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- NATO is an **unelected and unaccountable institution** without any democratic or transparent procedures among its members — an institution that drives military spending and arms races, opposes negotiations, escalates conflicts, heightens tensions, and increases the risk of nuclear war.
- The NATO Support and Procurement Agency, which lines up **weapons deals between manufacturers and governments**, has a greater number of staff and handles greater amounts of money than does NATO itself, which also raises money from its partners to spend on weapons.
- NATO members and partners account for **69% of the world's military spending**. China spends 19%, China 6%, and Iran 0.4% what NATO members and partners do. Yet NATO pressures its members hard to spend more on weaponry, and less on human and environmental needs.
- NATO's warmaking, in violation of the United Nations Charter, in the former Yugoslavia, Afghanistan, and Libya has been the opposite of stabilizing. **NATO has supported catastrophic and destabilizing wars** that only some of its members would agree to, in places like Iraq and Palestine.
- The outgoing Dutch Prime Minister slated to be the next Secretary General of NATO displayed utter contempt for the rule of law when he asked "**What can we say to make it look like Israel is not committing war crimes?**"
- The outgoing Secretary General of NATO Jens Stoltenberg, in September 2023, admitted the **expansion of NATO had been central to creating the current conflict in Ukraine**.
- Both prior to and shortly following Russia's criminal invasion of Ukraine, Russia indicated a willingness to negotiate peace, with its **primary demand that Ukraine not join NATO**. The United Kingdom and United States told Ukraine **the West would not support such an agreement**.
- NATO calls itself a "nuclear alliance" and maintains a "Nuclear Planning Group" for all of its members to discuss the **launching of weapons that put all life on Earth at risk**, and to coordinate rehearsals or "war games" practicing for the use of nuclear weapons in Europe.