

# Trump's Plan Finally Becomes Clear. "War is Good for Business"

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*The first stage of U.S. President Donald Trump's plan to restore America's former dominance as a "manufacturing country" will be announced this coming weekend in Riyadh Saudi Arabia and Washington DC, but its outlines are now already more than clear.*

*The biggest-ever foreign sale of U.S.-made weaponry will be announced at that time, and, according to a little-noticed [report by Reuters on May 12th](#), an unidentified U.S. government official informed Reuters that "We are in the final stages of a series of deals," whose size will be of truly extraordinary historic proportions.*

Trump will announce during this, his first trip abroad as the U.S. President, starting on Friday May 19th, deals for the fundamentalist-Sunni government of Saudi Arabia to purchase more than \$100 billion, and perhaps more even than \$300 billion, in U.S.-made weaponry.

The announced intention of Saudi princes is to defeat what they declare to be the '[existential threat](#)' they face from Iran and from [Shia Islam](#), and so these weapons will presumably be used for 'defense' against the fundamentalist-Shiite government of Iran, and against any nation whose leader is Shiite (even if not fundamentalist, and including non-sectarian and even secular Shiite, such as Syria's leader Bashar al-Assad, and such as the Houthis in Yemen).

The U.S. (especially the major investors in corporations such as Lockheed Martin) will therefore be in a position to profit from intensification of the wars in Syria and in Yemen, as well as from other national battlefields between Sunni and Shia. That's the plan, and, on this basis, as soon as Trump won the 2016 election, [he appointed to all of his national-security posts people who have solid records as being rabidly hostile, above all, towards Iran, and secondarily, toward Iran's allies, such as Russia and Syria](#). (Trump's opponent, Hillary Clinton, was hostile, above all, toward Russia; her aim was to conquer it, which would entail unlimited spending on nuclear weapons. Trump's plan is focused instead on unlimited spending on conventional weapons, and the deal that he has reached with the Saudis is designed specifically to supply them with that — not with nuclear.)

The key international ally of the American government has long been the fundamentalist-Sunni [Saudi royal family, the world's wealthiest family, who own Saudi Arabia, including the world's largest oil company, Aramco, which is 100% owned by the Saudi government, which is 100% owned by the Saud family](#), actually by whomever the royal family's princes select to be the King. [No one can be selected by the Saud family to become the King who is disapproved of by the nation's fundamentalist-Sunni Wahhabist clergy](#), who have been

[committed ever since 1744 to eliminating Shia Islam](#). Israel also is allied with the Saud family. Consequently, on the Sunni side are the U.S. and Israel; and, on the Shiite side are Russia and Syria. Other countries are secondary.

For example, Sunni Turkey is part of America's NATO military alliance against Russia, but is obsessed against America's Kurdish allies and therefore more on Iran's and Russia's side in that regard. (A Kurdish state being carved from [Syria, Iraq, Iran, and Turkey](#), would please only the U.S. government.)

The Reuters news-report also quoted this unnamed U.S. government official as saying that "Israel would still maintain an edge" so as to remain the most powerful military nation in the Middle East. This suggests that part of these "deals" will be that the Saudis will continue to say no-thank-you to the repeated offers by Pakistan to sell some of their nuclear weapons to the Saudi government. And it also means that the Saudis will continue to rely upon the U.S. nuclear force as protection or 'umbrella' against any possible nuclear attack, from Israel or any other nation. (The full terms of the 'deals' won't be made public but will also include purely spoken agreements, more in the nature of the 1945 original deal that was reached in private between Franklin Delano Roosevelt and King Saud.)

The Saudis are buying the U.S., as their ally in their centuries-old war against Shia Islam; and, the U.S. is selling the Saudis the weaponry, and the military trainers (so as to be able to use America's weapons), against Iran and other Shiia-controlled or -allied countries.



The Trump Administration has already been applying pressure against Russia in an attempt to get them to abandon their support of Syria's Bashar al-Assad, and of Iran; but this pressure has not yet borne any fruit, and is not currently a front-burner issue in Trump's plan; it's on the back burner right now.

The Trump Administration has [still not decided whether to continue the Obama Administration's refusal to label as a "terrorist organization" the Syrian jihadists who are led by Al Qaeda](#), which [is funded by the royal Saud family](#) and has been the [most effective fighting force in Syria to overthrow Assad's government](#).

As regards domestic U.S. issues, they're viewed, by the top levels in both the Republican and Democratic Parties, more as vote-getting baits, than as issues of actual primary concern. Whereas the public focuses mainly upon those issues, the political-donor class (owners of international corporations) are concerned mainly about foreign affairs; and, in domestic affairs, on lowering the taxes that they pay and the economic regulations that increase their costs of doing business — and even those domestic issues have a large foreign-affairs component. So: international alliances are the central concern of America's

wealthy. Since the general public knows and cares little about those matters and doesn't understand them but instead *misunderstands* them, there is [virtually no political cost to any politician who, as a public official, gives away the store to the donor-class, on what they care about the most. What the public see in the 'news' media is propaganda that's paid for by advertisers and/or by the aristocratically controlled government itself, and therefore carefully veils key realities that would enable the public to understand what's going on and why.](#) Of course, individuals such as [Edward Snowden, Julian Assange, and Chelsea Manning](#), are viscerally hated by the donor-class and get thrown into prison even while people such as George W. Bush, Hillary Clinton, and Barack Obama, walk free and are even honored by large portions of the electorate (not to mention by their own financial sponsors) (and even win such things as the Nobel Peace Prize).

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