

## What fascism means for those whose support it seeks

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As the [New York Times](#) reported on Friday:

*With the United States at war with Iran and embroiled in conflicts around the world, the White House asked Congress on Friday to approve about \$1.5 trillion for defense in the 2027 fiscal year. If enacted, that amount would set military spending at its highest level in modern history.*

They added:

*The request, which arrived as part of President Trump's new budget, would amount to a roughly 40 percent increase from what the United States spent on the Pentagon this fiscal year.*

The additional and critical point of concern was this:

*The administration coupled the proposal with a call for \$73 billion in cuts spread across many domestic agencies, including the elimination of key federal health, housing and education programs, some of which serve minority groups and the poor.*

The claim is that the US federal government's only priority is defence, even though the current war in Iran lacks a defence justification. As the NYT noted:  
*The White House asked Congress on Friday to slash domestic spending by about 10 per cent, targeting core government services, including money meant to respond to natural disasters, train new teachers, root out tax fraud, research cures for diseases and develop clean energy technology.*

The primary targets are child care, Medicaid, and Medicare.

What is the message that people should note, since our Tory and Reform parties here will no doubt replicate these demands? It is very simple. It is that fascists have the goal of ensuring that their unjustified aggression, aimed at reinforcing their narrative of hate, will be paid for by those least able to bear the cost, and those asked to do so will include those who are being told that this aggression is intended to protect them from

the "other" or "enemy" that the fascists have themselves created without justification.

Of all the self-destructive acts anyone can choose right now, voting for far-right parties is probably the most bizarre of all, when the deliberate aim of those leading these parties is to destroy the well-being of those whose support they seek.