

Winners and losers in U.S. defence budget

U.S. Defence Secretary Robert Gates is recommending a broad overhaul of military spending that would start almost immediately, slashing giant weapons programmes and the private sector jobs that go with them

AIRCRAFT

✗ Costly **F-22** fighter production halted

✓ More **F-35** and **F-18 Hornet** fighter planes procured

✗ End of **C-17** cargo plane production



HELICOPTERS

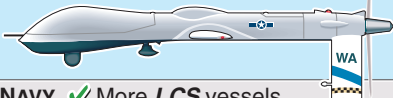
✗ \$28 billion **VH-71** and **CSAR-X** programmes terminated

✓ More crews recruited and trained



INTELLIGENCE GATHERING

✓ Budget increased by \$2 billion – includes cost to field and sustain 50 **Predator** UAVs, plus research and development funding



NAVY ✓ More **LCS** vessels and **AEGIS** warships

✗ **CG-X** cruiser scrapped

✗ Number of aircraft carriers cut

✗ **LPD** and **MLP** ships delayed

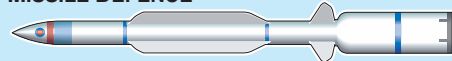


MISSILE DEFENCE

✓ \$700 million for theatre missile defence systems such as **THAAD** and **SM-3**

✗ **Airborne Laser** and **MKV** projects cut

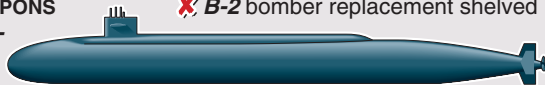
✗ Total budget cut by \$1.4 billion



STRATEGIC WEAPONS

✓ Replace **Ohio-class** nuclear submarines

✗ **B-2** bomber replacement shelved



ARMY ✗ Halt growth of **Army Brigade Combat Teams**

✓ Special operations forces increased by over 2,800

✗ **Future Combat Systems** project to lose armoured vehicles

