**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?


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 1/20th 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?


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)
   2nd 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

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?**