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## AMERICA'S SECURITY STRATEGY

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

Lots of conferences, studies, books on need for new strategy, new vision;  
Still going on

- Some focus on resurgent Russia, Expanding China, a 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, and transformation.
- And some seek the grand strategy ----What was our strategy in Cold War? European Allies? After? 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 a vengeance. What about the Cold War?

**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? not much of Air Force or Navy  
N.Korea----1/2 the population 1/20<sup>th</sup> the economy of South

**And** what have our Allies done -----cut, cut, cut.

Germany from 500K to under 240K  
UK from 400K to 200K  
France from 600K to under 300K  
under 2% of GDP; closer to 1% for most

## **We have stayed Big**

Navy 10X next, USMC nearly same as UK, USCG rivals Canada, USAF, USA, SOCOM

We are in process of raising defense budget to over \$500B (Fr, UK ??). R&D 6-7 times Europe

## **What about our new enemy?**

Terrorism is more a police/ para-military problem

Underlining causes?

What is next after Iraq?

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

GWOT ----- Is it really?

**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 2yr (Glorious Revolution)

2<sup>nd</sup> Amendment ---well regulated Militia

### 3. FREE SECURITY/ UNPREPAREDNESS

No invasion since 1812

Soft Neighbors

Two big oceans

No threat to survival since 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? What are they?

**GRAND STRATEGIES:**

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

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

Can we manage the world?  
Is it in our interest to try?  
Who elected us?

**PRIMACY AND PREEMPTION? NEW? DANGEROUS?**

**Did 9/11 Change everything?**

QDR

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**Freidberg, "Why Didn't United 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 Garrison State

Airpower, nuclear weapons over ground troops ---**Cohen**

Just before end of Cold War people argued 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, DU ---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 someone uses one  
against us? Nuke their cities???

**Iraq and Vietnam: The same quagmire? The same impact on US?**