The way of knife cia a secret army and war at ends earth mark mazzetti (PDF)

The new American way of war is here but the debate about it has only just begun in the way of the knife. Mr. Mazzetti has made a valuable contribution to it. The economist and Pulitzer Prize-winning reporter’s riveting account of the transformation of the CIA and America’s special operations forces into man-hunting and killing machines in the world’s dark spaces. The new American way of war—the most momentous change in American warfare over the past decade—has taken place away from the battlefields of Afghanistan and Iraq in the corners of the world where large armies cannot go. The way of the knife is the untold story of that shadow war: a campaign that has blurred the lines between soldiers and spies and lowered the bar for waging war across the globe. America has pursued its enemies with killer drones and special operations troops trained privateers for assassination missions and used them to set up clandestine spying networks and relied on mercurial dictators untrustworthy foreign intelligence services and proxy armies. This new approach to war has been embraced by Washington as a lower risk, lower cost alternative to the messy wars of occupation and has been championed as a clean and surgical way of conflict. But the knife has created enemies just as it has killed them. It has fomented resentments among allies fueled instability and created new weapons unbound by the normal rules of accountability during wartime. Mark Mazzetti tracks an astonishing cast of characters on the ground in the shadow war from a CIA officer dropped into the tribal areas to learn the hard way how the spy games in Pakistan are played to the chain-smoking Pentagon official running an off-the-books spy operation from a Virginia socialite whom the Pentagon hired to gather intelligence about militants in Somalia to a CIA contractor imprisoned in Lahore after going off the leash. At the heart of the book is the story of two proud and rival entities: the CIA and the American military elbowing each other for supremacy. Sometimes, as with the raid that killed Osama bin Laden, their efforts have been perfectly coordinated. Other times, including the failed operations disclosed here for the first time, they have not for better or worse. Their struggles will define American national security in the years to come.

Studies in Intelligence 2013

When India and Pakistan held nuclear tests in 1998, they restarted the clock on a competition that had begun half a century earlier. Nuclear weapons restored strategic parity, erasing the advantage of India’s much larger size and conventional military superiority. Yet in the years that followed Pakistan went on to lose decisively to India. It lost any ability to stake a serious claim to Kashmir; a region it called its jugular vein. Its ability to influence events in Afghanistan diminished, while India’s growing economy won it recognition as a rising world power. Pakistan had lost to India before but the setbacks since 1998 made this defeat irreversible. It is an orphan: the rollercoaster ride through post-nuclear India-Pakistan from bitter conflict to military confrontation. From the hijacking of an Indian plane to the attack on Mumbai, nuclear weapons proved to be Pakistan’s undoing. They encouraged a reckless reliance on militant proxies even as the jihadists spun out of control outside and inside Pakistan by shielding it from retaliation. The nuclear weapons also sealed it into its own dysfunction so much so that the great South Asian war fought on and off since 1947 was not so much won by India as lost by Pakistan.

The Army Lawyer 2014-05

Milan’s elite anti-terrorism DIGOS police receive a tip that a sleeper cell of Muslim terrorists have received toxic chemicals from Pakistan to make deadly sarin gas. The cell leader has access to Milan’s centers of finance, technology, commerce, and entertainment. All high profile targets with potentially hundreds of casualties in a terrorist attack.
Defeat is an Orphan 2017-01-01

from the best selling author of the commando and born to fight comes a fascinating investigation of modern warfare that combines methodical research and the fast paced action of battle with the personal stories of the combatants on both sides of the line taking us from the suburbs of western sydney and australia s military army bases to the battlefields of afghanistan and iraq this is a remarkable book that reveals the as yet untold story of the battle for mosul and the secret involvement ofustralians on both sides of the war both our commandos and australian isis fighters mosul details the rise of isis influence in australia the iran and australian allegiance to fight daesh and shows what led up to the battle and the ramifications that are still being felt at home by our soldiers and the victims of that war ben mckelvey has extraordinary access to soocomd 2commando units the most decorated modern australian fighting unit isof iraq s premier fighters yazidis women who had been slaves of isis returned commandos and their devastated families and explains how petty criminals in western sydney became some of our worst jihadists who took their families to iraq to fight for isis focusing on the stories of key figures like 2 commando s ian turner and one of australia s most infamous jihadist khaled sharrouf mckelvey takes us the heart of this brutal battle and brings history to life in an honest thoughtful and compelling examination of modern warfare a must read for anyone interested in modern military history

