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Limits to American Power



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With two US wars in the Middle East and military bases in many parts of the world, it is time to ask whether the US is overextended. Prof. Andrew Bacevich has given much thought to this issue. As a professor of International Relations at Boston University and author of several books, including *American Empire: The Realities and Consequences of US Diplomacy* (2002), *The New American Militarism: How Americans are Seduced by War* (2005) and *The Limits of Power: The End of American Exceptionalism* (2008), he has been a critic of the US occupation of Iraq, calling the conflict a "catastrophic failure." In March 2007, he described Bush's endorsement of such "preventive wars" as "immoral, illicit, and imprudent."

How long can the US military continue the "war on global terrorism"? Can the US military withdraw from the Middle East? What are our genuine national interests?

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