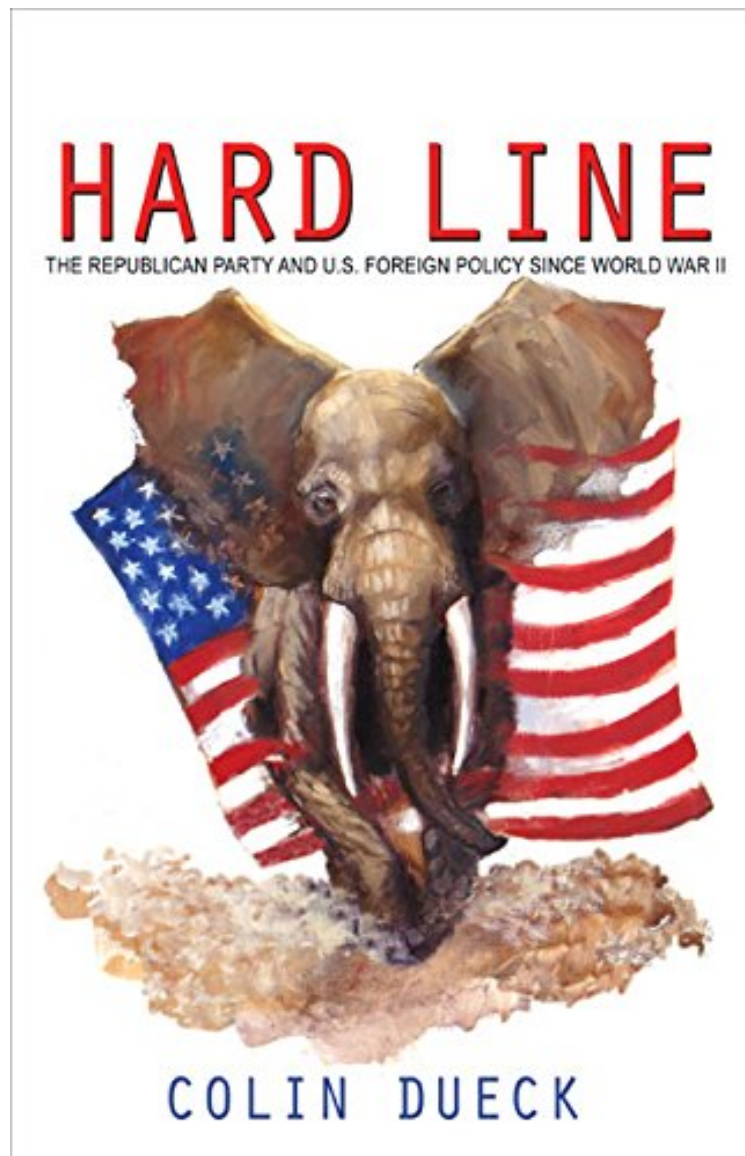


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Frage prsidualer Fhrung Von J. Rupp Die Auen- und Sicherheitspolitik der Vereinigten Staaten wurde seit dem Ende des Zweiten Weltkrieges maßgeblich von republikanischen Präsidenten mitgestaltet. Von Dwight D. Eisenhower bis George W. Bush prägten und definierten sie die konkrete Ausformung einer Politik, die sich im Wesentlichen an den Interessen und Werten der eigenen Nation orientierte. Wie der amerikanische Politologe Colin Dueck in dieser glänzend geschriebenen Studie zeigen kann, lag es in der Tradition der "Grand Old Party, dass ihre Präsidenten eine harte Linie in den Außenbeziehungen der USA verfolgten. In diesem Politikfeld verfügen sie dank der amerikanischen Verfassung über einen deutlich größeren Handlungsspielraum als im Bereich der Innenpolitik. Dueck gelingt es nun sehr gut, die außen- und sicherheitspolitische Gestaltungskraft der republikanischen Präsidenten im Rahmen der jeweiligen historischen und politischen Kontexte herauszuarbeiten. Hierbei teilt der Autor die entsprechenden Gestaltungsoptionen in vier Idealtypen ein, denen ein bestimmtes strategisches Verständnis zugrunde liegt. Er unterscheidet zwischen den "Falken, den "Realisten, den "Nationalisten und den "Anti-Interventionisten. Die "Falken setzen sich für eine auf militärischer Stärke basierende Außenpolitik ein, die auch militärische Interventionen ausdrücklich miteinschließt. Die prominentesten Repräsentanten dieses Idealtyps innerhalb der GOP waren Senator Barry Goldwater und Präsident Ronald Reagan. Demgegenüber vertreten die "Realisten einen zurückhaltenden Standpunkt, der mehr auf einen Interessenausgleich zwischen den Großmächten abzielt. Sie streben nach einem Gleichgewicht der Macht, welches sich stabilisierend auf das internationale Staatensystem auswirken soll. Ihre bislang wichtigsten Vertreter in der Republikanischen Partei waren Richard Nixon, Henry Kissinger und George H. W. Bush. Die "Nationalisten befürworten hingegen eine an der nationalen Souveränität ausgerichtete Außenpolitik, die sich nicht durch fremde Mächte, internationale Organisationen oder multilaterale Vereinbarungen einschränken und behindern lässt. Beispielfhaft verkörperte George W. Bush einen solchen republikanischen Idealtyp. Die "Anti-Interventionisten verlangen stattdessen eine Rückbesinnung auf den Grundsatz der Nichteinmischung in die internen Angelegenheiten anderer Staaten. Sie lehnen direkte politische oder militärische Bündnisse grundsätzlich ab, was sie aber nicht davon abhält, diplomatische und außenwirtschaftliche Beziehungen mit der Staatenwelt zu pflegen. Ihr wichtigster Vertreter war der republikanische Senator Robert Taft. Im Unterschied zu den übrigen drei Idealtypen spielte der Anti-Interventionismus in den letzten Jahrzehnten lediglich eine untergeordnete Rolle, weil die weltweite Ausrichtung der USA dem anti-interventionistischen Verständnis entgegenwirkte. Welcher der vier Idealtypen zur praktischen Anwendung gelangt, wird in letzter Instanz vom amtierenden Präsidenten entschieden. Intellektuelle oder Wirtschaftsführer sind hierfür jedenfalls nicht verantwortlich. Auch ein neuer republikanischer Präsident wird sich an diesen Idealtypen orientieren, wenn er die Richtung seiner Außen- und Sicherheitspolitik bestimmen muss. Dueck, der sich selbst den Realisten zurechnet, verweist in seiner Darstellung auf die großen und erfolgreichen Amtsvorgänger als potentielle Vorbilder. Mit der Ausnahme von George W. Bush beurteilt er nämlich die bisherigen republikanischen Präsidenten durchaus positiv. Wer auch immer der nächste republikanische Präsident werden wird, er oder sie würde gut daran tun, sich gründlich bei Colin Dueck zu informieren. Sein Buch ist absolut empfehlenswert. Jürgen Rupp

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