



COMMAND IN AIR WAR

CENTRALIZED VERSUS DECENTRALIZED
CONTROL OF COMBAT AIRPOWER

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This work evolves a far more complete picture of the various ways airpower is controlled in combat, and their subsequent consequences, by presenting airpower as something, placing theories in their proper context within that system, and accounting for the interaction among them. While using primarily historical principles to illustrate types of control, this study tries to add to your body of understanding on human-technology systems and about the airpower system in particular. The questions it will answer along the way are: 1. How gets the information age affected C2 of combat airpower? 2. Have technological adjustments impacted the military's adherence to the doctrinal tenet of centralized control and decentralized execution? 3. * Notes * ABBREVIATIONS * BIBLIOGRAPHY * Have Technological Adjustments Impacted the Military's Adherence to the Doctrinal Tenet of Centralized Control and Decentralized Execution? Where are these changes heading? Contents * CHAPTER 1 * INTRODUCTION * Notes * CHAPTER 2 * HISTORICAL FOUNDATIONS OF AIRPOWER CONTROL ISSUES * The Levels of War * Technology's Part * Conclusions * Notes * CHAPTER 3 * THE COMBAT AIR Functions SYSTEM * Combat Air Functions * Effects-Based Operations * Command and Control * Command Relationships * Leveraging and Depth of Command * Relationships * Constraints on Specific Actions and Time-Sensitive Targets * The CAOS as something * Conclusions * Notes * CHAPTER 4 * THE STRATEGIC LEVEL AND CONTROL IN THE INFORMATION Age group * From Vietnam to Desert Storm * Lessons from Desert Storm * Integrating with the Clinton Administration * Intervention with Caution— * Where Are These Adjustments Heading? 4. * WILL THERE BE a General Method That Better Characterizes the System's C2? Somalia and Bosnia * Institutionalizing Command and Control * Kosovo * Ascendance of the AOC * A FRESH Administration and the War on Terror * Conclusions * Notes * CHAPTER 5 * COMMAND Romantic relationships IN THE CAOS * Businesses and Command Romantic relationships * Desert Storm * Allied Pressure * Enduring Freedom * Iraqi Freedom * Conclusions * Notes * CHAPTER 6 * THE CENTER OF THE CAOS * Desert Storm * Allied Force * Enduring Freedom * Iraqi Independence * Conclusions * Notes * CHAPTER 7 * DECISION MAKING IN THE LOOP * Desert Storm * Allied Force * Enduring Independence * Iraqi Independence * Conclusions * Notes * CHAPTER 8 * DISTRIBUTED COGNITION IN THE CAOS * Desert Storm * Allied Force * Enduring Freedom * Iraqi Independence * Conclusions * Notes * CHAPTER 9 * SYSTEM ACCIDENTS IN THE CAOS * Notes * CHAPTER 10 * CONCLUSIONS AND IMPLICATIONS * How Has the Information Age Affected C2 of Combat Airpower? Is there an over-all formulation that better characterizes the system's C2?



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