

War

Once soldiers derived their moral authority from their courage; but if they are not now putting themselves in harm's way on our behalf, will that affect their standing among civilians? Will they find themselves increasingly sidelined as leaner states outsource vital tasks to private security firms? Or will the consequence be, as has happened to some extent already in the US, that society itself is remilitarised through the reemployment in domestic policing of veterans and the surplus equipment they carried?

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