

A New Security Doctrine for Israel

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This study addresses the question of what security doctrine is appropriate for the State of Israel at this time, particularly in light of the events of October 7 and the multi-front war that erupted thereafter.

The article seeks to answer this question from a mountaintop perspective, through a comprehensive overview, rather than within the specific context of a particular arena and its current circumstances. To tackle this challenge, the article employs a methodology that delves into the roots of Israel's historical security doctrine — commonly known as the “Three Pillars” doctrine — which remains dominant to this day.

It examines the doctrine's foundational assumptions and the strategic environment in which it was originally shaped, assesses which of these elements are still relevant today, and identifies the changes they have undergone. Based on this analysis, a new doctrine is developed from a “Tabula Rasa” standpoint, tailored to the current strategic environment and based upon updated fundamental assumptions.

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