

THE TRUE COST OF DEFENSE

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Elan Bentov is the writer and co-director of [The True Cost of Defense](#), a one-hour documentary that peels back layers of the U.S. defense budget, revealing its deepest cost: the human one.

The True Cost of Defense is the latest in a series of documentaries Bentov and his production partner, Kip Perry, have developed for Free To Choose® Media. His earlier work includes co-directing the three-part documentary [Free To Speak](#) (2023), [Is America in Retreat?](#) (2017), for which he served as writer, co-producer, cinematographer, and editor, and [The Price of Peace](#) (2018), where he was the writer, cinematographer, and editor; all of which have aired nationally on public television.

Bentov has been writing and producing documentary and lifestyle programming for television, digital platforms, and commercial clients for more than 17 years through his Los Angeles-based company, [Parking Lot Productions](#).

