

# The Consequences of 9/11 for the US Security Sector: New Actors, New Procedures, and New Practices

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**Abstract:** The presented text argues that US security policy is transforming into a new organizational structure which I have called security governance. It is argued that the organizational change is the consequence of the reform of security policy after 9/11 and of the US participation in the stabilization and reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan. The American engagement in the war on terror and the following US participation in the Iraqi and Afghani stabilization and reconstruction was motivated by an effort to better protect American citizens but it also resulted in extensive organizational, institutional and budgetary changes in the US domestic policy. At the core of the change has been the weakening of security policy as a hierarchical policy with clear institutions, rules and a chain of command and the building of a non-linear horizontal networked policy where multiple agents meet and collaborate on various levels on the basis of flexible structures.

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