Parameters 2014

the rhetorical invention of america s national security state uses a broad range of materials including technical journalistic entertainment academic and legal sources to explore the role of rhetoric in the expansion and maintenance of america s national security state it helps audiences understand the complex discourses produced by and constitutive of the national security state its interdisciplinary approach will resonate with scholars working in a number of different fields including rhetoric critical security studies and science and technology studies

Studies in Intelligence 1992

ever since the french revolution and the rise of national armies the mercenary has been viewed as a malign and marginalized actor in international relations the mercenary challenges this view suggesting instead that while delegated to the periphery of great power politics the mercenary remained a coercive instrument of state power who was willing to discretely promote the client s foreign policy when called upon to do so never has this been more evident than today this book offers fresh insight into the future of the mercenary as an instrument of state coercion and explains why there is a mercenary renaissance in the 21st century the start of the 21st century has seen renewed interest in the mercenary from across the political spectrum the growing reliance by the us russia and china on military and security contractors suggests that the mercenary remains a key player in international politics now emerging from the shadows to help expand state influence on the world stage by serving as an important actor in the conduct of conflict and the winning of small wars far from being marginalized the future of the mercenary is set to be increasingly active

No One Sleeps 2020-09-29

the georgetown journal of international affairs is the official publication of the edmund a walsh school of foreign service at georgetown university each issue of the journal provides readers with a diverse array of timely peer reviewed content penned by top policymakers business leaders and academic luminaries the journal takes a holistic approach to international affairs and features a forum that offers focused analysis on a specific key issue with each new edition of the publication as well as nine
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regular sections books business economics conflict security culture society law ethics a look back politics diplomacy science technology and view from the ground

Mosul 2015-07-29

an illuminating study tracing the evolution of drone technology and counterterrorism policy from the reagan to the obama administrations this eye opening study uncovers the history of the most important instrument of u s counterterrorism today the armed drone it reveals that contrary to popular belief the cia s covert drone program is not a product of 9 11 rather it is the result of u s counterterrorism practices extending back to an influential group of policy makers in the reagan administration tracing the evolution of counterterrorism policy and drone technology from the fallout of iran contra and the cia s eagle program prototype in the mid 1980s to the emergence of al qaeda fuller shows how george w bush and obama built upon or discarded strategies from the reagan and clinton eras as they responded to changes in the partisan environment the perceived level of threat and technological advances examining a range of counterterrorism strategies he reveals why the cia s drones became the united states preferred tool for pursuing the decades old goal of preemptively targeting anti american terrorists around the world

The Rhetorical Invention of America's National Security State 2023-06

エドワード スノーデンは 歴史上類を見ない内部告発者である 世界最強ともいえる情報組織nsa 米国国家安全保障局 のトップシークレットを大量に持ち出し メディアを通じて世間に公表した スノーデンが情報リーク先に選んだ ガーディアン 紙が 本書でその一部始終を明 らかにする スノーデンが明らかにした衝撃の事実の数々と リーク情報の公表を阻むためにさまざまな圧力をかける米英の政府 情報機関とメディアとの凄まじい攻防も読みどころ スノーデンから得た情報をもとにした米国政府の情報収集に関する報道で ガーディアン は ワシントン ポスト とともに 2014年のピュリッツァー賞 公益部門 を獲得した

The Mercenary 2015-03-11

traces our country s long history of covert and special operations focusing on the similarities and differences in the practice from the revolutionary war to the present long before the creation of the cia the american government utilized special intelligence strategies with varying degrees of success even though critics throughout time have questioned the effectiveness and legitimacy of these tactics presidents from george washington to barack obama have employed secret operations to benefit the nation s best interest this book follows america s history of intelligence gathering undercover operations and irregular warfare through chronologically organized chapters the author examines secret military maneuvers highlighting the elements common to covert and special operations across historical eras and concluding with a chapter on national security since the attacks of september 11 2001


drone warfare and lawfare in a post heroic age posits a framework for the scholarly community policy makers and lay readers for understanding the legal and military aspects of drone warfare

