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Our Summer issue's *In Focus: Senior Leader Dissent* features "Matthew Ridgway and the Value of Persistent Dissent." Author Conrad Crane contends there are times, be they rare, when senior leaders must strongly object to strategic or operational courses of action which they believe may put too much of the nation's blood and treasure at risk.

Our first forum, entitled *Two Sides of COIN*, offers opposing contributions to the ongoing debate on the efficacy of counterinsurgency approaches. In "COIN Doctrine is Wrong," Chris Mason maintains the central premises of counterinsurgency doctrine are flawed—based on evidence he deems quantifiable. In contrast, Darren Colby's "Toward Successful COIN: Shining Path's Decline" suggests some elements of counterinsurgency theories have indeed proven effective in Peru.

This issue's second forum, *Allies and Partners*, offers two essays. In "Europe: A Strategy for a Regional and Middle Power," Jean-Yves Haine and Cynthia Salloum discuss a way ahead for Europe post-COVID-19; Europeans must choose cohesion over inaction, policy over process, and regional imperatives over global ambitions. In "Greater Security Cooperation: US Allies in Europe and East Asia," Tongfi Kim and Luis Simón highlight opportunities for better cooperation between two geographically distant US alliance networks—which in turn would help address the threat of greater Sino-Russian coordination.

The third forum for this issue, *Strategy and Doctrine*, contains three perspectives. In "The Coercive Logic of Militant Drone Use," Austin Doctor and James Walsh argue the increased use of drones by militant groups does not add appreciably to the coercive power of such groups. In "JDN 2-19: Hitting the Target but Missing the Mark," Ann Mezzell and J. Wesley Hutto warn recent changes in Joint doctrine are distorting the logic of military strategy and thus opening the door to future ineffectiveness. In "Integrated Planning and Campaigning for Complex Problems," Robert Ehlers and Patrick Blannin suggest inefficiencies in traditional planning and campaigning can be rectified through new organizational structures and processes. ~AJE