in the allocation of funds through public budgets.

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But what does that tell us about the effects of military expenditures on the economy? Increasingly, civilians are the major victims of war. The standing armies are much larger than they were 50 years ago, despite the technological miracles which have given the average soldier mobility and firepower infinitely greater than his predecessor.

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It is because of this egregious nonsense I am led to my suggestion. In the first half of this century they represented about 50 percent of war-related deaths.

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The data in WMSE are applicable to such global issues as: 1 development, 2 arms and security, 3 global inequity, and 4 social and economic justice. Sivard formed a non-profit publishing company, World Priorities Inc. Let this be no longer.

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