See It/Shoot It 2014-05-20

introduction the subterranean world of clandestine interventions the forms of covert action a ladder of clandestine escalation a shadowy foreign policy 1947 1960 murder most foul 1960 1975 a new approach to covert action 1975 2000 the third option in an age of terror 2000 2020 legal foundations decision paths and accountability drawing bright lines ethics and covert action the third
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option reconsidered

pulitzer prize winning journalist charlie savage s penetrating investigation of the obama presidency and the national security state barack obama campaigned on changing george w bush s global war on terror but ended up entrenching extraordinary executive powers from warrantless surveillance and indefinite detention to military commissions and targeted killings then obama found himself bequeathing those authorities to donald trump how did the united states get here in power wars charlie savage reveals high level national security legal and policy deliberations in a way no one has done before he tells inside stories of how obama came to order the drone killing of an american citizen preside over an unprecedented crackdown on leaks and keep a then secret program that logged every american s phone calls encompassing the first comprehensive history of nsa surveillance over the past forty years as well as new information about the osama bin laden raid power wars equips readers to understand the legacy of bush s and obama s post 9 11 presidencies in the trump era

American Covert Operations 2016-01-15

wars have played a momentous role in shaping the course of human history the ever present specter of conflict has made it an enduring topic of interest in popular culture and many movies from hollywood blockbusters to independent films have sought to show the complexities and horrors of war on screen in the philosophy of war films david larocca compiles a series of essays by prominent scholars that examine the impact of representing war in film and the influence that cinematic images of battle have on human consciousness belief and action the contributors explore a variety of topics including the aesthetics of war as portrayed on screen the effect war has on personal identity and the ethical problems presented by war drawing upon analyses of iconic and critically acclaimed war films such as saving private ryan 1998 the thin red line 1998 rescue dawn 2006 restrepo 2010 and zero dark thirty 2012 this volume s examination of the genre creates new ways of thinking about the philosophy of war a fascinating look at the manner in which combat and its aftermath are depicted cinematically the philosophy of war films is a timely and engaging read for any philosopher filmmaker reader or viewer who desires a deeper understanding of war and its representation in popular culture

Drone Warfare and Lawfare in a Post-Heroic Age 2022

2001年の9 11同時多発テロ後 アメリカの情報 軍事政策は一変した 中東やアフリカの各地で 中央情報庁 cia は無人機に頼った暗殺作戦に血道を上げる準軍事組織に様変わりし 一方で国防総省 ペンタゴン は自前のスパイ組織を立ち上げ 特殊部隊が 正規の戦場の外でテロリストを狩り始める 両者は互いの縄張りを奪い合い 次第に確執を深めていく

The Third Option 2015-11-03

this textbook provides an accessible overview of us defense politics this edition has been fully updated and revised with a new chapter on intelligence and new material on unmanned drones women in the military the tea party and other key issues

Power Wars 2015-01-06

choice outstanding academic title for 2015 one of the most significant and controversial developments in contemporary warfare is the use of unmanned aerial vehicles commonly referred to as drones in the last decade us drone strikes have more than doubled and
their deployment is transforming the way wars are fought across the globe but how did drones claim such an important role in modern military planning and how are they changing military strategy and the ethics of war and peace what standards might effectively limit their use should there even be a limit drone warfare is the first book to engage fully with the political legal and ethical dimensions of uavs in it political scientist sarah kreps and philosopher john kaag discuss the extraordinary expansion of drone programs from the cold war to the present day and their so called effectiveness in conflict zones analysing the political implications of drone technology for foreign and domestic policy as well as public opinion the authors go on to examine the strategic position of the united states by far the world's most prolific employer of drones to argue that us military supremacy could be used to enshrine a new set of international agreements and treaties aimed at controlling the use of uavs in the future

