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Buying National Security: How America Plans And Pays For Its Global Role And Safety At Home



Synopsis

The tools of American statecraft—defense, diplomacy, foreign and security assistance, homeland security and intelligence—are rarely examined together. Adams and Williams fill this gap by examining how these tools work, how they are planned for, and how they are budgeted. Seeing policy through the lens of the budget can help decision makers and ordinary citizens discern the genuine priorities of national leaders from the oftentimes illusory ones portrayed in rhetoric. Simply put, policies and strategies cannot be carried out without a corresponding allocation of resources. *Buying National Security* weaves a tapestry around the institutions, organizations, tools, and processes that support planning and resource allocation across the breadth of the American national security enterprise. The authors analyze the planning and resource integration activities across agencies of the Executive branch as well as examine the structure and processes the Congress uses to carry out its national security oversight and budgetary responsibilities. Finally, they review the adequacy of the current structures and process and evaluate proposals for ways both might be reformed to fit the demands of the 21st century security environment.

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Surprisingly explained things in a well structured manner for easy understanding. Due to the subject being SO deep, its not the lightest reading, but the author does explain it so novices can get a good grasp on the subject. I had to do the whole book in a 2 month course, so it was pretty intense. Great resource for the defense breakdown of our country also, especially for the non-governmental

novice.

I was required to purchase this text for a National Security Policy course. The material was riddled with too many acronyms and minute details for anyone to gain a sense of the big picture that is defense spending. Our professor even deemed the text worthless and overbearing at the end of the course.

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