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America First

Just about everything President Trump says or does is based on lies and deception. He calls his policies America First, yet they are the antithesis of their name.

America First does not mean cutting social programs and pouring billions of dollars into an already bloated military budget. Spending money on the military confers no long term benefit on this country. It is a complete and total waste.

America First does not mean cutting the already meager budget allocations for social programs and starving the programs which fund health care research, investments in the arts and housing for the poor.

An America First policy would put the citizens of the United States first, not last. There would be increased funding for infrastructure projects (not a wall on the Mexican border), a single payer health care plan, affordable housing, free college tuition, environmental protection and redistributing the wealth so everybody gets their fair share.

President Trump claims he has to spend money on the military and border security to make us safe. But we are already safe based on current spending levels. He is intent on turning the United States into a fascist police state. His policies could more accurately be termed "Wealthiest Americans First."