

Chapter 10. Democracy, Status Quo, and Military Manpower Systems

Abstract

The choice of a military manpower system is an important security issue, but the topic has not been spotlighted by students of international relations and foreign policy. To broaden the scope of investigation into military manpower systems, chapter 10 combines domestic and international factors from both political and economic categories. A multinomial logit model is tested on an original dataset of military manpower systems spanning over a century; the unit of analysis is the interstate dyad-year. The empirical results show that higher levels of military personnel and expenditure, as well as a general satisfaction with the status quo, are associated with the presence of conscripted forces, while democracy and joint memberships in international organizations are linked to the use of a volunteer military system.