



The Stealth Militaryization of Africa

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The Stealth Escalation of U.S. Militarism in Africa: Focus on the Sahel and African Great Lakes

With a focus on the Sahel and Great Lakes region of Africa, we will begin with an overview of conflicts that the United States considers security threats, including the tendency of the U.S. to engage in threat aggregation to lump together unrelated events based on shared political, ethnic, or religious identities. We will discuss the effects of decolonization on the continent post-WWII and its place in the geopolitics of the Cold War, especially in the context of national liberation struggles. Moving forward, we will cover the modern era of globalization and the so-called War on Terror, and how these have affected the region. In particular, how U.S. military interventionism has impacted African countries, with not only empirical information about developments in these areas, but the theoretical-political framework requisite to discuss what action can concerned Americans undertake to stop this militarism?

