Figure 1
Rising Cost of Operations

Figure 1 illustrates the rising cost of operations for different military forces and budgets from 1950 to 2010. The graphs show the number of ships in the fleet, the DoD O&M budget, the number of active maneuver battalions, and the O&M cost per person. The data highlights the significant increase in costs over time, particularly in the Navy Fleet and Air Force Fighter/Attack Force.

Key points:
- The Navy Fleet shows a decrease in the number of ships, with a peak in the 1960s and a decline in the 1990s.
- The DoD O&M budget for the Navy Fleet increases dramatically, particularly in the 1990s.
- The Air Force Fighter/Attack Force data indicates a peak in the 1960s and a decline in the 1990s.
- The Army Active Maneuver Battalions data shows a peak in the 1990s.
- The O&M cost per person for the DoD O&M budget increases significantly from 1950 to 2010, with a notable rise in the 1990s.