

CIVIL MILITARY RELATIONS AND MILITARY EFFECTIVENESS

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INTRODUCTION



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The aim of this presentation is to discuss with Army War College, Nigeria Course 8/2024 a view of seeing if there is a connection between Civil Military Relations and Military Effectiveness.

SCOPE

- a. Conceptual Clarification.**
- b. Civil Military Relations in Theory and Practice.**
- c. Relationship Between the Military and the State.**
- d. Military Professionalism and Civil Relations.**
- e. Conservative Realism of Professional Military Ethics.**
- f. Impact of Civil Military Relations on Military Effectiveness.**
- g. Challenges of Civil Military Relations.**

CONCEPTUAL CLARIFICATION

CIVIL-MILITARY RELATIONS

- The role of the armed forces in a society.
- It implies that the relations between the military and the civilian population are like labour management relations, legislative-executive relations, or old Soviet-American relations, where two concrete, organised groups with real conflicting interests contend and bargain with each other.

Ultimately, the patterns of civil military relations affect national security because of their impact on strategic assessment.

MILITARY EFFECTIVENESS

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- The ability to produce favourable military outcomes per se.
- Narrower definition equates “effectiveness” with skill, the ability to make the most of one’s material resources, or qualities such as “integration” and “responsiveness.”
- Military effectiveness is a central issue for international relations and lies at the heart of key policy debates.
- While, some seeks to link effectiveness to non-material factors like esprit, staying power, and the will-to-fight.

TRENDS IN PEACE OPERATIONS



CIVIL MILITARY RELATIONS IN THEORY AND PRACTICE



PETER FEAVER
- Agency Theory

CIVIL MILITARY RELATIONS IN THEORY AND PRACTICE

- Peter Feaver's agency theory
- Principal
- Agent
- Working
- Shirking
- This system achieves its objectives by maximising the professionalism of the officer corps within a clearly defined civil and military leadership.

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE MILITARY AND THE STATE

PROTECTION OF IMPERIAL INTEREST



RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE MILITARY AND THE STATE

- **The lack of experience in democratic governance on part of the political elites contributed to their inability to cope with the diverse challenges posed by nation-building and economic development.**
- **The end of the Cold War.**
- **Universal rethinking of not only military in government but the roles and missions of the military as a whole.**

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE MILITARY AND THE STATE

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- The civilian control of the military has been a concern to all form of government not only in this century. From democracies like the United States and United Kingdom, to Communism in China and Cuba, and Fascist dictatorships then in Germany and Italy. As from 1945, it has become a source of concern to the independent countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

**MILITARY
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The country can consolidate the following as roles for our Armed Forces based on experience and lessons learnt:

- a. Core role – combat, that is to deter aggression.**
- b. Secondary role – disaster and relief.**
- c. Peace operations (that include peace support operations?).**
- d. Other missions of a transitional nature.**



PEACEKEEPERS



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CONSERVATIVE REALISM OF PROFESSIONAL MILITARY ETHICS



SAMUEL HUNTINGTON
- Institutional Theory

Civilian leadership would decide the objective of any military action but then leave it to the military to decide upon the best way of achieving the objective.

- **Budget and Force Structure.**
- **Countervailing Force.**
- **The people will generally remain in support of the government if the government is honest, open and transparent.**

**IMPACT OF CIVIL
MILITARY RELATIONS
ON MILITARY
EFFECTIVENESS**

ROLE FOR THE MILITARY

POSSIBLE SECONDARY ROLES



Source: www.modernwarfare/e-library.com

**Good civilian authority grant
military substantial autonomy
in making combat related
decisions in return for their
political loyalty.**

The following questions need to be asked before the military is to be given a secondary role activity:

a. Would the military's involvement prevent other groups from performing the activity in question, thus hindering civilian organisation ability to develop critical skills and expand their role in society?

b. Would the military gain additional privileges that would be subsequently reluctant to give up?

c. Would the armed forces become so involved in non-combat activities that it would neglect its core defence mission?

- **Downsizing the Armed Forces.**
- **Functional Reserve.**
- **Volatile, Uncertain, Complex and Ambiguous (VUCA).**

CHALLENGES OF CIVIL MILITARY RELATIONS

KNOWLEDGEABLE CIVIL ON MILITARY AFFAIRS



DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE



CASTING VOTE

JUSTICE AND RULE OF LAW



ALLOWING GOVERNMENT MECHANISM TO OPERATE



FIGHTING IN PARLIAMENT

INSTABILITY CEILING AND MIDDLE GRADE OFFICERS



CHALLENGES



- **Ambitious Political and Military Leaders.**
- **Loyalty of the Officers Corps.**
- **Administering the Military.**
- **Insulate Military Officers From Partisan Politics.**
- **Mutual Respect.**

CONCLUSION



The realities of preparing forces to kill and to face death in the service of the state create problems with no analogues in other forms of social interaction.



HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

**“When you go home,
tell them of us and say
For your tomorrow
we gave our today”**



The training of military personnel to be effective and efficient in the profession of arms with the aim of influencing and the skill of creating the conditions for organisational success in defence against any potential threats to our national security is the best welfare that can be given to the Armed Forces.



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