

# So called "Missile Defense" is a Trojan Horse

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**M**issile defense is a Trojan horse. The Pentagon says missile defense is a gift to protect us from attack by a rogue state with nuclear weapons.

Lockheed Martin, TRW, Boeing and Raytheon are the top four Star Wars contractors. Their contributions to Republicans and Democrats alike have paved the road for nearly unchallenged research and development funding.

Before it is finished, the new

Star Wars program will cost many hundreds of billions of dollars. (Over \$120 billion has been wasted on space weapons development since the Eisenhower administration recruited ex-Nazi rocket scientists.)

The underlying issue at hand is corporate global control and domination. U.S. Space Command is the new military arm of corporate globalization. It's document, *Vision for 2020* (see p.17) states that due to current economic realities the gap between "haves and have nots" will widen. As a result, it says there will be more regional instability as workers

organize to oppose slave-labor working conditions and a loss of democratic rights. By developing the new program for "control and domination" from space, the Pentagon intends to suppress "regional" hotspots without major troop deployments. All warfare on the Earth is now coordinated from space. Those who control space will be the Masters of Space, and the Earth.

Missile defense must be revealed for the sham that it is. The weaponization of space will create more global instability, not make us more secure.

**Source:** *Resist*, October 2001.

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### **Why is the U.S. Weaponizing Space?**

The real reasons for weaponizing outer space have little to do with national security. The U.S. is the hegemonic world power. We have the option of literally obliterating any nation which challenges us. We are not challenged in outer space by another power. Indeed, other major world powers indicate that they are eager to sign international treaties to eliminate the possibilities of space weaponization. Why then is the U.S. pressing weaponization?

(1) Outer space is the object of intense lobbying by wealthy arms manufacturers who spend their funds for the greater profit of government contracts. They are lobbying congressmen who are eager for payoffs and facilities in their districts. Republicans [and Democrats] are raking in millions of dollars

from these contractors. Tens of millions of dollars have been spent by Boeing, Lockheed, TRW and Raytheon to promote a missile defense system which even the Pentagon's own head of testing says doesn't work.

(2) Outer space fits the sense of hegemonic power being promoted by our current neoconservative rulers. Ground-based weapons are much cheaper, and for the most part, more effective than virtually anything on the drawing board for outer space. But, national security is not the issue.

**Source:** Craig Eisendrath, "Resisting Empire," Keynote Speech, Conference, Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space, April 23, 2004. <[www.globenet.free-online.co.uk/images/gnconf04/cr\\_speech.htm](http://www.globenet.free-online.co.uk/images/gnconf04/cr_speech.htm)>

### **Shadowboxing with Itself**

The U.S. military is dangerously pursuing its goal of military superiority.... The U.S. military is shadow-boxing with itself. The weaponization of space represents a real threat to the security of everyone on Earth. Not only will this squander hundreds of billions in taxpayer dollars, which are better spent on education, health, housing and the welfare of the people, it will greatly accelerate a new arms race in space, with other nations working feverishly to penetrate a U.S. Star Wars program, or to build one themselves.

**Source:** Dr. Michio Kaku, Professor of Theoretical Physics, City College, City University of New York, from the Forward to Karl Grossman's book, *Weapons in Space*, 2001. <[www.thirdworldtraveler.com](http://www.thirdworldtraveler.com)>

### **Politicking and Puppeteering**

The heart of Ronald Reagan's 1983 Star Wars program lives on, kept beating by a mix of election-year politicking, behind-the-scenes defense-industry puppeteering and a fiercely committed group of conservative think tanks and antimissile-system advocates.

Not surprisingly, defense [sic] contractors... have a major interest in a NMD [National Missile Defense] system, especially since its ultimate cost is estimated at more than \$30 billion.

**Source:** Christopher John Farley, "The Reagan-era Star War Program Lives On," *Time*, July 2000.

### **Helping the Profit Margin**

The nation's Big 3 weapons contractors, Lockheed Martin, Boeing and Raytheon, have looked to missile defense as a medium-to-long term source of revenues and profits to help them recover from management and technical problems that slashed their stock prices in half and reduced their profit margins in the late 1990s.

**Source:** William D. Hartung and Michelle Ciarrocca, "Tangled Web: The Marketing of Missile Defense 1994-2000," Arms Trade Resource Center, May 2000. <[www.worldpolicy.org/projects/arms/reports/tangled.htm](http://www.worldpolicy.org/projects/arms/reports/tangled.htm)>

### **Milking the Government**

Dr. Nira Schwartz, a former TRW senior engineer who blew the whistle on the contractor's fraudulent reporting of Star Wars radar tests, said it best:

"It's not a defense of the U.S. It's a conspiracy to allow them to milk the government. They are creating for themselves a job for life."

Dr. Schwarz sued TRW and lead Star Wars contractor, Boeing, for violation of the False Claims Act and wrongful employment retaliation.

**Source:** Kevin Martin, "Star Wars vs. Nuclear Abolition," <[www.ipnw.org/NMDvAbolitionMartin.html](http://www.ipnw.org/NMDvAbolitionMartin.html)>