

Proxy War: The Least Bad Option



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By Dr. Emily Carter

In her groundbreaking new book, *Proxy War: The Least Bad Option*, Dr. Emily Carter offers a comprehensive analysis of the history, strategies, and implications of proxy wars. This book is essential reading for anyone interested in global affairs and international conflict.

Carter begins by defining proxy war as "a conflict in which two or more states support opposing sides in a third-party conflict." She then provides a detailed history of proxy wars, from the Cold War to the present day. Carter shows how proxy wars have been used by states to achieve a variety of goals, including:

- Expanding their sphere of influence
- Weakening their adversaries
- Testing new weapons and tactics

- Avoiding direct conflict

Carter also examines the different strategies that states have used to fight proxy wars. She identifies four main types of proxy wars:

- **Covert proxy wars**, in which one or both states involved provide support to their proxies in secret.
- **Overt proxy wars**, in which both states involved openly acknowledge their support for their proxies.
- **Limited proxy wars**, in which the states involved limit their support to providing weapons and financial aid to their proxies.
- **Total proxy wars**, in which the states involved provide full-scale military support to their proxies.

Carter argues that the type of proxy war that a state chooses to fight depends on a number of factors, including the state's goals, the level of risk that it is willing to take, and the capabilities of its proxies.

Carter concludes by assessing the implications of proxy wars for global security. She argues that proxy wars can have a number of negative consequences, including:

- Increased risk of escalation to direct conflict
- Protracted conflicts
- Humanitarian crises
- Damage to international norms

Carter also argues that proxy wars can have some positive consequences, such as:

- Preventing direct conflict
- Testing new weapons and tactics
- Weakening adversaries

Ultimately, Carter argues that proxy wars are a complex and dangerous tool of statecraft. She concludes that the decision to fight a proxy war should be made carefully, and that states should be aware of the potential risks and benefits involved.

Reviews

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- Henry Kissinger, former U.S. Secretary of State

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- Zbigniew Brzezinski, former U.S. National Security Advisor

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