

Deep Corruption

Introduction

Pasquale De Marco, in this book, takes us on a journey into the dark world of corruption in the arms trade. Through meticulous research and analysis, he reveals the players, the motives, and the devastating consequences of this illicit trade.

The arms trade is a multi-billion dollar industry that fuels conflict and instability around the globe. Weapons are often diverted to war zones, where they are used to commit atrocities against civilians. The illicit arms trade also contributes to terrorism, organized crime, and human trafficking.

Corruption is at the heart of the arms trade. Government officials, military personnel, and arms dealers often collude to profit from the sale of

weapons. This corruption undermines the rule of law and erodes public trust.

The consequences of corruption in the arms trade are devastating. It leads to violence, instability, and human suffering. It also undermines economic development and social progress.

The international community has recognized the need to address corruption in the arms trade. In 2013, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Arms Trade Treaty, which aims to regulate the international trade in conventional weapons. However, much more needs to be done to implement the treaty and to combat corruption in the arms trade.

This book is a call to action. It is time for the international community to take decisive action to end corruption in the arms trade. We must hold governments, arms dealers, and corrupt officials accountable. We must also support civil society organizations and investigative journalists who are

working to expose corruption and promote transparency.

Only by working together can we create a world free from the scourge of corruption in the arms trade.

Book Description

In this groundbreaking book, Pasquale De Marco exposes the dark underbelly of the global arms trade, revealing the players, the motives, and the devastating consequences of this illicit trade.

Through meticulous research and analysis, Pasquale De Marco uncovers the web of corruption that fuels the arms trade. He shows how government officials, military personnel, and arms dealers often collude to profit from the sale of weapons. This corruption undermines the rule of law, erodes public trust, and contributes to conflict and instability around the world.

The consequences of corruption in the arms trade are far-reaching. It leads to violence, human suffering, and economic instability. It also undermines efforts to promote peace and security.

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Deep Corruption is essential reading for anyone who wants to understand the dark world of the arms trade and its impact on our world.

Chapter 1: The Shadows of Corruption

Dirty Money and Weapons

Dirty money is a major problem in the arms trade. It is estimated that up to 30% of the global arms trade is financed by illicit funds. This money comes from a variety of sources, including drug trafficking, human trafficking, and corruption.

Dirty money is used to purchase weapons, fund armed groups, and bribe government officials. It undermines the rule of law and makes it difficult to track and control the flow of weapons.

The illicit arms trade is a major threat to global security. It fuels conflict, instability, and terrorism. It also contributes to human suffering and economic development.

The international community has recognized the need to address the problem of dirty money in the arms trade. In 2013, the United Nations General Assembly

adopted the Arms Trade Treaty, which includes provisions to combat money laundering and other forms of illicit financing.

However, much more needs to be done to implement the treaty and to combat dirty money in the arms trade. Governments must strengthen their anti-money laundering laws and regulations. They must also work together to share information and intelligence on illicit financial flows.

Civil society organizations and investigative journalists also have a role to play in combating dirty money in the arms trade. They can investigate and expose corruption, and they can raise awareness of the problem.

By working together, we can create a world free from the scourge of dirty money in the arms trade.

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The Arms Trade's Deadly Impact

The arms trade is a multi-billion dollar industry that fuels conflict and instability around the globe. Weapons are often diverted to war zones, where they are used to commit atrocities against civilians. The illicit arms trade also contributes to terrorism, organized crime, and human trafficking.

The consequences of the arms trade's deadly impact are far-reaching. It leads to violence, displacement, and human suffering. It also undermines economic development and social progress.

The Human Cost

The human cost of the arms trade is immeasurable. Millions of people have been killed, injured, or displaced as a result of armed conflict. Civilians are often the most vulnerable to the effects of war, as they

are often caught in the crossfire or targeted by armed groups.

In addition to the physical costs, the arms trade also has a devastating impact on mental health. People who have been exposed to violence and trauma may suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), depression, and anxiety.

The Economic Cost

The arms trade also has a significant economic cost. The global military expenditure is estimated to be over \$2 trillion per year. This money could be better spent on education, healthcare, and other vital services.

The arms trade also contributes to economic inequality. The profits from the arms trade are often concentrated in the hands of a few wealthy individuals and corporations. This can lead to resentment and social unrest.

The Environmental Cost

The arms trade also has a negative impact on the environment. The production and use of weapons can pollute the air, water, and soil. The use of weapons can also destroy forests and other ecosystems.

Conclusion

The arms trade is a major threat to global peace and security. It is a source of violence, instability, and human suffering. The international community must take urgent action to regulate the arms trade and to reduce its deadly impact.

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War Profiteers and Political Manipulation

War has always been a lucrative business for those who are willing to profit from the suffering of others. In recent decades, the arms trade has become increasingly globalized, and the profits have become even more astronomical. This has led to the rise of war profiteers, individuals and companies who make their fortunes by selling weapons to warring parties.

War profiteers often use their wealth to influence politicians and shape public opinion in favor of war. They may donate to political campaigns, lobby for favorable legislation, and spread propaganda to justify their actions. This corruption can have a devastating impact on democracy, as it undermines the ability of governments to act in the best interests of their citizens.

In addition to corrupting the political process, war profiteers also contribute to the suffering of civilians. By providing weapons to both sides of a conflict, they prolong the war and increase the bloodshed. They also make it more difficult for peacekeepers and humanitarian organizations to provide aid to those in need.

The war in Iraq is a prime example of how war profiteers can benefit from conflict. In the years leading up to the war, the Bush administration awarded no-bid contracts to private military companies such as Halliburton and Blackwater. These companies made billions of dollars by providing logistical support to the US military, and they continued to profit even after the war was over.

The Iraq War also saw the rise of a new breed of war profiteer: the mercenary. Mercenaries are private soldiers who are hired to fight in wars that they have no stake in. They are often paid much more than

regular soldiers, and they are not subject to the same laws and regulations. This has led to a number of abuses, including the use of child soldiers and the killing of civilians.

The war in Iraq is just one example of how war profiteers can profit from conflict. The arms trade is a global industry, and it touches every corner of the world. War profiteers are a threat to democracy, peace, and human rights. They must be held accountable for their actions.

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