The Philosophy of War Films 2017-08-15

now in a new edition updated through the unprecedented 2016 presidential election this provocative book makes a compelling case for a hidden deep state that influences and often opposes official u s policies prominent political analyst peter dale scott begins by tracing america's increasing militarization restrictions on constitutional rights and income disparity since world war ii with the start of the cold war he argues the u s government changed immensely in both function and scope from protecting and nurturing a relatively isolated country to assuming ever greater responsibility for controlling world politics in the name of freedom and democracy this has resulted in both secretive new institutions and a slow but radical change in the american state itself he argues that central to this historic reversal were seismic national events ranging from the assassination of president kennedy to 9 11 scott marshals compelling evidence that the deep state is now partly institutionalized in non accountable intelligence agencies like the cia and nsa but it also extends its reach to private corporations like booz allen hamilton and saic to which 70 percent of intelligence budgets are outsourced behind these public and private institutions is the influence of wall street bankers and lawyers allied with international oil companies beyond the reach of domestic law undoubtedly the political consensus about america's global role has evolved but if we want to restore the country's traditional constitutional framework it is important to see the role of particular cabals such as the project for the new american century and how they have repeatedly used the secret powers and network of government cog planning to implement change yet the author sees the deep state polarized between an establishment and a counter establishment in a chaotic situation that may actually prove more hopeful for u s democracy

CIAの秘密戦争 変貌する巨大情報機関 2013-12-04

in the wake of the september 11 attacks president george w bush drew a line in the sand saying either you are with us or you are with the terrorists since 9 11 many counterterrorism partners have been both with and against the united states helping it in some areas and hindering it in others this has been especially true in the middle east africa and south asia where the terrorist groups that threaten america are most concentrated because so many aspects of u s counterterrorism strategy are dependent on international cooperation the united states has little choice but to work with other countries making the most of these partnerships is fundamental to the success of the war on terror yet what the united states can reasonably expect from its counterterrorism partners and how to get more out of them remain too little understood in with us and against us stephen tankel analyzes the factors that shape counterterrorism cooperation examining the ways partner nations aid international efforts as well as the ways they encumber and impede effective action he considers the changing nature of counterterrorism exploring how counterterrorism efforts after 9 11 critically differ both from those that existed beforehand and from traditional alliances focusing on u s partnerships with algeria egypt mali pakistan saudi arabia and yemen against al qaeda isis and other terrorist organizations tankel offers nuanced propositions about what the u s can expect from its counterterrorism partners depending on their political and security interests threat perceptions and their relationships with the united states and with the terrorists
in question with us and against us offers a theoretically rich and policy relevant toolkit for assessing and improving counterterrorism cooperation devising strategies for mitigating risks and getting the most out of difficult partnerships

**US Defense Politics 2014-07-17**

why has u s security policy scarcely changed from the bush to the obama administration national security and double government offers a disquieting answer michael j glennon challenges the myth that u s security policy is still forged by america s visible madisonian institutions the president congress and the courts their roles he argues have become largely illusory presidential control is now nominal congressional oversight is dysfunctional and judicial review is negligible the book details the dramatic shift in power that has occurred from the madisonian institutions to a concealed trumanite network the several hundred managers of the military intelligence diplomatic and law enforcement agencies who are responsible for protecting the nation and who have come to operate largely immune from constitutional and electoral restraints reform efforts face daunting obstacles remedies within this new system of double government require the hollowed out madisonian institutions to exercise the very power that they lack meanwhile reform initiatives from without confront the same pervasive political ignorance within the polity that has given rise to this duality the book sounds a powerful warning about the need to resolve this dilemma and the mortal threat posed to accountability democracy and personal freedom if double government persists this paperback version features an afterword that addresses the emerging danger posed by populist authoritarianism rejecting the notion that the security bureaucracy can or should be relied upon to block it

**Drone Warfare 2017-05-02**

writings on war collects three of carl schmitt s most important and controversial texts here appearing in english for the first time the turn to the discriminating concept of war the großraum order of international law and the international crime of the war of aggression and the principle nullum crimen nulla poena sine lege written between 1937 and 1945 these works articulate schmitt s concerns throughout this period of war and crisis addressing the major failings of the league of nations and presenting schmitt s own conceptual history of these years of disaster for international jurisprudence for schmitt the jurisprudence of versailles and nuremberg both fail to provide for a stable international system insofar as they attempt to impose universal standards of humanity on a heterogeneous world and treat efforts to revise the status quo as criminal acts of war in place of these flawed systems schmitt argues for a new planetary order in which neither collective security organizations nor 19th century empires but schmittian reichs will be the leading subject of international law writings on war will be essential reading for those seeking to understand the work of carl schmitt the history of international law and the international system and interwar european history not only do these writings offer an erudite point of entry into the dynamic and charged world of interwar european jurisprudence they also speak with prescience to a 21st century world struggling with similar issues of global governance and international law

