

Nearly 100,000 Pentagon Whistleblower Complaints Have Been Silenced (between 2013 and 2018, per the DoD Inspector General)



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I don't know if I'd have the nerve to be a whistleblower. I'd like to think I would. We all like to think we would, just like we all like to think we could catch the game-winning touchdown, triumph on

“America’s Got Talent,” and fold a fitted sheet quickly and without cursing.

But to blow the whistle on a huge organization with a lot of power, likely drawing that power to come crashing down on your head—that takes some serious spine-age. Now, imagine the organization you’re calling out is arguably the largest, most powerful, most secretive and most violent organization on planet Earth. I’m speaking, of course, of the U.S. Department of Defense.

Yet thousands, even tens of thousands, of people have taken that step over the past five years. (More on this in a moment.)

(Yes, and as a brand new 2nd LT at W-P AFB near Dayton OH, I witnessed what happened to a high-ranking civil servant when he blew the whistle on a developing C-5A landing gear’s problems. He couldn’t officially be demoted but could be re-assigned to a comparatively meaningless position. That lesson stayed with me as I later ran into a flagrant case of contractor rip-off of millions of dollars on the F-111 program that our negotiators simply gave away without investigating the evidence I had laboriously acquired. I simply shut up and buried myself, not pursuing the whistleblower process. ~ Don Chapin)

All the while our organized human murder machine continues its work around the world. Every day. Every hour. Never a moment of rest. Never pausing to clip their toenails or scratch their ass. Bombs dropped. Buildings blown up. People killed or imprisoned. No end in sight.

By the way, that’s the term I like to use instead of “military”—Organized Human Murder Machine.

It has a nice ring to it, doesn’t it? “Mili-tary” sounds too boring, too banal. Sounds like a super-lame couple you met at a party. “Yeah, Millie and Terry over there are accountants. If I have to hear one more joke about capital gains taxes, I’m gonna kill myself.”

But that's not what the military is. The military is a gigantic organized human murder machine, and even if you "support" every action our military has ever taken, you can still acknowledge it's an organized human murder machine. (You would just bizarrely argue that all the murder has been just and sound and pure.)

Eleven months ago [I covered \\$21 trillion](#) of unaccounted-for adjustments at the Pentagon over the past 20 years. Don't try to think about the number \$21 trillion because you'll pass out and hit your head on the desk. If your salary is \$40,000 a year, in order to earn \$21 trillion, it would take you 525 million years. (At which point you can't even enjoy the new jet ski you just bought with all your money because you're almost certainly a brain in a jar ... though a nice embroidered jar that only the rich brains can afford.)

Over the past year there has been a little more coverage of the utterly preposterous amount of money unaccounted for at our human murder machine. [The Nation](#) magazine, [Forbes](#) and [Congresswoman Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez](#) all covered it. Then the white blood cells of the military-industrial complex kicked into action in order to destroy the "infection." The New York Times and [Vox](#) both claimed the \$21 trillion is merely the result of large-scale misdocumentation and therefore doesn't matter at all. Of course, the idea that tens of *TRILLIONS* of dollars of unaccountable adjustments don't matter and couldn't mask any fraud, abuse or corruption is an assertion that makes Charlie Sheen's statement that he runs on tiger blood seem downright levelheaded.

Probably the best article to date on the \$21 trillion was written a few weeks ago by [Matt Taibbi for Rolling Stone](#).

Point is, even though most of the mainstream media won't get near this subject (or worse yet—actively attack those who do), the word is getting out: There is a giant sucking sound in the center of the Pentagon, and whatever's down there feeds on trillions of secretive dollars, then shits out incalculable death and destruction. (It's the Death Star if officials at the Death Star [spent \\$10,000 on a toilet seat](#).)

A month ago the Government Accountability Office [came out with a report](#) showing the total number of whistleblower complaints over the past five years at the Department of Defense. It's nearly 100,000. Here's the only part of the report that references that number:

The Department of Defense Inspector General identified 8 substantiated violations of whistleblower confidentiality between fiscal years 2013 and 2018, representing approximately .01 percent of the 95,613 contacts handled by the Inspector General during that time....

