The Military-Industrial Complex and Civil-Military Relations in the Age of Terrorism
Government 91r: Supervised Reading and Research

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How does the structure and organization of U.S. national security, the military, and intelligence impact our ability to combat terrorism? How is our security enhanced or compromised by the rise in the use of technology and private military companies in warfare? What is the impact of civil-military relations on our ability to combat terror from a comparative perspective?

Description

This course explores issues at the intersection war and the structure of national security, the military-industrial complex, intelligence, and civil-military relations. How do our evolving security needs relate to emerging trends in the conduct of warfare? What explains the rise in the use of technology, cyber warfare, and private military companies? What are our capabilities and limitations in confronting contemporary challenges such as failed states, insurgency, terrorism and nuclear terror? Case studies of civil-military relations in the former Soviet Union, Turkey, Pakistan, Latin America, and Africa, as well as readings (to be expanded during the course) on terrorism are included.

Research Paper due by May 3, 2012

Students will complete a research paper that is approximately 30 double-spaced pages long of approximately 8000 words (not including bibliography or appendices) written in 12-point Times New Roman.

WEEK ONE

I. THE BASICS OF NATIONAL SECURITY

A. The Structuring of National Security Organizations in the United States


B. Building a National Security Strategy


C. Civilian and Military Leadership in American National Security: The Goldwater-Nichols Act and Beyond


WEEK TWO

II. UNDERSTANDING THE MILITARY

A. Changes in Military Technology


WEEK THREE

B. Private Industry and the Military


C. The Shifting Needs of the Military


WEEK FOUR

D. Modern Warfare: The US War in Afghanistan

2. Stanley McChrystal, “Commander’s Initial Assessment,” NATO International Security Force, Afghanistan. (Purpose (i), Commander’s Summary (Sec 1), and Initial Assessment (Sec 2).)

3. Frederick, Jim. TIME, Special Ops: The Hidden World of America’s Toughest Warriors.

**WEEK FIVE**

**III. THE ROLE OF INTELLIGENCE**

**A. The Basics of Intelligence**


**WEEK SIX**

**IV. CIVIL-MILITARY RELATIONS**

**A. Introduction**


**V. CIVIL-MILITARY RELATIONS CASE STUDIES: A CLOSER LOOK**

**B. American Civil-Military Relations in Practice**


WEEK SEVEN

A. The Case of the Great Purge in the Soviet Union


WEEK EIGHT

B. The Case of Latin America


WEEK NINE

C. The Cases of Turkey and Pakistan

Turkey

Pakistan

WEEK TEN

D. The Case of Africa and Multiethnic States


**WEEK ELEVEN**


**WEEK TWELVE**

*Draft of final paper due*

**WEEK THIRTEEN**

*Final paper due.*