**The American Deep State 2018-05-22**

choice outstanding academic title of 2016 investigates the causes conduct and consequences of the recent american wars in iraq and afghanistan understanding the united states wars in iraq and afghanistan is essential to understanding the united states in the first decade of the new millennium and beyond these wars were pivotal to american foreign policy and international relations they were expensive in lives in treasure and in reputation they raised critical ethical and legal questions they provoked debates over policy strategy and war planning they helped to shape american domestic politics and they highlighted a profound division among the american people while more than two million americans served in iraq and afghanistan many in multiple deployments the vast majority of americans and their families remained untouched by and frequently barely aware of the wars conducted in their name far
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from american shores in regions about which they know little understanding the u s wars in iraq and afghanistan gives us the first
book length expert historical analysis of these wars it shows us how they began what they teach us about the limits of the
american military and diplomacy and who fought them it examines the lessons and legacies of wars whose outcomes may not be clear
for decades in 1945 few americans could imagine that the country would be locked in a cold war with the soviet union for decades
fewer could imagine how history would paint the era understanding the u s wars in iraq and afghanistan begins to come to grips
with the period when america became enmeshed in a succession of low intensity conflicts in the middle east

With Us and Against Us 2016-11-15

trace the opening rounds of the trump administration highlighting the 2016 election transition inauguration and first one hundred
days never losing sight of the foundations of the office the politics of the presidency maintains a balance between historical
context the current political environment and contemporary scholarship on the executive branch providing a solid foundation for
any presidency course in addition to offering you a comprehensive framework for understanding the expectations powers and
limitations of the executive branch the revised ninth edition uses the most up to date coverage and analysis of the 2016 election
and trump administration to demonstrate key concepts new to the revised ninth edition a new chapter dedicated to the trump
transition and first one hundred days examines important topics such as the immigration ban and other executive orders efforts at
deregulation the targeted military strikes in syria and the war on the intelligence community and the deconstruction of the
administrative state recent congressional relations analyzed including the confirmation of supreme court justice neil gorsuch
after senate republicans employed the nuclear option and took away the opportunity to filibuster supreme court nominees efforts to
repeal and replace obamacare fiscal 2017 and 2018 budget negotiations and congressional investigations of the trump campaign s
ties to russia his firing of fbi director james comey and the appointment of a special counsel in the matter an assessment of the
public presidency reviews trump s approval ratings communications strategies and media coverage discussions of trump s leadership
challenges in a polarized age explain the difficulties of unifying a nation after a bitter election launching an administration
and structuring the executive branch

National Security and Double Government 2011-08-08

power systems is a searing collection of new insights from the mind of noam chomsky the world s most prolific public intellectual
and author of the best selling failed states hopes and prospects and occupy in this new collection of conversations conducted from
2010 to 2012 noam chomsky explores the most immediate and urgent concerns the future of democracy in the arab world the
implications of the fukushima nuclear disaster the class war fought by u s business interests against working people and the poor
the breakdown of mainstream political institutions and the rise of the far right the latest volume from a long established trusted
partnership this collection shows once again that no interlocutor engages with chomsky more effectively than david barsamian these
interviews will inspire a new generation of readers as well as longtime chomsky fans eager for his latest thinking on the many
crises we now confront both at home and abroad they confirm that chomsky is an unparalleled resource for anyone seeking to
understand our world today praise for noam chomsky one of the finest minds of the twentieth century new yorker noam chomsky is a
global phenomenon he may be the most widely read american voice on foreign policy on the planet today new york times book review
will there ever again be a public intellectual who commands the attention of so many across the planet new statesman the west s
most prominent critic of us imperialism the closest thing in the english speaking world to an intellectual superstar guardian noam
chomsky is the author of numerous bestselling political books including hegemony or survival failed states interventions what we
say goes hopes and prospects and most recently occupy all of which are published by hamish hamilton penguin he is a professor in
the department of linguistics and philosophy at mit and is widely credited with having revolutionized modern linguistics david
barsamian is the award winning founder and director of alternative radio he has authored several books of interviews with leading

