

U.S. policies structurally deficient

“Structurally deficient.” That’s the term used to describe the bridge in Minneapolis that collapsed. Thousands of other bridges around the United States apparently pose a similar threat. This is part of a larger problem of how we as a society choose to allocate our economic resources.

Since the administration of President Ronald Reagan, federal public policies have consistently shorted economic investments in our physical infrastructure, protecting public health, developing alternative energy sources and improving border and port security in favor of large tax cuts for the wealthy and our corporations and feeding the voracious appetite of the military-industrial complex to fight wars in faraway places where we routinely destroy bridges and then make promises to rebuild them.

Are we safer and more secure? Perhaps our policies are “structurally deficient.”

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