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Michael demonstrates in Lone Wolf Terror and the Rise of Leaderless Resistance they are not isolated cases Rather they represent the new way warfare will be conducted in the twenty first century Lone Wolf Terror investigates the motivations of numerous political and ideological elements such as right wing individuals ecoextremists foreign jihadists and even quasi governmental entities In all these cases those carrying out destructive acts operate as lone wolves and small cells with little or no connection to formal organizations Ultimately Michael suggests that leaderless resistance has become the most common tactical approach of political terrorists in the West and elsewhere Handbook of Defence Politics Isaiah "Ike" Wilson III, James J.F. Forrest, 2011-03-28 Issues of defence politics and policy have long been at the forefront of political agendas and defining of international affairs However the dramatic changes to the global system that have taken place since the end of the Cold War and particularly since the terror attacks on the USA on 11 September 2001 have amplified the world's attention toward political and policy issues of national regional and global security. The focus of this volume is on examining the fundamental causes of and defence policy responses to this new post 9 11 security environment Edited by Isaiah Ike Wilson III and James J F Forest of the US Military Academy West Point USA this volume is international in scope with pieces written by experts in the field offering a collection of up to date and balanced insights on key contemporary issues of concern to defence policymakers The book will be an invaluable reference tool for academics and students researchers in international relations policymakers media professionals and government officials Reynolds, 2019-07-09 Looking at partisan groups such as the FLN the Vietcong and the Mujahedeen in Afghanistan Ouroboros Understanding the War Machine of Liberalism assesses how they convert their knowledge of self into tactical and strategic advantages that nullify the Clausewitzian advantages in the distribution of military power Reynolds argues that liberalism has a global transformative mission that requires an ideologically democratic core and an illiberal periphery By assessing the ouroboros which sees action as definitive and final the book explains how it powers the new strategy of preemption that intervenes in the periphery ostensibly to set up democratic security centered adjuncts Pseudo-Militaries, and Other Modern Mercenaries Max G. Manwaring, 2012-10-11 As the first decade of the twenty first century has made brutally clear the very definitions of war and the enemy have changed almost beyond recognition Threats to security are now as likely to come from armed propagandists popular militias or mercenary organizations as they are from conventional armies backed by nation states In this timely book national security expert Max G Manwaring explores a little understood actor on the stage of irregular warfare the gang Since the end of the Cold War some one hundred insurgencies or irregular wars have erupted throughout the world Gangs have figured prominently in more than half of those conflicts yet these and other nonstate actors have received little focused attention from scholars or analysts This book fills that void Employing a case study approach and believing that shadows from the past often portend the future Manwaring begins with a careful consideration of the writings of V I Lenin He then scrutinizes the Piqueteros in Argentina gangs in Colombia private

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