

AMERICA'S SECURITY STRATEGY

End of the Cold War - great for me, but not necessarily for everyone

- A lot of conferences, studies, books on need for new strategy, new vision
- Some focus on resurgent Russia, expanding China, nutty North Korea, the troubled Middle East, and Homeland terror threat.
- Some look at capabilities, core competencies, new technology - Deep Strike, non-lethal, info war
- Some seek the grand strategy - What was our strategy in the Cold War? European Allies? After the Cold War? Now?

But what does Robert Jervis, "Mission Impossible: Creating a Grand Strategy," tell us about the future?

Grand Strategy without an enemy
Multiple but secondary goals
Pluralism with vengeance

And what have our old enemies done → cut, cut, cut.

Russia - used to be 3.5 million, now going on 850K, spend what?
China 4-5 million - now it doesn't have much of the Air Force or the Navy
Iraq - how much is left for the coming fight?
North Korea - 1/2 the population = 1/20th the economy of South

And what have our Allies done → cut, cut, cut.

Germany cut from 500K to under 240K
UK cut from 400K to 200K
France cut from 600K to under 300K
under 2% of GDP

We have stayed Big

Navy 10X next, USMC nearly the same as UK, USCG rivals Canada, USAF, USA.
We are in the process of raising defense budget to over \$400B (Fr, UK ??). R&D is 5 times that of Europe

What about our new enemy?

Terrorism is more a police/ para-military problem

Underlining causes?

What comes next after Iraq?

Will it last much longer? Should it last longer? What are the underlying forces?

Alex Roland, "Technology, Ground Warfare, and Strategy: The Paradox of American Experience," JMH 1991.

Several themes

1. LABOR SCARCITY - no casualties

Nothing too good for our boys

Firepower, Big Tail

Is it just scarcity? What about Democracy?

2. SUSPICIONS OF A STANDING ARMY

Article I of Constitution - fund Army only 2yrs

(Glorious Revolution)

2nd Amendment - well regulated Militia

3. FREE SECURITY/ UNPREPAREDNESS

No invasion since 1812

Soft Neighbors

Two big oceans

No threat for survival since the Civil War?

4. CIVILIAN CONTROL OF MILITARY

Domestic politics has a role

5. MILITARY RESISTANCE TO CHANGE

True?

Did WWII, Cold War change all of this?

Can we rely on reserves?

What about our global interests?

But is a global patrol in our interest? In keeping with our values? Preemption?

Grand Strategies

- 1. Primacy
- 2. Humanitarian/ collective security
- 3. Selective Engagement
- 4. Restraint

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Freidberg, "Why Didn't Untied States Become A Garrison State?" IS Spring 1992

- No UMT
- No dispersal of industry
- Fear of burdening Economy
- Budget Limit

Internal constraints even in big wars; economics helped drive the strategy – not driven by it.

Contract State – Not a Garrison State

Airpower, nuclear weapons win over ground troops

Just before the end of the Cold War people argued we were **overextended**

Soon we would be short of manpower

Oil dependency

Burden Sharing

Now?

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Sapolsky and Shapiro, "Casualties, Technology, and America's Future Wars,"

Parameters Summer 1996

- No US
- No Friendly

- No Collateral
- No Environmental
- No enemy innocent
- No cultural
- No legacy

Is it the politicians or the Wars?

Mines, Depleted Uranium - what is next?

Will we have to pay for wars twice, three times - Agent Orange?

Can we carpet bomb? Did we?

Have wars changed? Nuclear weapons - what happens if Iraq uses one? Nuke Baghdad?