

# War proves all spending is a matter of ranking priorit...

Published: January 13, 2026, 5:06 pm

---

I am sure others will say it, but it's worth reiterating it: the decision to go to war today (and it will be nothing less than that) proves that all government spending is a matter of choice. To put it another way, it is about deciding what is important or ranking priorities.

We can apparently afford war over Iraq and Syria.

We cannot afford to make adequate provision for many disabled people.

Nor can we properly care for many elderly people.

And we cannot properly fund the NHS.

And yet we can load Tornados with weapons knowing that there will be innocent victims and uncertain and undefined military and political gains, if any.

We can afford to maim and kill.

Why can't we afford to care?