

# Rethinking Sustainable U.S. Efforts on Counterterrorism

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**Shifting away from a U.S.-led military posture will require Washington to repair its damaged credibility with allies abroad and disentangle counterterrorism budgets at home.**

**T**he development of a counterterrorism enterprise after Sept. 11, 2001, has seen both tactical successes and strategic obstacles over the course of nearly twenty years. Matthew Levitt frames this overview of counterterrorism policy by observing that the current focus on Great Power and near power competition as U.S. national security priorities reflects the success of Washington's investment in counterterrorism and homeland security. However, the current environment of growing partisan polarization also reflects the need to rationalize U.S. investments and adopt a more sustainable posture, in part by building on the role of counterterrorism within interstate conflict, observing the importance of investing in alliances and partnerships, and assessing the budgeting for counterterrorism programs...

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