



Pentagon Spending is the Least Effective Way to Create Jobs after COVID-19

As Congress works to get Americans back into jobs lost in the COVID-19 crisis, it must focus on proven solutions. Dollar for dollar, spending on the Pentagon and national defense creates fewer jobs than other top industries. According to a Brown University study, \$1 billion invested in education will create over twice as many jobs as \$1 billion spent on the Pentagon.



 **DIRECT:** Directly created by industry

 **INDIRECT:** Created through the supply chain (ex. jobs in military uniform production)

 = 1,000 jobs

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