STOP 19 Billion $ Fighter-jet purchase

Fact and Resource guide
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Introduction
This Guide was created by Voice of Women for Peace Canada to be used as a resource for the Campaign against the Canadian Federal Governments proposed multibillion dollar purchase of Fighter-jets. Fast facts, resources and arguments are consolidated by the following topics:
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Why?
Canada’s multibillion dollar invest begs the questions: Who is Canada fighting? Why do we need bomber jets or agents for chemical and biological warfare? Who do we need this much "protection" from?

Even past deputy Minister of Defense, Charles Nixon stated Canada does not need fighter jets as Canada does not face any credible threat and they are not necessary to protect our populace or sovereignty.

Basics
July 2019, the federal government launched a $19-billion competition for 88 new fighter jets — the second-most expensive government procurement program in Canadian history. SAAB's Gripen, Lockheed Martin's 5th Generation F-35 and Boeing's super Hornet are the main contestants, and the F-35 is projected to win.

Fighter Jets
- A Fighter-jet is flown by one pilot and carries bombs and missiles to specifically designed to be used for combat and is prepared for both biological and chemical warfare
- Over the past decade, Canadian fighter jets have bombed Afghanistan, Libya, Iraq and Syria, prolonging violent conflict and contributing to massive humanitarian and refugee crises
Environment
Consequences

Fast Facts

- Carbon and toxic chemical emissions of one long-range flight exceed the typical automobiles annual emission.
- Due to the fighter-jets altitude, the emissions have a net warming effect and is an overall driver of climate change.

Environmental arguments against buying fighter-jets

- Canada will be unable to fulfil its commitment to the Paris Climate accord with this purchase.
- Spending $19 billion on fighter jets won’t fight COVID-19 or climate change.
- The Canadian government should be investing in a new green deal not a new weapons system.
- The Canadian DND has committed to considering fuel efficient vehicles and cleaner fuels (pg 14); these fighter jets are notoriously fuel inefficient with extremely toxic emissions.

More Resources and Information

- The David Suzuki Foundation explained: "
- Article by Tamara Lorincz
- Brown University Study on fuel use in war and Climate Change
In the middle of a public health crisis where over 14.9 million Canadians are relying on financial assistance, we simply cannot afford to be spending billions on purchasing fighter jets and must redirect this money to support our healthcare workers and vulnerable populations.

Further during this ongoing pandemic, Canadian frontline workers require adequate supplies of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), medical equipment and supplies. The healthcare workers are overworked and require more supplies and deserve more compensation. The midst of a pandemic is not the time to be diverting billions of dollars to weapon system #HealthCareNotWarfare
More General Resources

Military Spending during the pandemic -
http://demilitarize.org/resources_categories/infographics_materials/


Patterson, Brent, and Brent Patterson. “Canada's Two-Year Window to Decide on Climate Justice or Militarism.” Canada, May 21, 2020.

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