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Benjamin H. Friedman [makes](#) a strong case for funding wars within the defense budget:

[P]utting war funding in the Pentagon budget means that other defense programs get cut to make way, heightening [tradeoffs](#) among military objectives. That requires strategy. Robert Gates brags about forcing the Pentagon to sacrifice long-term priorities to fund today's wars. But what's extraordinary is the limited nature of his efforts and the Pentagon's [ability](#) to avoid changing its priorities amidst two wars.