THE MILITARY AND NATIONAL POLITICS

Today we will discuss "The Crisis in Civil/Military Relations" - Is there one and why?

I. The Republicanization of the Military

Officers - 64% Republican versus 8% Democrats
US Males - 29% Rep. versus 26% Dem.
Elites - 30% Rep. versus 43% Dem.
Vets - 47% Rep. versus 23% Dem.
Reservists - 10% Rep. versus 63% Dem.
ROTC - 47% Rep. versus 12% Dem.

Reagan Youth at West Point

Marines after Boot Camp hate civilian values. Why?

- White, religious males from the South and small town America?
- Vietnam?
- AVF?
- Clinton?

II. What Difference Does it Make?

A. How do the parties differ on Defense and Foreign Policy?


B. Isn't there Corporate Interest? >>Ridgway and Korea
   >>Westmorland and Vietnam
   >>Powell and the end of the Cold War
   >>Goldwater Nichols

Force Structure and Foreign Policy
Powell Doctrine

- Stake must be vital
- US must be willing to fight wholeheartedly - no limited objectives
- Clear Goals/ Exit Strategy
- Decisive Means
- Public support/Congressional Support
- Use of Force is last resort

Is it Republicanization or Politicization that is the issue?

- Military gets an excuse for Vietnam - the civilians screwed up
- Military gets a protector after Vietnam - The Republicans
- Military gets power - Goldwater Nichols and Clinton
- Military wants to run Empire & ignore Transformation - the coming clash?

Bush Strategy

Primacy and Preemption?

New?

Appropriate?

Doable?