

MILITARIZING THE MIDDLE EAST

THE GENERALS: SHIFTING THE LANES IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY MAKING

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Many countries in the Middle East have long been headed by military men, or men who use the military to run the country. In recent years the United States has broadened a cycle of integrating military men into our foreign policy establishment. Although military experience was typical for foreign policy practitioners after WWII and Vietnam, it diminished under our volunteer army. Now, with increasing numbers joining the U.S. Diplomatic Corps and being placed in senior positions in the U.S. Government, it's time for a serious discussion about the direction and tools used in securing America's place on the world stage.



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has been an influential figure in U.S. foreign policy. Among her many senior roles in world affairs, Ms. Abercrombie-Winstanley was the longest-serving U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Malta. She also expanded our counterterrorism partners and programs as Deputy Coordinator for Counterterrorism. In another role as the Secretary of State's Special Assistant for the Middle East and Africa, she

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