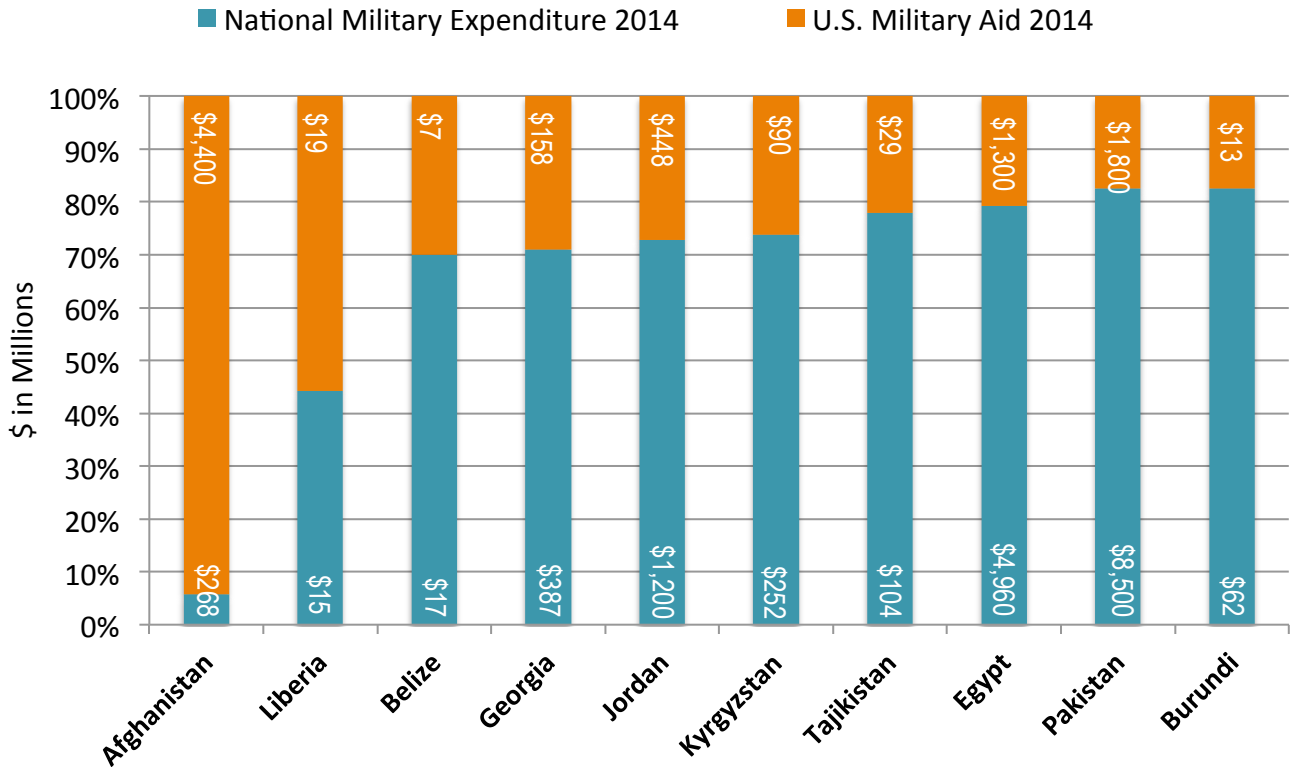


Military Aid Dependency: What Are the Major U.S. Risks Around the World?

The United States invests over \$16 billion in foreign military and police aid every year, but what are the risks when such aid accounts for a large percentage of foreign national defense budgets?

Countries Most Reliant on U.S. Military Aid in 2014



U.S. aid can complicate government accountability. In **Afghanistan**, the U.S. government has sometimes fueled corruption in pursuit of security priorities.



U.S. aid can actually reduce military readiness when forces accept unsustainable equipment. In **Liberia**, the military could only sustain about 18 percent of its military vehicles in 2012.



U.S. aid can provide counter-productive incentives. In **Pakistan**, the government has often taken minimal action to address certain terrorists to keep aid coming.

Sources

Chart: U.S. government reports on foreign military and police aid in FY 2014 as compiled by the Security Assistance Monitor; SIPRI Military Expenditure Database as of February 2016. Examples: Sarah Chayes' *Thieves of State: Why Corruption Threatens Global Security*; RAND's *Defense Institution Building in Africa*; and Husain Haqqani's *Magnificent Delusions*.