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The explosive narrative of the life captivity and trial of Bowe Bergdahl, the soldier who was abducted by the Taliban and whose story has served as a symbol for America's foundering war in Afghanistan, is an unsettling and riveting book filled with the mysteries of human nature. Kirkus private first class Bowe Bergdahl left his platoon's base in eastern Afghanistan in the early hours of June 30, 2009, since that day easy answers to the many questions surrounding his case why did he leave his post what kinds of efforts were made to recover him from the Taliban and why facing a court martial did he plead guilty to the serious charges against him have proved elusive. "American Cipher" is the riveting and deeply sourced account of the nearly decade-old Bergdahl quagmire, which as journalists Matt Farwell and Michael Ames persuasively argue, is as illuminating an episode as we have as we seek the larger truths of how the United States lost its way in Afghanistan. The book tells the parallel stories of a young man's halting coming of age and a nation stalled in an unwinnable war, revealing the fallout that ensued when the two collided. A fumbling recovery effort that suppressed intelligence on Bergdahl's true location and bungled multiple opportunities to bring him back sooner, a homecoming that served to deepen the nation's already vast political fissure, a trial that cast judgment on not only the defendant but most everyone involved. The book's beating heart is Bergdahl himself, an idealistic misguided soldier onto whom a nation projected the political and emotional complications of service. Based on years of exclusive reporting drawing on dozens of sources throughout the military, government, and Bergdahl's family, friends, and fellow soldiers, "American Cipher" is at once a meticulous investigation of government dysfunction and political posturing, a blistering commentary on America's presence in Afghanistan, and a heartbreaking story of a naïve young man who thought he could fix the world and wound up the tool of forces far beyond his understanding.

**Understanding the U.S. Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan 2017-07-06**

National security intelligence is a vast and complex topic made doubly hard for citizens to understand because of the thick veils of secrecy that surround it. In the second edition of his definitive introduction to the field, leading intelligence expert Loch K. Johnson guides readers skillfully through this shadowy side of government, drawing on over forty years of experience studying intelligence agencies and their activities. He explains the three primary missions of intelligence—information collection, analysis, counterintelligence, and covert action—before moving on to explore the wider dilemmas posed by the existence of secret government organizations in open, democratic societies. Recent developments including the controversial leaks by the American intelligence official Edward J. Snowden, the U.S. Senate's torture report, and the ongoing debate over the use of drones are explored alongside difficult questions such as why intelligence agencies inevitably make mistakes in assessing world events, why some intelligence officers choose to engage in treason against their own country on behalf of foreign regimes, and how spy agencies can succumb to scandals including highly intrusive surveillance against the very citizens they are meant to protect. Comprehensive and updated throughout, "National Security Intelligence" is tailored to meet the interests of students and general readers who care about how nations shield themselves against threats through the establishment of intelligence organizations and how they strive for safeguards to prevent the misuse of this secret power.

**The Politics of the Presidency 2013-01-03**

Drone warfare described from the perspectives of drone operators, victims of drone attacks, anti-drone activists, international law, military thinkers, and others—a thoughtful examination of the dilemmas this new weapon poses. Foreign affairs of drones are changing the conduct of war deployed at presidential discretion they can be used in regular war zones or to kill people in such countries...
as yemen and somalia where the united states is not officially at war advocates say that drones are more precise than conventional bombers allowing warfare with minimal civilian deaths while keeping american pilots out of harm's way critics say that drones are cowardly and that they often kill innocent civilians while terrorizing entire villages on the ground in this book hugh gusterson explores the significance of drone warfare from multiple perspectives drawing on accounts by drone operators victims of drone attacks anti drone activists human rights activists international lawyers journalists military thinkers and academic experts gusterson examines the way drone warfare has created commuter warriors and redefined the space of the battlefield he looks at the paradoxical mix of closeness and distance involved in remote killing is it easier than killing someone on the physical battlefield if you have to watch onscreen he suggests a new way of understanding the debate over civilian casualties of drone attacks he maps ethical slippage over time in the obama administration's targeting practices and he contrasts obama administration officials legal justification of drone attacks with arguments by international lawyers and ngos

