

Why convert if we need these ships for national security?

- The US outmatches the next 20 largest navies in firepower. The US warship fleet is larger than the next 13 largest fleets combined.
- The US already spends more on the military than the next seven biggest spending countries.
- The price tag on a Zumwalt destroyer is \$7 billion. Imagine: 350,000 homes could have been converted to solar energy for that same amount.
- General Dynamics has already received corporate welfare worth \$194 million from the state and the city of Bath and another \$45 million was approved by the last legislature.
- Phebe Novakovic, General Dynamic CEO, received a total compensation package in 2017 of over \$21 million dollars!

Who profits by promoting insecurity?
Drug companies get rich on opioids,
banks on subprime loans, defense
contractors on fear.

In 1953, President Eisenhower said,

“...every warship launched, every rocket fired signifies, in the final sense, a theft from those who hunger and are not fed, those who are cold and are not clothed.” He was talking about General Dynamics.

How do BIW ships contribute to climate change and environmental destruction?

- The Pentagon has stated that climate change poses “immediate risks” to national security and is a “threat multiplier”. More than two-thirds of critical US military installations are at risk from flooding, drought, and wildfires. Political instability brought on by climate chaos will lead to escalating conflict and wars globally.
- The Pentagon has the largest carbon footprint on the planet. It generates more than 70% of the total US greenhouse gas emissions. It uses more oil than all the oil consumed by 175 countries combined.
- But US foreign policy is pouring fuel on the fire of global warming. Modern day US military deployment is about controlling oil rich regions.
- The Pentagon failed an audit while spending \$5.9 trillion since 9/11. The money misspent on the Iraq war alone could have paid for the entire world’s conversion to renewable energy.
- Sadly, Destroyers built at BIW contribute to upheaval and destruction of human communities and ocean ecosystems:
 - These destroyers are often ported at places such as Jeju Island, South Korea, against the will of local people, whose lands, waters, and rights are taken and violated.
 - Marine life, from fish to whales, are casualties of the US Navy’s irresponsible use of high-intensity sonar and explosives.

These are just a few examples. Isn’t it time to build for life and not for death?

Our planet Earth, a casualty of the US War Machine, calls to us to covert BIW!

What is the Green New Deal?

What is the “Green New Deal (GND?)”

A proposed national program of massive investments in clean-energy jobs to combat climate change.

Major Goals of the GND: Within 10 years of start-up:

- 100% of national power demand through renewable sources.
- A national energy-efficient “smart” grid.
- No greenhouse gas emissions.
- Renewable energy infrastructure.
- Regenerative agricultural practices.
- “Green” technology, expertise, products and services as a major US export.

Key to the GND Plan: Building a democratic and just economy which ends vast wealth inequality.

The **GND** will guarantee a **“just transition”** away from fossil fuels through training, education, economic assistance, a job program for **all** workers and universal health care.

How will we pay for the GND? Congress member Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez said it best on a CNN interview:

“We write unlimited blank checks for War. We just wrote a **\$2 trillion dollar** check for the GOP tax cut. Nobody asked those folks how are they going to pay for it. So my question is ‘Why is it our pockets are only empty when it comes to education and health-care for our kids . . . when we talk about renewable energy that is going to save this planet and allow our children to thrive?’”

For more information on the GND:
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