95,613 whistleblower complaints over five years. (Hmmm, that's a LOT of people taking that chance on their careers ~ Don Chapin)

Sadly, the Government Accountability Office was trying to brag in that sentence. They were proudly stating, "We only breached the confidentiality of .01 percent of our 95,000 whistleblower complaints. Aren't we heroes?!"

It's kind of like saying, "Of the 10,000 dolphins I've killed, not a single one has accidentally been a human." The sane response is, "Well, I'm glad to hear that, but did you say you killed *10,000 dolphins?*"

To try to get the 95,000 number to make a little more sense, that averages out to a whistleblower every six minutes of every weekday for five straight years. (That waiting room must be truly nuts. I bet all the good magazines were claimed years ago.)

But maybe I'm looking at this all wrong. Perhaps the number 95,613 shouldn't be all that shocking, and I need to roll my tongue back up and store it back within my mouth. When you have \$21 trillion of unaccounted-for adjustments, it means a seizure-inducing amount of money, parts, pieces, bombs, missiles, manpower and devices are flying around with no accountability—likely creating loads of fraud, which would probably create loads of

whistleblowers. Hence, maybe we all should have expected this number of whistleblowers rather than being shocked.

For example, there's the time in 2003 when the U.S. flew \$12 billion in cash to Iraq and promptly lost track of it. As the Guardian [makes clear in this article](#), this was not an instance of hackers on a computer system stealing a bunch of ones and zeroes. This was giant pallets of cash money vanishing without a trace. In fact, it was 281 million \$100 bills, weighing in at 363 tons. That's not really the type of thing you can just smuggle away in your sweatshirt while humming "She'll be comin' 'round the mountain."

Or here's another example journalist David DeGraw highlights [from the Government Accountability Report](#):

... according to a Department of Defense official, during an initial audit, the Army found 39 Blackhawk helicopters that had not been recorded in the property system. [\$819 million in value] Similarly, the Air Force identified 478 buildings and structures at 12 installations that were not in the real property systems. ...

The Army lost and then found 39 helicopters.

The Air Force lost and then found 478 buildings.

How does one lose a goddamn building? Unless you just had a bad breakup with David Copperfield, there's no explanation for losing a building. (Side note: It must suck divorcing David Copperfield. "Really, honey? You think you're gonna take the house?? PAFOOMP! *What house?!*")

Ya see, this madness stems from the fact that the Pentagon has a standard operating procedure of simply making up numbers to fill their books—which for normal human beings is termed "fraud." But in the case of the Pentagon, it's termed, "We get to make shit up because ... ummm... national security."

Here's more from a [2013 Reuters article](#):

“Linda Woodford spent the last 15 years of her career inserting phony numbers in the Department of Defense’s accounts. ... but many mystery numbers remained. For those, Woodford and her colleagues were told by superiors to take “unsubstantiated change actions”—in other words, enter false numbers, commonly called “plugs,” to make the Navy’s totals match the Treasury’s.”

Have no fear, patriotic Americans, this is not “lying to the American people, stealing their money, and using it for war,” this is just “*unsubstantiated change actions*.” Try that on your next tax return. Put in \$10,000 marked “Unsubstantiated change actions.” I’m sure they’ll love that.

So let’s sum this up, shall we? The Pentagon sucks up 55% of all the discretionary tax money we pay to our government (thanks to our bought-off Congress who receive more Christmas cards from weapons contractors than they do from relatives). Those who work at the Pentagon have no idea where or how the money is spent. They make up many of the numbers resulting in tens of trillions of dollars of unaccounted-for adjustments. They lose helicopters, buildings and, in a few instances, [even nuclear warheads](#). There is an unimaginable amount of fraud and corruption at every level and literally thousands of whistleblowers have *tried* to come forward every single year—one every six minutes. When they do take that incredibly brave action, over 90% of the claims are dismissed without even being investigated.

You would think, in this topsy-turvy world, if there were *one* organization we could trust with a trillion dollars a year of our taxpayer money, it would be the Department of Unauthorized Highly Secretive Mass Human Murder.

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