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Posen, Steven Miller, Edward Rhodes, Stephen Van Evera, and John Mearsheimer for their comments on earlier drafts of this paper. I am also grateful to Samuel Huntington and Harvard University's Center for International Affairs for their assistance, and am most indebted to Barry Posen, Jack Ruina, and the entire staff at MIT's Center for International Studies for their financial and scholarly support. As ever, my mother Rose Shimshoni provided critical assistance. Jonathan Shimshoni, the author of Israel and Conventional Deterrence: Border Warfare from 1953 to 1970 (Cornell University Press, 1988), received his doctorate in public and international affairs from Princeton University. This article was written while he was a Visiting Scholar at MIT's Center for International Studies, and an Associate of Harvard's Center for International Affairs. 1. Grand strategy is a state's overall "theory of how it can best 'cause' security for itself." Barry R. Posen, The Sources of Military Doctrine: France, Britain and Germany Between the World Wars (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1984), p. 13. Such a theory should be supported by a military doctrine, which is the national military organization's applied theory of victory. Military doctrine integrates and institutionalizes the principles of force organization and operation at all levels. In this article, I focus on the higher-level operational principles, such as offense or defense, and at a slightly more detailed level, on doctrines such as "elastic defense" or "blitzkrieg." The operational level refers to the operations of large units (corps and armies, for example) in pursuit of goals that serve strategic aims. This notion applies doctrinal principle (e.g., blitzkrieg) in the execution of specific war plans. See also Edward N. Luttwak, Strategy: The Logic of War and Peace (Cambridge, Mass.: Belknap/Harvard University Press, 1987), chaps. 6 and 7. International Security, Winter 1990-1991 (Vol. 15, No. 3) 0 1990 by the President and Fellows of Harvard College and of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology 187 International Security 15:3 188 actors themselves, endogenously. If the first be true, as many authors have argued, then indeed a leader's job is to diagnose and adapt; if the second, as I argue in this essay, then he must analyze and create. Jack Snyder writes of World War I that: Military technology should have made the European strategic balance in July 1914 a model of stability, but offensive military strategies defied those technological realities, trapping European statesmen in a war-causing spiral of insecurity and instability. As the Boer and Russo-Japanese Wars had foreshadowed and The Great War itself confirmed, prevailing weaponry and means of transport strongly favored the defender. . . . Why then were these self-defeating [offensive] war-causing strategies adopted? 2 This passage reflects one prominent response to this essay's central questions. Snyder, not alone in the security field, is really arguing the following: (1) military technology in 1914 created an overall and system-wide defensive advantage, and therefore (2) a central failing of decision-makers at the time was the adoption of offensive military doctrines and strategies despite this diagnosis. This offensive/defense balance approach is flawed. I argue that, while technology is important to warfare (and advantages surely exist), the first does 2. Jack Snyder, "Civil-Military Relations and the Cult of the...
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In formulating the military dimension of grand strategy, statesmen face a crucial decision: should they adopt an offensive or a defensive doctrine? How effectively can one improve this question? Should leaders first assess the technological state of the art to see whether it favors offense or defense, and adapt their doctrines and grand strategies accordingly? Or should they determine independently their best grand strategy, and expect or direct that their military leaders will create the necessary supportive military advantage, be it offensive, defensive, or both?

The answer depends on where one believes military advantage comes from. The "bottom-up" approach posits that there is—at any given moment—a ubiquitous technological condition that determines, exogenously to the actors, whether offense or defense has the advantage. The "top-down" alternative recommends that advantages are manufactured and destroyed by the

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1 Excessive strategy is a useful shorthand for "many of the major decisions for the security of the state," Henry C. Pratten, ed., The Nature of Strategy: Theory, Practice, and Context (Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1978), p. 12. This theory should be supported by a military doctrine which is the central military organization's application of theory to strategy. Military doctrine is the principles that govern the conduct of combat activities, and inducts and defines the principles that govern the conduct of combat activities in general and specifies them at all levels of thought. It is a single doctrine that is a subject of principles, such as a branch of science, and at a slightly more detailed level, on doctrines and as "idea," is expressed in "Hunting." The operational logic refers to the organization of large-scale groups, and incorporates, for example, the content of doctrine that underlies strategy. This is applied to national and international principles, such as a branch of science, and forms, in a more general theory, a central principle, such as "idea." Organs of National Security, Winter 1982, Vol. 5, No. 75.

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