

THE MILITARY AND NATIONAL POLITICS

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

I. The Republicanization of the Military

64% of the officers say they are Republican vs 8% Democrats
 29% of US Males Rep. 26% Dem; Elites 30% Rep and 43% Dems
 Vets 47% Rep vs 23% Dems; Reservists 63% Reps vs 10% Dems
 ROTC 47% vs 12%

Reagan Youth at West Point

Why?

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

How rare is this? Married White Males? Academics? Blacks?

II. What Difference Does it Make?

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

Money?

Missile Defense?

More intervention?

More multi-lateralism?

The Empire? The Alliance? Money for platforms?

The peace party

- B. What about Corporate Interest? >>Ridgway and Korea
>>Westmorland and Vietnam
>>Powell and the end of the Cold War
>>Goldwater Nichols
>>The Balkans

Force Structure (Post WWII, post CW), Foreign Policy, Strategy

Benefits for service personnel

Contractors, National Guard and Reserve, Veterans

Paying for defense once, twice, three times?

Powell Doctrine (Weinberger)

- 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 last resort

III. Is it Republicanization or Politicization that is the issue?

- Military gets an excuse for Vietnam----the civilians screwed up. Resign?
- Military gets a protector after Vietnam---The Republicans
- Military gets power----Goldwater Nichols and Clinton
- Military most respected governmental entity
- Military wants to ignore Transformation?

Rumsfeld/ Civil vs Military

Cheney fired General Dugan

Assert civilian control --- What bothered them about the military?

Civilian Control for what end?

Bush Strategy comes after 9/11

Primacy and Preemption?

New? Need transformation

Appropriate?

Doable?

Global War on Terror? What terror? What strategy?

Models of Civil Military relations

- Huntington, Military Professionals-Objective Control
- Janowitz, Military the Organizational Man and American values
- Historians---nihilism –it is all ad hoc—strategy, relations
- Finer—Military hard to control –why?

Corporate interest---autonomy, resources, offense, technology

Anything else?

Peace Party/War Party?

Democrat Wars

Republican Wars

2000 election –Gore vs Bush

2004 election –Kerry vs Bush

2008 election –Clinton vs McCain?

Which party will benefit from the port debate?

Role of Retired Generals

- As Candidates (Admirals)
- As Endorsers of policies and candidates
- As TV commentators
- As Corporate Lobbyists/Board Members/Executives
- As a Corps of Government Managers

What should be done to discourage this?