**Power Systems 2019-03-12**

a trenchant summation and analysis of the legal rationales behind the us drone policy of targeted killing of suspected terrorists including us citizens publishers weekly starred review in the long response to 9 11 the us government initiated a deeply controversial policy of targeted killing the extrajudicial execution of suspected terrorists and militants typically via drones a remarkable effort was made to legitimize this practice one that most human rights experts agree is illegal and that the united states has historically condemned in the drone memos civil rights lawyer jameel jaffer presents and assesses the legal memos and policy documents that enabled the obama administration to put this program into action in a lucid and provocative introduction jaffer who led the aclu legal team that secured the release of many of the documents evaluates the drone memos in light of domestic and international law he connects the documents legal abstractions to the real world violence they allow and makes the case that we are trading core principles of democracy and human rights for the illusion of security a careful study of a secretive counterterrorism infrastructure capable of sustaining endless orderless war this book is profoundly necessary katrina vanden heuvel editor and publisher of the nation

**American Cipher 2017-04-21**

with obama's election to the presidency in 2008 many believed the united states had entered a new era obama came into office with high expectations that he would end the war in iraq and initiate a new foreign policy that would reestablish american values and the united states leadership role in the world in this shattering new assessment historian lloyd c gardner argues that despite cosmetic changes obama has simply built on the expanding power base of presidential power that reaches back across decades and through multiple administrations the new president ended the enhanced interrogation policy of the bush administration but did not abandon the concept of preemption obama withdrew from iraq but has institutionalized drone warfare including the white house's central role in selecting targets what has come into view gardner argues is the new face of american presidential power high tech secretive global and lethal killing machine skillfully narrates the drawdown in iraq the counterinsurgency warfare in afghanistan the rise of the use of drones and targeted assassinations from al awlaki to bin laden drawing from the words of key players in these actions as well as their major public critics with unparalleled historical perspective gardner's book is the new touchstone for understanding not only the obama administration but the american presidency itself

**National Security Intelligence 2016-05-13**

the war on terror launched by the 9 11 terrorist attacks has been waged inside as well as outside the u s borders perception of threat and efforts to ensure national security have led the united states to major reforms in its national security policy
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involving new military security and legislative concepts on the level of waging war outside the u s borders the united states has introduced the system of unmanned aerial vehicles uavs autonomous aircrafts without human pilot aboard opening the possibility of highly effective computer game like targeted killing on the domestic level new pieces of legislation and other antiterrorism measures have been raising privacy awareness and concerns whether the u s government keeps observing the constitution nowadays as advanced technology offers wide range of possibilities how to intrude one s privacy and effectively kill people legal and ethical considerations have to catch up the reality this work therefore seeks to elaborate on the statutory and constitutional framework of the current u s surveillance measures as well as the limits of utilization of uavs

Drone 2014

during the past decade armed drones have entered the american military arsenal as a core tactic for countering terrorism when coupled with access to reliable information they make it possible to deploy lethal force accurately across borders while keeping one s own soldiers out of harm s way the potential to direct force with great precision also offers the possibility of reducing harm to civilians at the same time because drones eliminate some of the traditional constraints on the use of force like the need to gain political support for full mobilization they lower the threshold for launching military strikes the development of drone use capacity across dozens of countries increases the need for global standards on the use of these weapons to assure that their deployment is strategically wise and ethically and legally sound presenting a robust conversation among leading scholars in the areas of international legal standards counterterrorism strategy humanitarian law and the ethics of force drones and the future of armed conflict takes account of current american drone campaigns and the developing legal ethical and strategic implications of this new way of warfare among the contributions to this volume are a thorough examination of the american government s legal justifications for the targeting of enemies using drones an analysis of american drone campaigns notable successes and failures and a discussion of the linked issues of human rights freedom of information and government accountability

