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Sommario/riassunto

As U.S. military forces appear overcommitted and some ponder a possible return to the draft, the timing is ideal for a review of how the American military transformed itself over the past five decades, from a poorly disciplined force of conscripts and draft-motivated "volunteers" to a force of professionals revered throughout the world. Starting in the early 1960's, this account runs through the current war in Iraq, with alternating chapters on the history of the all-volunteer force and the analytic background that supported decision making. The author participated as an analyst and government
