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Brian,

Check it out. I was a caller 10-9-90.
This is reality and this is a form of Racism.
When a Society leads the masses to focus on
misleading issues that affect effect minorities,
this is Racism....

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Please respond.
I suspect you two guest knows this.
I didn't make this up.
I have a "basic" Economic class right now & what
they teach is NOT the reality of Economics today
which is controlled by the "Dominate White Male
Society" which we live in.

NOTE: This is still the best country on the face of the earth....

Some Aspects of Misuse of Pentagon Spending
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Being a veteran of the U.S. Navy of five years, from 1959 to 1964, I became concern when I was made aware that good ole Uncle Sam has sold our navy's, (and perhaps the world's), most syphicated, proven, durable fighter to Iran. I wondered why we would sell the best fighter in the world to any country, friend or foe? The following report has answered some of my questions. Defense means money, economy, and jobs.

In this report I will concentrate on spare parts. Everyone must know that Uncle Sam buys much more than he needs, but there is far more profit and jobs involved when we consides the reality that the DoD, (Department of Defense), has to buy parts for all of what they purchase. Without spare parts, the DoD is out of business. There is no defense. Every tank, aircraft, and all the way down to the smallest machinery has to have spare parts inorder to continue working.

I have found in my research that spare parts means big business to many industries other than the major defense plants such as General Dynamics or the Sperry Corporation.

In a letter to the Honorable Sam Nunn from Assistant Secretary of Defense, Fred S. Hoffman, (principal Deputy), he states, "Your constituent will be interested to know that in 1974, when the Shah of Iran was a staunch friend to the United States, we did sell F-14 aircraft to Iran."

The above statement tells me that military hardware is big business and produces jobs which plays a big part in keeping America working.

Our president, (as well as all of our elected officials), knows this. Therefore, in order to justify buying too much and/or too many, our president as well as our legislators must tell we constituents, "The Russians are coming! The Russians are coming!" Also they will preach to us propaganda about deterrence, (which means to frighten off) and that we must stop communism, (which only means the theory of a social system in which everything is held in common, private property being abolished). All of this is so much "Bull" because I feel that if the truth be known all of our legislators and mainly the president knows that this is a tool they use in order for the Pentagon and the DoD to produce economy and jobs.

I charge that our government has no fear of a communist invasion, (deterrence), or fearful of the United States social system changing to communism.

Every elected official no matter which party they represent, must keep their constituents happy in order to be re-elected. We are misled in believing, for example, that the Russians are coming. As long as they keep fear in the constituents about needing more defense we will continue to buy and build more than what is needed to defend this country. The bottom line being that this propaganda from our own government keeps the smallest owned business in business even if they just make one type of nut or bolt for the DoD or that is sold to the DoD.

Let's look at a few prices provided by Lori Comeau,
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PART INFORMATION	HARDWARE STORE PRICE	PRIME CONTRACTOR PRICE
<u>Antenna Hexagonal Wrench</u> DESCRIPTION: Modified standard 7/64" allen wrench. CONTRACTOR: <u>General Dynamics</u>	<u>\$.12</u>	<u>\$9,609.00</u>
<u>Antenna Alignment Pin</u> DESCRIPTION: A 3" pin or wire. CONTRACTOR: General Dynamics	<u>\$.02</u>	<u>\$7,417.00</u>
<u>Plain Round Nut</u> DESCRIPTION: A common hexagon- sided, threaded nut. CONTRACTOR: <u>McDonnell Douglas</u>	<u>\$.13</u>	<u>\$2,043.00</u>
<u>Plastic Stool Cap</u> DESCRIPTION: A plastic cover for stool legs. CONTRACTOR: <u>Pratt and Whitney</u>	<u>\$.22</u>	<u>\$1,118.26</u>
<u>Screw</u> DESCRIPTION: Standard machine screw. CONTRACTOR: McDonnell Douglas	\$.09	\$37.00
<u>Fuse</u> DESCRIPTION: Standard electrical fuse. CONTRACTOR: <u>Hughe Aircraft Inc.</u>	\$.48	\$512.00
<u>Capacitor</u> DESCRIPTION: A common electrical component. CONTRACTOR: McDonnell Douglas	\$.39	\$895.00
<u>Claw Hammer</u> DESCRIPTION: A standard claw hammer. CONTRACTOR: <u>Gould Simulators Systems Division.</u>	\$17.00	\$436.00

These are defense plants

Since 1982, (the Reagan Administration), to purchase one each of just the first seven (7) items in your local hardware store will cost you or I a total of \$1.45, but the Pentagon and the DoD purchases one each of the same seven (7) items at a cost of \$21,631.26 total.

These are small items, so we know that the DoD buys hundreds of thousands of these products. Ten-thousand of just one item, (the common allen wrench), will cost you and I \$1,200.00 but the DoD pays well over 96 million for the same 10,000 allen wrenches. I have to ask if this is a administration who preaches save, save, and cut back, are even concerned about a balance budget, (let alone how they have wasted yours and my taxes. We have to pay for this).

Keep in mind that the above prices is for one (1) item. As we know, the DoD has bases and installations all over the world. The DoD manages about 4.3 million separate stock numbered items. The report I have says, "About." This would suggest to me that DoD don't really know how many parts in single items they must keep track of.

Suppose, for example, one-half of the DoD's spare parts are overpriced, (we all know that it is more than this), and suppose we have purchased only 10,000 each. With 4.3 million stock items, one can see why, since 1982, we and even our great grandchildren will be paying for this administration's overspending and overpricing.

But we must realize that this administration did build the economy and create jobs, and for a people who lives in today and let tomorrow take care of itself, we think we are

doing well.

Just a small percent of overspending and overpricing saved would cut the Federal debt in half. This report has shown me that the social programs, (including welfare), is not putting this country in debt.

Here again our president and his men, (in this case the Republican Party), must tell the people that programs for the poor are bad for the budget and is creating a huge deficient. This untruth also helps in keeping our vision on the social issue rather than the DoD's overpricing and overspending. This allows Uncle Sam to keep over 300,000 different businesses going by spending and allowing overpricing. These companies are doing good business and some are employing. I could afford to hire also if I had a mark up on an item that retails for 12¢ and I get paid \$9,609.00 selling the item to the DoD.

This Reagonomics is called the "Trickle-down" economy. By overpricing and allowing big business to thrive, the same big business can afford to hire and keep the cycle going. Everyone is generally satisfied.

The problem with this type of government is the reality that someone has to pay for this deficient. Not only will our next president have to deal with this growing problem, but who ever is elected will have to raise taxes. We all know that this will result in the next president serving for one term. The loosing party in this '88 election will walk on red carpet to the White House in 1992. This is politics....

I said this in 1988 when Mr. Bush was saying, "Read my lips,"