

## Ways YOU can help hold war criminals accountable!

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### Find Out Who Your Representatives Are

- Don't know your congressional district/representative? Go to <https://www.house.gov/find-your-representative>.
- Find out which of your state officials have received money from zionist lobbies by visiting [boughtbyzionism.org](http://boughtbyzionism.org).

### Disrupt Public Events

- Targeting spaces where war criminals are present to interrupt regular or important programming.
- Set Google Alerts for different officials' names and check upcoming local events to see if they will be present.

### Birdogging

- Seeking out elected officials and state specific questions or information to learn their views.
- Can be done in public or digitally.
- Record and share any responses.

### Demonstrate Outside War Criminals' Offices

- This is public information that can be found with a bit of research.
- Keep in mind public vs. private property and harassment laws beforehand.

### Inform the Public: Outreach Campaigns

- Flyer:
  - Posters and flyers about war criminals and their specific policies throughout your community.
- Hold teach-ins/educational events
- Write and publish OPDs

## ACCOUNTABILITY: Exposing War Crimes



[codepink.org/accountability](https://codepink.org/accountability)



## War Criminals: Who's Paying their Bill?

**U.S. War Criminals &  
who pays the cost**

# What is a “war crime”

“A serious violation of international humanitarian law committed during armed conflict” (Cornell Law School)

## International Humanitarian Law

- Law based on international treaties, particularly the Geneva Conventions, that aim to limit the barbarity of war and protect civilians during armed conflicts

## Arms Trade Treaty

- Sets international regulations for the trade of arms
- States that nations must refrain from supplying weapons in conflicts if there is a clear risk of or awareness that the weapons will contribute to violations of IHL

## Examples of War Crimes

- Torture and cruel treatment
- The murder of civilians and prisoners of war
- Sexual violence
- Attacks on individuals and infrastructure not used for military purposes (E.g., medics, hospitals, religious buildings).
- Looting and pillaging villages in occupied territory
- Using prohibited weapons such as chemical/biological weapons and certain kinds of landmines
- Enlisting children under the age of 15 into the armed forces
- Targeting protected individuals like medics or objects like hospitals or religious buildings.
- Forced displacement of civilians

## International Criminal Court

- The first and only international court with jurisdiction to prosecute individuals for international war crimes
- Does not replace national judicial systems but can exercise jurisdiction when national courts won't prosecute war criminals

# U.S. War Crimes

## 2nd Trump Administration 2025-Present

- Launched a record-breaking 529 airstrikes within his first 5 months in office in Iran, Iraq, Syria, Somalia, and Yemen
- Bypassed Congress to send Israel billions of \$ in military aid.
- Cut funding for war crime accountability programs
- Sanctioned the International Criminal Court for investigating Israel's war crimes

## Biden Administration 2021-2025

- Supported Israel's genocide in Palestine by sending massive amounts of military aid and weapons to Israel
- Hindered Ukrainian peace efforts,
- Violated the “War Powers Act” by launching military action against Syria
- Covered up and continued to support illegal actions in Libya, Yemen, and Iraq

## 1st Trump Administration 2017-2021

- Escalated civilian deaths by weakening drone strike regulations and rules to protect civilians.
- Backed illegal coups in Venezuela and Iraq.
- Launched a March 2017 airstrike in Mosul that killed hundreds of civilians

## Obama Administration 2009-2017

- Oversaw the expansion of drone strikes, leading to 10,000+ deaths in multiple countries
- Killed U.S. citizens without trial.
- Intensified war in Afghanistan.
- Led destructive wars in Libya and Honduras

## Bush Administration 2001-2009

- Launched and justified the illegal Iraq war.
- Authorized a global torture program and mass surveillance.
- Detained and killed thousands without due process.



Find more war criminals and their crimes

# Who pays for these crimes?

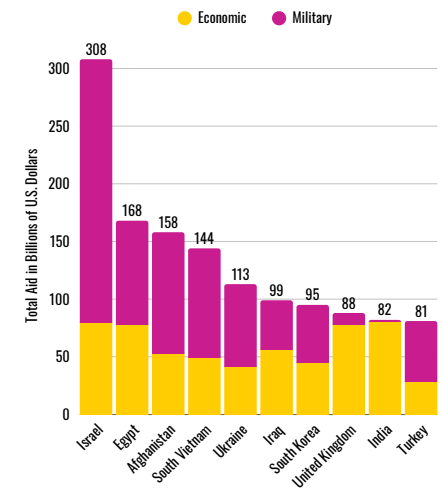
## #1: People living in the countries that the U.S. has committed war crimes against

- Millions of civilians throughout the world living in post-9/11 war zones have died in their homes, waiting in line for food, standing in the street, in hospitals, etc. due to U.S. military intervention or aid.
- Millions more have been forcibly displaced from their home countries.
- Women and children tend suffer the brunt of wars the most.

## #2: The U.S. citizens whose tax \$ are being used to commit these war crimes

- Historically, the U.S. has allocated 11%-90% of the U.S. federal budget to the Department of Defense, not including the costs for veterans' programs, homeland security, and other military-related activities.
- In 2024 alone, the U.S. government sent approximately \$17.9 billion in military aid to Israel.

Total Aid Given by U.S. from 1946-2024



Recipients of U.S. Aid

Source: Council on Foreign Relations