

The Burden-Sharing Dilemma: Coercive Diplomacy in US Alliance Politics



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Abstract

The Burden-Sharing Dilemma: Coercive Diplomacy in US Alliance Politics examines the conditions under which the United States is willing and able to pressure its allies to assume more responsibility for their own defense. The United States has a mixed track record of encouraging allied burden-sharing—while it has succeeded or failed in some cases, it has declined to do so at all in others. The book argues that this variation is because the United States tailors its burden-sharing pressure in accordance with two competing priorities: conserving its own resources and preserving influence in its alliances. Although burden-sharing enables great power patrons like the United States to lower alliance costs, it also empowers allies to resist patron influence. Through case studies of US alliances formed during the Cold War, the book shows that patrons try to manage this dilemma by combining assurances of protection with threats of abandonment and by exercising discretion in their burden-sharing pressure.

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