

Seeing Military as a Complex Adaptive System

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Even though Eisenhower was behind much of it he was wise enough in his farewell to warn us of the dangers of the Military-Industrial-complex. Despite the warning successive administrations have continued use this complex, adding layers, connections, and interrelationships until it permeates our society. This is an example of a complex adaptive system.

Keynesian economics prevailed after WW II and the MIC provided a smooth and unfettered way to pump the economy. Today we spend more on defense than the next ten nations combined.

We are the unquestioned policeman of the world. When you are a surgeon and have a knife you tend to see everyone as having a surgical problem. When you are the leader of the largest and most powerful military force in the world you tend to a similar view.

Again the question is: What can we do as individuals to balance the power Eisenhower warned us about?

Seeing differently is the beginning.

To get an grasp on the big picture of how to start seeing differently, visit our “Idea Behind This” page.

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