

STRATEGIC DEFENSE – A MODERN APPROACH TO NATIONAL DEFENSE STRATEGY

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Abstract: *From the Cold War period until now, several strategies for carrying out wars have emerged, culminating in the "Hybrid War" model. This literature study is a modern approach to strategic defense and brings to the forefront a series of reflective questions needed to build countries' future defense strategies. Is the information war based on speculation of social discontent and the recruitment of radicalized individuals? Who and why is interested in sponsoring contemporary terrorism? What are the operational requirements for substantiating investments in the development of military technologies? These are the questions this study is intended to answer.*

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Brief introduction into the concept of country defense

A lot has been written and will continue to be written about war. These works have range from academic studies to various narratives approaches that describe events based on the author's experience or heard from various stories of active participants in events that are later included under the generic term "conflict". One of the recent publications in a brief and descriptive manner that addresses war is that of the well-known author Lawrence Freedman, entitled *The Future of War*. He makes a picture of the events that changed the world, in an interdisciplinary manner, with a pronounced historical character. What caught our attention was that the author concluded that the image predicted by most military forecasters is contradicted by the way the contemporary conflict takes place, even if the value of military power can still influence victory.

Freedman underlines that "*the superficial features of the new wars - their savagery, ethnic polarization and links to criminal activity were the ones that initially attracted the most comment.*"¹ Its conclusion characterizes the reaction of weak states to oppose with instability at their level and justifies the intervention of a military power to defend and protect the region

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¹ Freedman Lawrence, *Viitorul războiului: o istorie*, Editura Litera, București, 2019, p.209.