

Why the Talk of 'Endless Wars' Misses the Mark

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Military means have often been used to promote peace and stability, such as during the Cold War deployments to Europe and the 1990s NATO mission in the Balkans.

In a town where polarization and partisanship seem to be the rule, there is one proposition to which politicians both right and left seem able to agree: it is time to end the “endless wars.” It’s a notion that is difficult to resist—who exactly is for “endless war,” after all?—and rooted in deep public frustration with the costly but seemingly fruitless interventions of the post-9/11 era. But as a guide to policymaking, opposition to “forever wars” is not useful. Such terms conflate three separate concerns, each of which demands separate consideration...

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