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## Sommario/riassunto

Acting Alone offers an unprecedented scientifically-based answer to the question of why presidents, regardless of political party, make decisions to use unilateral military force. By using three methods to test U.S. crisis behavior since 1937, the author of Acting Alone makes the case that presidents are realists and make a unilateral decision based on a wide military gap with an opponent, an opponent located in the Western hemisphere, and a national security threat.

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