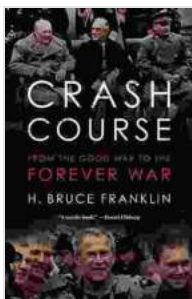


# From the Good War to the Forever War: War Culture and the Making of American Empire



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How did the United States get into these wars? And why have they lasted for so long?

In his book *\*From the Good War to the Forever War: War Culture and the Making of American Empire\**, historian Michael Sherry argues that the United States has been waging a "war culture" since the end of World War II. This war culture has glorified war and made it seem like the only way to solve problems. It has also led to the creation of a powerful military-industrial complex that profits from war.

Sherry traces the roots of the war culture back to the Cold War. After World War II, the United States and the Soviet Union became the two superpowers, and they competed for global dominance. This competition led to a series of proxy wars, in which the two superpowers supported different sides in civil wars around the world. The United States also

intervened in countries that it feared were becoming communist, even if they were not directly threatened by the Soviet Union.

The Vietnam War was a turning point in the war culture. The war was a disaster for the United States, and it led to a loss of faith in the government and the military. However, the war also led to the rise of a new generation of neoconservatives, who argued that the United States needed to be more aggressive in its foreign policy.

After the Cold War, the war culture continued to flourish. The United States intervened in countries such as Somalia, Haiti, and Bosnia. In 2001, the United States invaded Afghanistan in response to the 9/11 attacks. In 2003, the United States invaded Iraq under the false pretense that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction.

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Sherry argues that the war culture is a major obstacle to peace. He argues that the United States needs to develop a new foreign policy that is based on diplomacy and cooperation, not war.

## **The Good War**

The Second World War was a defining moment in American history. It was a war that was fought against fascism and tyranny, and it was a war that

the United States ultimately won. The war also led to the creation of the United Nations, which was founded to prevent future wars.

The Good War, as it is often called, is seen as a time of great sacrifice and heroism. Americans came together to fight for a common cause, and they ultimately prevailed. The war also led to a period of great economic prosperity, as the United States emerged from the war as the world's leading superpower.

However, the Good War also had a dark side. The war led to the deaths of millions of people, including civilians. The war also led to the use of nuclear weapons, which had a devastating impact on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

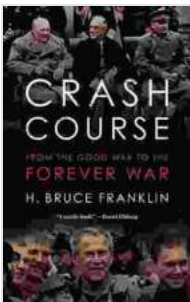
The Good War also sowed the seeds of the war culture that would come to dominate American foreign policy in the years to come. The war led to the creation of a powerful military-industrial complex, which profited from war. The war also led to the rise of a new generation of neoconservatives, who argued that the United States needed to be more aggressive in its foreign policy.

## **The Forever War**

The wars in Afghanistan and Iraq are the latest in a long line of wars that the United States has fought since the end of World War II. These wars have been fought in different parts of the world, and they have had different goals. However, they have all had one thing in common: they have all been failures.

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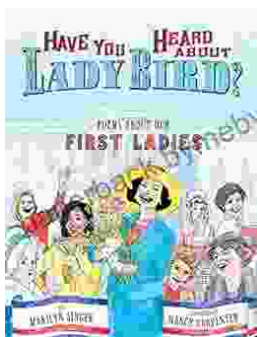
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