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Ben Norton seems to ferret out the most detailed analysis of what our government projects to the world and our citizens that's cloaked in disguises in plain sight. A political equivalent to the man behind the curtain in the Wizard of Oz.

Here he untangles a speech by JD Vance recently to a group of Silicon Valley bigwigs that have grouped together with an incentive towards "reindustrializing" our country. Using China as the foe of the near future to incentivizing revitalization of tech industry under the threat of war with the Chinese.

The theme of war permeates our political landscape incessantly. Our military industrial complex depends on it. It feeds on government subsidy. Which perversely points to Modern Monetary Theory used for all the wrong reasons.

China incidentally has only participated in one military campaign back in 1979 lasting all of one month. When Vietnam invaded Cambodia. The Sino-Vietnamese War. Whereas the US has been constantly involved with war and supplying weapons of war since post WWII. Yet China represents a so called national security threat to the US. Mainly due to their superior build up of their economy. Which we allowed ostensibly through our very own acquiescence of our industry in the name of neoliberal financial doctrine.

We can't compete with China now on all levels of commerce from heavy industry to sophisticated high tech and scientific sectors. An empire based on war is an empire losing sight on its own principles of democracy.

Ben Norton:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ywmpea6vvOE>