State Magazine 2010-01-12

a financial times book of the year an economist best book of the year a triumph of investigative journalism tom wright new york times bestselling coauthor of billion dollar whale a fascinating read highly recommended john carreyrou bestselling author of bad blood truly one of the most nail biting page turning terrifying true crime books i ve ever read nick bilton new york times bestselling author of american kingpin from award winning journalists matthew campbell and kit chellel the gripping true crime story of a notorious maritime hijacking at the heart of a massive conspiracy and the unsolved murder that threatened to unravel it all in july 2011 the oil tanker brillante virtuoso was drifting through the treacherous gulf of aden when a crew of pirates attacked and set her ablaze in a devastating explosion but when david mockett a maritime surveyor working for lloyd s of london inspected the damaged vessel he was left with more questions than answers how had the pirates gotten aboard so easily and if they wanted to steal the ship and bargain for its return then why did they destroy it the questions didn t add up and mockett would never answer them soon after his inspection david mockett was murdered dead in the water is a shocking expose of the criminal inner workings of international shipping told through the lens of the brillante hijacking and its aftermath through first hand accounts of those who lived it from members of the ship s crew and witnesses to the attacks to the ex london detectives turned private investigators seeking to solve mockett s murder and bring justice to his family award winning bloomberg reporters matthew campbell and kit chellel piece together the astounding truth behind one of the most brazen financial frauds in history the ambitious culmination of more than four years of reporting dead in the water uncovers an intricate web of conspiracy amidst the lawless old world industry at the backbone of our new global economy
The Drone Memos 2013-11-12

in the wake of 9/11 America and its people have experienced a sense of vulnerability unprecedented in the nation's recent history. Buffeted by challenges from the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan to the financial crisis from Washington dysfunction to the rise of China and the dawn of the era of cyber warfare, two very different presidents and their advisors have struggled to cope with a relentless array of new threats. You may think you know the story, but in National Insecurity, David Rothkopf offers an entirely new perspective into the hidden struggles, the surprising triumphs, and the shocking failures of those charged with leading the United States through one of the most difficult periods in its history. Thanks to his extraordinary access, Rothkopf provides fresh insights drawing on more than one hundred exclusive interviews with the key players who shaped this era. At its core, National Insecurity is the gripping story of a superpower in crisis seeking to adapt to a rapidly changing world—sometimes showing inspiring resilience but often undone by the human flaws of those at the top. The mismanagement of its own system, the temptation to concentrate too much power within the hands of too few in the White House itself, and an unwillingness to learn the right lessons from the recent past. Nonetheless, within that story are unmistakable clues to a way forward that can help restore American leadership.

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The role of intelligence in U.S. government operations has changed dramatically and is now more critical than ever to domestic security and foreign policy. This authoritative and highly researched book, written by Jeffrey T. Richelson, provides a detailed overview of America's vast intelligence empire—from its organizations and operations to its management structure—drawing from a multitude of sources including hundreds of official documents. The U.S. intelligence community allows students to understand the full scope of intelligence organizations and activities and gives valuable support to policymakers and military operations. The seventh edition has been fully revised to include a new chapter on the major issues confronting the intelligence community, including secrecy and leaks, domestic spying, and congressional oversight, as well as revamped chapters on signals intelligence and cyber collection, geospatial intelligence, and open sources. The inclusion of more maps, tables, and photos as well as electronic briefing books on the book's site makes the U.S. intelligence community an even more valuable and engaging resource for students.

Fighting Terrorism 2017-03-22

All democracies have had to contend with the challenge of tolerating hidden spy services within otherwise relatively transparent governments. Democracies pride themselves on privacy and liberty, but intelligence organizations have secret budgets, gather information surreptitiously around the world, and plan covert action against foreign regimes. Sometimes they have even targeted the very citizens they were established to protect as with the COINTELPRO operations in the 1960s and 1970s carried out by the Federal Bureau of Investigation against civil rights and anti-war activists. In this sense, democracy and intelligence have always been a poor match. Yet Americans live in an uncertain and threatening world filled with nuclear warheads, chemical and biological weapons, and terrorists intent on destruction. Without an intelligence apparatus scanning the globe to alert the United States to these threats, the planet would be an even more perilous place. In Spy Watching, Loch K. Johnson explores the United States' travails in its efforts to maintain effective accountability over its spy services. Johnson explores the work of the famous Church Committee, a Senate panel that investigated America's espionage organizations in 1975 and established new protocol for supervising the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the nation's other sixteen secret services. Johnson explores why partisanship has crept into once neutral intelligence operations. The effects of the 9/11 attacks on the expansion of spying and the controversies related to CIA rendition and torture programs are also discussed. Additionally, the book covers the Edward Snowden case and the ongoing investigations into the Russian hack.
of the 2016 US election above all, Spy Watching seeks to find a sensible balance between the twin imperatives in a democracy of liberty and security. Johnson draws on scores of interviews with directors of Central Intelligence and others in America's secret agencies, making this a uniquely authoritative account.

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