

# Weinberger Doctrine



- **The United States should not commit forces to combat overseas unless the particular engagement or occasion is deemed vital to our national interest or that of our allies . . . .**
- **If we decide it is necessary to put combat troops into a given situation, we should do so wholeheartedly and with the clear intention of winning . . . .**
- **If we do decide to commit forces to combat overseas, we should have clearly defined political and military objectives . . . .**
- **The relationship between our objectives and the forces we have committed -- their size, composition, and disposition -- must be continually reassessed and adjusted if necessary . . . .**
- **Before the United States commits combat forces abroad, there must be some reasonable assurance we will have the support of the American people and their elected representatives in Congress . . . .**
- **The commitment of US forces to combat should be a last resort.**